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ARIZONA EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT & HEALTH BOARD SOUTH PHOENIX REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

The work group meeting of the First Things First South Phoenix Regional Partnership Council; Arizona Early Childhood Development and Health Board was held on October 8, 2010 in the Palo Verde Room of the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension, 4341 East Broadway Road, Phoenix, Arizona 85040. Regional Coordinator Jonathon Gonzales started the meeting off with a quote.

Council Members in Attendance: Robert Donofrio, Chair; Patricia Merk, Educator; James Washington, Vice Chair; Mary Thomson, Philanthropy, Eva Marie Shivers, At Large; Jasmine Sanchez, Parent; Kristi Langley-Wells, School Administrator in at 10:05 am; Riann Balch, Child Care Provider in at 11:00 am.

Members Not in Attendance: Ida Rose Florez, At Large; Charles Newman, Faith Based.

Member Present By Phone: N/A

Quorum: This is a work session and a quorum is not necessary

Community Member Present: Rose Howe, Maricopa County Department of Public Health

Staff in Attendance: Jonathon Gonzales, Regional Coordinator; Briggetta Hawks, Administrative Assistant, Rana Hermosillo, Community Outreach Liaison; Brooke Toles-Johnson, Central Phoenix Regional Coordinator

ST. LUKES REPORT: Regional Coordinator Jonathon Gonzales advised the Council that the preliminary draft which the Council bought in to should be available on October 30, 2010.

FAMILY FRIEND AND NEIGHBOR CARE: Coordinator Gonzales was pleased to inform the Council that as a result of bringing up Family Friend and Neighbor Care as a priority at the Summit, the Task Force will add this item as a priority. Jonathon also advised the Council that there is a high need for Family Friend and Neighbor services in the zip code 85339 which is shared by South Phoenix and Gila River Indian Community. Jonathon and Gila River Indian Community Regional Coordinator Cathy Thornton are working together to put an agreement in place that will start in the New Year to support Family Friend & Neighbor Providers.

POWER POINT: Jonathon went through a power-point presentation with the Council "Planning for SFY12 South Phoenix Regional Partnership Council **Attachment 01**

END OF THE YEAR GRANTEE INFORMATION: Coordinator Gonzales walked the Council through the end of the year financial information by grantee. Jonathon reminded the Council of the reimbursement process that First Things First goes through with grantees which is based on services provided. Jonathon also referred to the Data Summary Report in the back of Council packets.

STRATEGY EXERCISE: Jonathon split the Council Members in two groups and assigned each group with three goal areas. The Council was asked to review priorities, goal areas, strategies, and to document their comments on the paper provided. **10-08-2010 SPHX Attachment 02**

STRATEGIES	COUNCIL MEMBERS
Quality, Access & Affordability, Coordination, Family Support	Dr. Donofrio, Dr. Shivers, Kristi Langley-Wells, Rana Hermosillo
Health, Communications, Professional Development	James Washington, Mary Thomson, Jasmine Sanchez, Rose Howe

QUALITY FIRST! A discussion among Council Members around Quality First!, how to saturate the South Phoenix Region, outreach efforts, incentives for providers if parents remain in a quality first program for a year to eighteen months (18 months). Also discussed were the caps placed on centers for child care scholarships, the need to speak with Quality First Center Directors to get their input. The Council also discussed a three (3) year commitment to enhance services to benefit the community. A question of who the raters are for Quality First and issues around the time it takes for the raters to get to the Centers.

FAMILY RESOURCE CENTERS: Questions asked included: Is it possible to have food and clothing in these centers? train the parent?, access to a place where they have someone that can listen to them, referral to other services, can the centers move towards medical and behavioral health services in collaboration with other agencies? The Council indicated that they would like to beef up outreach efforts, coordination, parent trainings, and look at transportation which seems to be a huge barrier for parents reaching services.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: A discussion was held on the sustainability of the T.E.A.C.H. program, mainly around the highest credentialing a person is able to obtain through this program; an entry level CDA or Child Development Associate. The Council expressed their concerns that this needs to be flushed out to enhance child care work-force incentives and the possibility of other strategies to enhance supports.

ASSIGNED TO THE LEADERSHIP CENTER: Members Balch, Washington, and Donofrio.

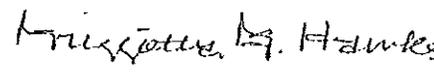
PYRAMID EXERCISE: Jonathon briefly explained the different levels of the pyramid and let the Council know that this will be an exercise at the next meeting.

COORDINATION BETWEEN REGIONS IN MARICOPA COUNTY: The Council questioned about efforts to coordinate between Regions. Coordinator Gonzales advised that something is in the works as a result of concerns that were brought up during the Summit.

THANK YOU: Chair Donofrio thanked Dr. Merk for hosting the Council Meeting, the Council Members in attendance for their contribution to the planning session, and Jonathon and Briggetta for all of their hard work and complimented them on the meeting set-up.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: Tuesday, October 19, 2010 at the Cartwright Elementary School District in the Governing Board Room. Chair Donofrio reminded the Council that he has an engagement during the next meeting and Vice Chair Washington will chair the meeting on October 19, 2010.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



 Briggetta Hawks, Administrative Assistant

APPROVED:



 Jonathon Gonzales, Regional Coordinator