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Pima South Regional Partnership Council

Call to Order & Introductions

A Regular Meeting of the First Things First Pima South Regional Partnership Council was held on October 11, 2014 at Vail Education Center District Office, 13801 E Benson Highway, Vail, Arizona, 85641.

Chair Connie Espinoza called the meeting to order at approximately 11:02 a.m. She thanked Vail School District for the use of their space. Chair Espinoza welcomed the new member, and invited Virginia to introduce herself.

Members Present: Connie Espinoza, Fran Driver, Nyki Harrington, Cyndi Barningham, Sagrario Ramirez, Linda Kubiak (joined ten minutes after meeting started), Tony Bruno, Virginia Juettner, and Paul Ohm

Members Absent: Debbie Palmer and Susan Pace

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by member Cyndi Barningham that the Pima South Regional Partnership Council approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by member Tony Bruno. Motion carried.

Strategic Planning for FY 2016-2018: Reflection and Discussion

Chair Espinoza turned the floor over to Regional Director Eleanor Droegemeier, who took the regional council members through the priority statements in attachment #2. Members discussed word choice and specific target populations for certain priority areas, making a couple further modifications. Ms. Droegemeier thanked the members, and then asked them to rank the priorities on their sheet based on what they felt was the greatest need. Members did so and then passed their sheets to Administrative Assistant Siobhan McDonald to be tallied.

Break for lunch 12:08-12:45

Ms. Droegemeier informed the members that they had ranked Quality and Access first, followed by Family Support, Professional Development, Oral Health, and Community Awareness. She then provided information on different approaches the regional council could use or are already using to address these priorities. Members shared their thoughts and opinions on Quality First. Ms. Droegemeier provided background information to the regional council regarding Quality First, which will at least be maintained at the current level. Members determined they would like to maintain except move the 6 open home slots into 3 center slots, in order to allow the three waitlisted centers to gain access to Quality First. Members had discussion around Quality First Scholarships, recommending keeping the targeted scholarships only, and reducing them slightly to allow slots for parents who are able to fund their children at the centers. Members then discussed the other approaches: suggesting possibly expanding Family Friend and Neighbor, particularly at areas hit by scholarship reduction; retaining and expanding Mental Health Consultation; and possibly coordinating with other organizations to further address the need for behavioral health support in young children.

Members then discussed Family Support, suggesting keeping Home Visitation and swapping the current approach of Community-Based Parenting Education for Parent Outreach & Awareness. Members further suggested keeping Coordination, the Bachelor's T.E.A.C.H. scholarship, and Center-Based Literacy, with a desire to untether it from Quality First to expand access to other interested centers. Members expressed interest in keeping Oral Health with a desire to possibly add more collaboration and increase reporting. Members also stated they wished to keep Community Based Professional Development, and keep the cross-regional approach. Finally, members stated their desire to keep the community outreach approaches being used, including awareness and media. Ms. Droegemeier thanked the members for their thoughtful discussion and work.

Fiscal Year 2015 Meeting Calendar: Discussion and Possible Action

Chair Espinoza turned the floor over to Ms. Droegemeier, who went over the calendars in attachment # 8. She informed the members that unfortunately, the best scenario at present appears to be alternating between the second Tuesday and the second Thursday. A member suggested one change of moving up the meeting to November 13th. Members concurred, and staff will work on a location.

A motion was made by member Tony Bruno that the Pima South Regional Partnership Council approve the Pima South FY2015 meeting calendar, seconded by member Cyndi Barningham. Motion carried.

Call to the Public

Monica Farmer, Make Way for Books- Ms. Farmer thanked the regional council for their support. She provided information on upcoming programs and professional development opportunities.

Moira Sinnott, DMD, United Community Health Center- Dr. Sinnott introduced herself, her hygienist Melinda Prado, and the program to the council. She highlighted some examples of the program’s activities and shared she looked forward to possible partnerships with the regional council.

Jordana Saletan, Mental Health Consultation –Smart Support- Ms. Saletan thanked the regional council and commended them for meeting on a Saturday and having this discussion. She shared “hot off the press” evaluation findings summary from 2010-14 and stated that the Smart Support program is not tethered to Quality First.

Heather Friedman, United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona –Family Support Alliance – Ms. Friedman introduced herself to the council and thanked them for currently funding Home Visitation and Community-Based Parenting Education. She stated that the CBPE is evidence based while Outreach and Awareness is a “promising practice”, urging the council to continue to fund CBPE. She also provided information regarding a CoP program for Home Visitor Professional Development that Strong Families Arizona has asked and awarded the Family Support Alliance to pilot.

Penny Pestle, Sahuarita Food Bank & Good Shepard Church- Ms. Pestle introduced herself and Pastor Randy Mayer to the council, and provided information about the Food Bank’s programs. Ms. Pestle stated they would like to share with the council a vision of the Sahuarita Food Bank to build a facility that would house the ever expanding food bank as well as social & education services for Families, Parents, and Children.

Shanna Kukla, Pima Community College- Ms. Kukla shared her excitement to have reached this third round of funding planning for the Pima South council. She encouraged the council to consider expanding the T.E.A.C.H. Bachelors model, acknowledging the current state of an Associates being aspirational to many, but inviting the council to be innovative and expand the B.A. Model.

Ariana Sianez, Casa de Los Niños, Nurse Family Partnership program - Ms. Sianez introduced herself to the council and shared information about her childhood and how the Nurse Family Partnership program has helped her succeed. She stated that she has beat the odds and thanks to her son has graduated High School, and that teen parents can graduate and stay together.

Michelle Morgan, RN, Casa de Los Niños, Nurse Family Partnership program - Ms. Morgan introduced herself to the regional council and stated that NFP is currently serving 30 families in the zip codes that were swapped between the former Central region and South region. She thanked the members for their time.

Jennifer Joy Oliver-Deakins, Healthy Families program- Ms. Oliver-Deakins introduced herself to the council, and spoke about the help she had received from the Healthy families program upon the birth of her twins. Kerrie Green, of Child & Family Resources Healthy Families program, thanked her for speaking and the council for their time.

Mandy Carlsen, Mealttime Connections and Nourish– Ms. Carlsen spoke about early interventions services in Pima County, and a crisis of access since a 2011 policy change. She informed the Regional Council that there is a shortage of pediatric occupational therapists in Pima County.

Next Meeting – November 13th at 9:30 am Location to be determined

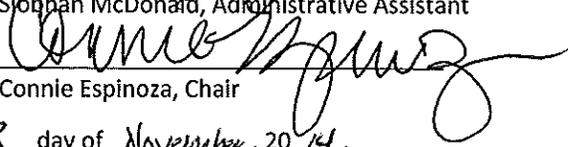
Adjourn

Chair Espinoza adjourned the meeting at approximately 3:28 p.m.

Submitted By


Stobhan McDonald, Administrative Assistant

Approved By


Connie Espinoza, Chair

Dated this 13 day of November, 2014.