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Arizona Early Child Development and Health Board Navajo Nation Regional Partnership Council MINUTES

Call to Order/Welcome

A Regular Meeting of the First Things First – Navajo Nation Regional Partnership Council was held on October 9, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. (Daylight Savings Time). The meeting was located at the Navajo Nation Museum, Conference Room #1, Highway 264 and Loop Road, Window Rock, Arizona 86515.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Martin at approximately 11:13 a.m. followed by the introduction of members of the Council, staff, and guests.

Members Present: Amelia Black, Grace Boyne, Rhonda Etsitty, Valonia Hardy, Harry Martin, and Jeannette Yazzie

Members Absent: Martin Ashley, Byrde Nez, and Paula Seanez

FTF Staff Present: Melissa Begay, Elyse Dempsey, Karen Peifer, Memarie Tsosie, and Virginia Turner. Charlene Surber attended telephonically.

Call to the Public

There were no calls to the public at this time.

Discussion and Possible Approval of the September 11, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Member Etsitty that the Regional Partnership Council approve the minutes of the September 11, 2012 Regular Meeting, as presented. The motion was seconded by Member Hardy and carried by majority vote. Vice Chair Boyne abstained.

Review and Discussion of 2012 Fiscal Year End Financials

Chair Martin indicated an in-depth discussion was held the Work Group session and asked the Regional Council if any further discussion or review was needed; there was no further discussion or questions.

Update, Discussion, and Possible Action on SFY2013 Strategies

Regional Director Begay referred to discussion in the October 9, 2012 Work Group regarding SFY'13 Strategies. There being no further updates or discussion, Chair Martin identified himself, Member Black, and Member Etsitty as having conflicts of interest for the action item, Expansion: Increase Slots and/or Capital Expense as a new strategy for \$400,000 for SFY2013 Funding Plan, which resulted in the Regional Council not being able to take action because of lack of quorum.

The Regional Partnership Council proceeded with taking action for changing funding allotments for SFY2013 strategies with the exception of the Expansion: Increase Slots and/or Capital Expense and Expansion Start Up.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Boyne that the Regional Partnership Council approve decreasing the Home Visitation strategy allotment to \$523,197 for SFY2013, seconded by Member Black. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Member Yazzie that the Regional Partnership Council approve defunding the Native Language Enrichment strategy allotment for SFY2013 only, seconded by Vice Chair Boyne. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Member Etsitty that the Regional Partnership Council approve decreasing the Nutrition Education and Obesity Prevention strategy allotment to \$505,800 for SFY2013, seconded by Member Yazzie. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Boyne that the Regional Partnership Council approve decreasing the Oral Health strategy allotment to \$261,704 for SFY 2013, seconded by Member Etsitty. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Member Hardy that the Regional Partnership Council approve decreasing the Scholarships non-TEACH strategy allotment to \$335,386 for SFY2013, seconded by Member Etsitty. Motion carried.

Review of SFY2014 Funding Plan

Regional Director Begay provided an overview on First Things First Expenditures, Fund Balance and Carry Forward. Regional Director Begay presented the Regional Council's SFY14 Regional Allocation and explained how population statistics determine allocations. According to the 2010 census, the Navajo Nation was reported as having a population of 9,008 compared to 12,690 in 2009. The First Things First State Board approved all Regional Council allocations in October 2012. Finally, Regional Director Begay provided her recommendations for the SFY'14 Funding Plan.

Annual Review of Regional Governance Policy, First Read

Regional Director Begay presented the first reading of the revised governance policies for Regional Council review and comment. Chair Martin called for Regional Council comment; there were no comments.

Presentation of Community Outreach Coordinator Report

Community Outreach Coordinator Tsosie presented updates for Community Outreach for the month of September and provided a review of the outreach website, www.azftf.gov/brains.

Regional Council Member Announcements

Chair Martin reported the receipt of recommended benchmarks for school readiness indicators by 2020.

a. **Chair and Vice Chair Meeting**

Vice Chair Boyne expressed her appreciation for the Chair and Vice Chair meeting and the great work shared among Regional Council Members. Vice Chair Boyne also expressed the importance of knowing the bureaucratic process of current or future grantees within their own governing structures.

b. **First Things First Summit**

Member Yazzie expressed her appreciation for the First Things First Summit speakers and the importance of messages provide throughout presentations including the importance of a second language, and the productive learning during play.

Member Black expressed her appreciation for the updated provided at the First Things First Summit regarding the new Common Core Standards.

Member Hardy and Member Etsitty expressed their personal success with early learning and literacy.

Next Meeting

The next Navajo Nation Regional Partnership Council meeting will be held on November 13, 2012 in Window Rock, Arizona.

Adjournment

Vice Chair Boyne moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Member Black and passed unanimously. Chair Martin adjourned the meeting at approximately 1:18 p.m.

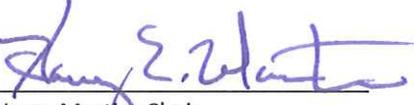
Dated this 12th day of October, 2012

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Navajo Nation Regional Partnership Council



Elyse V. Dempsey, Administrative Assistant II



Harry Martin, Chair