



FIRST THINGS FIRST

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Meeting Minutes

#1. Call to Order/Welcome

The Regular Meeting of the First Things First Santa Cruz Regional Partnership Council was held on Monday October 06, 2014 at the Calabasas Middle School Library, 131 Camino Maricopa, Rio Rico, Arizona 85648. Chair Bill Kirkpatrick welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 3:36 p.m. He welcomed and thanked Senior Director Erin Lyons for attending and Ms. Jessica Brisson, North Pima Regional Director and Interim Senior Director. He also thanked Mr. Chris Jackson, Principal, for the meeting space. He asked each member to introduce themselves, indicating their seat.

Members Present

Chair Bill Kirkpatrick, Vice-Chair Karen Woodford, Danna Gallardo, Fr. Patrick Maitrejean, Chris Ciruli, Veronica Santillo and David Verdugo

Members Attending Telephonically

Karen Guilmette, Melisa Lunderville and Erika Garcia

Members Absent

none

#2. Approval of the Minutes

Chair Kirkpatrick directed everyone to the draft of the minutes of September 08, 2014 and asked if there was a motion to approve. Member Ciruli made a motion to approve the minutes Vice-Chair Woodford seconded the motion. Motion carried. He then asked if there was a motion to approve the minutes of the September 25, 2014. Member Ciruli made a motion to approve, seconded by Member Maitrejean. Motion carried.

#3. Call to the Public

None

#4. Discussion: Strategic Planning Funded and Non-Funded Approaches for Funding Cycle Fiscal Year 16 – Fiscal Year 18

Chair Kirkpatrick briefly recapped where the Regional Council was in the Strategic Planning process and the setting of Funding Plan allocations for FY16. He then asked Regional Director Francisco Padilla to lead everyone through the provided reports. Director Padilla reviewed each strategy, their Contracted Service Units (CSU's), their percent of allocation expenditure and a summary of their supplied narrative and numerical data. He then walked them through the provided graphs of expenditure variance from 2010-2014. He reminded them that due to the unanticipated shortfall in tobacco revenues the allocation from the State Board is approximately 30% less than in the preceding fiscal year. SFY16 is considered a "reset" year by the state board to ensure long-term financial stability. The FY16 allocations must reflect that difference. Questions were asked and answered, Senior Director Lyons clarified the strategies that could and could not be allocation-altered. The allocations that are unalterable obligations are: Statewide Evaluation and Quality First's Academy, Child Care Health Consultation (as part of QF package), Coaching and Incentives, Inclusion Warmline, Mental Health and Warmline Triage. Quality First Scholarships was noted as an allotment that could be revised. He reminded everyone that in September they revisited their Regional Priorities and retained them from previous years. He asked that the members consider how the priorities are being addressed by the strategies. He informed everyone that statewide all regions were facing a reduction in allocations.

Member Gallardo stated that the most important issue was to maintain the direct services to children. It was suggested that an additional Special meeting in October would be beneficial. Director Padilla will contact members to seek a date. He asked members to submit suggestions to him so that he could develop various funding scenarios for them to discuss at the Special meeting.

#5. Regional Director's Report

Director Padilla updated everyone on the Birth to Five Community Forum Group's meetings and their growth. He also reviewed expenses and showed that the region expended at 12.7%, since July 1, 2014. He also updated everyone on the Federal Preschool Grant's status. Meetings have been held locally by Arizona Department of Education with local stakeholders. The grant application is still in process.

#6. Regional Council and Staff Announcements

Regional Director Padilla announced that this was Senior Director Lyon's last meeting with the Regional Council; she would be leaving to become CEO of Child-Parent Centers of Southeastern Arizona. A gift from the council and flowers were presented. Refreshments were provided.

#7. Recommended Future Agenda Items

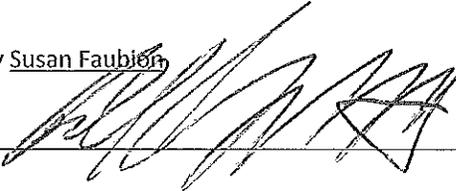
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#8. Meeting Reminder/Adjourn

Chair Kirkpatrick reminded everyone that the next regular meeting would be held on November 3, 2014 at 3:30 p.m., at the Santa Cruz Valley Unified School District Office, Daniel Fontes Board Room, 570 Camino Lito Galindo, Rio Rico, AZ 85648. A motion to adjourn was made by Member Maitrejean and seconded by Vice-Chair Woodford. Motion carried, 5:20 p.m.

Submitted by Susan Faubion

Approved by



Dated this 11/31/14 day of

2014