

Central Maricopa Regional Partnership Council Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

A regular meeting of the First Things First Central Maricopa Regional Partnership Council was held on October 10, 2012 at the Chandler Care Center, 777 East Galveston Street, Chandler, Arizona 85225.

Chair Duane welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at approximately 3:35 p.m.

Members Present:

Chair Maureen Duane, Vice Chair Genoveva Acosta-Bueno, Lyra Contreras, Trinity Donovan, Karen Emery, Mara de Luca Funke, Beth Haas, and Zita Johnson

Members Absent:

Kathy Halter, Frank Narducci, and Tina Wilson

Susan Horan with the Chandler Care Center welcomed everyone to the center and described the services offered at the center.

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of September 12, 2012

A motion was made by Council Member Donovan to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2012 meeting, seconded by Council Member Johnson. Motion carried unanimously 8-0.

Call to the Public

- Carla Sahr with TEACH stated that a new procedure is now taking place with the Quality First scholarships to have those centers who are not using their two slots are being asked to find two teachers to fill them or to defer their slots for the next year. Those openings would then be offered to other Quality First Centers in the region, followed by rating only sites, followed by Quality First centers throughout the state, followed by statewide rating only sites, then to centers on waiting lists, and then to centers that have not applied for Quality First. There are presently six open TEACH slots in Central Maricopa, and they have until November 15 to submit the deferment forms. If TEACH applications or forms are not received by November 15, they will go into auto-deferral.
- Deb Baldemore and Katie Harrison with Thrive to Five presented information about the Baby and Young Child Fair which will be held on November 3 from 10:00 a.m. – noon at the Westside Multigenerational Center.

Closer Look at Director Mentoring Strategy

Mary Jamsa with Southwest Human Development provided information about the strategy and the services provided to directors to enhance their management skills. She said that ten directors are currently enrolled in the on-line director credential program. She explained the process for the program to include center assessment before and after the program is completed.

Needs/Assets Report – Data to Action Discussion

Council Members Funke and Emery asked for any input or questions about the needs and assets report. Discussion was held about the infant mortality rate in Tempe. Regional Director Floth said she would research for further information. Discussion also took place about the low vaccination rates in the region, with the exception being the Town of Guadalupe.

Community Outreach 2013 Plan

Community Outreach Coordinator Conrad Lindo presented an overview of the draft Central Maricopa Community Outreach Plan. Discussion took place about outreach to small and large businesses. Coordinator Lindo asked Council members to let him know if there are any particular groups they would like targeted and to also let him know of any connections they might have for him to contact. Regional Director Floth also encouraged Council members to participate in outreach activities to groups which they are personally involved in. Coordinator Lindo also shared a map with the Council that he is using which will visually pinpoint where outreach activities have taken place in the region. He also stated that a site visit will be held at the Chandler Christian Community Center in January, as well as another site visit to be held at another location in April or May. These visits take place instead of the Big Check Tour which was held in past years. Council Member Contreras asked about the possibility of an immunization handout being part of the packet that is available at community outreach events.

Chair/Vice Chair Meeting Recap

Chair Duane and Vice Chair Acosta-Bueno reported on the Chair/Vice Chair meeting to include an update about the evaluation data dashboard. Council members were asked to let the Chair know what they would like to see on the dashboard. Vice Chair Bueno discussed the SFY15 deficit and how the fund balance at the State level will be used to cover the deficits in the various regions, to include Central Maricopa. Regional Director Floth provided a review of the tobacco tax revenue and a sustainability model was also discussed.

Fiscal Year 2014 Strategic Planning Kickoff

Regional Director Floth referred everyone to the systems approach model in Attachment 6 and said that it will be discussed more extensively at upcoming meetings. She then referred the Council members to Attachment 7, the Central Maricopa FY13-15 Funding Plan Summary. She noted that due to the change in census figures, the allocations to the regions have changed. As a result, the allocation to Central Maricopa is reduced by about \$1 million in SFY14. The population-based allocation is being reduced by about \$300,000. She also explained what is included in carry forward funds. Regional Director Floth also stated that there is currently a \$94 million fund balance for the entire state, and the State is choosing to spend down the fund balance. She also stated that the cost for Quality First Scholarships is more expensive in the Central Maricopa region, which is reflected in the increased costs shown for FY14 and FY15. As a result, with everything combined, a deficit of \$1,717,375 is shown for FY15. The First Things First Board has stated that the deficit for FY15 would be covered by the present fund balance, however, the Council will need to make decisions in the future regarding what strategies to be funded and to what extent. She also stated that Physician Education and Outreach will no longer be funded, at a cost savings of \$165,000 per fiscal year. It was also noted that there may be additional carry forward due to grantees not expending their entire allocation each year.

Regional Director Floth stated that lengthy discussions will be needed at the next meeting with the funding plan to be voted on, and asked everyone to let her know if they would be available for an extended meeting on November 14, or if they would instead prefer two meetings, one on November 14 and a second on November 21. With either one of these two scenarios, the December meeting would be cancelled. She stated that she would send out an email to poll the Council members as to their availability. Council Member Contreras also asked for a spreadsheet to be sent out to show what the funding plan will look like with the known changes.

Regional Director will also send out a link to the evaluation plan website to all Council members.

Director's Report and Council Updates

None

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting will be held on November 14, 2012 at the Chandler Care Center, 777 East Galveston Street, Chandler, Arizona 85225.

Adjournment

Chair Duane asked for any additional questions, or comments from the Council and receiving none, adjourned the meeting at 5:32 p.m.

Submitted By _____

Caitlyn Hollins, Administrative Assistant III

Approved By _____

Maureen Duane, Chair