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Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the First Things First Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council was held on Wednesday, October 12, 2011, at 3:00 p.m., at the St. Johns Chamber of Commerce, 180 West Cleveland, St. Johns, Arizona 85936.

Vice Chair Meyer called the meeting to order at approximately 3:07 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

Members Present:

Sheila Chairez, Michael Downs, Claude Endfield, Kalman Mannis, Leslie Meyer, Jeffrey Northup and Cathy Taylor

Members Absent: Tom Barela, Margie Tapia and Amy Tregaskes

Others Present:

Joyce Alves, Connie Baine, Liz Barker Alvarez, Elaine Bradford, DeeAnn Davies, Kate Dobler-Allen, Rhonda Etsitty, Pam Flake, Shirley Harter, Laurie Hext, Amy Kemp, Mary McLellan, Kelley Murphy, Rose Phillips (via phone), Denise Rominger, Beth Ann Smith, Maureen Theobald, Virginia Turner (via phone), Mary Tyler, Linda WilliamsTuengue (via phone) and Amy Zak-Urban

Member Reports and Updates

Regional Director Dobler-Allen shared that the program at North Country HealthCare in Springerville today was a fabulous event.

Call to the Public

- a. Joyce Alves, University of Arizona Cooperative Extension, discussed the Brain Builders Institute and noted that the curriculum is currently offered to child care providers, but suggested that it would be a good curriculum for parents as well.
- b. Beth Ann Smith, Special Services Consortium, who is working on a Masters Degree, is interested in the therapist tuition reimbursement program through Arizona Department of Health.

Disclosure of Conflicts

None

Discussion and Possible Adoption of September 14, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes

Member Endfield moved to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of the Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council, held on September 14, 2011, as submitted. Member Mannis seconded; the motion passed.

Program Updates

- a. **T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood ARIZONA:** Elaine Bradford and Rhonda Etsitty, Association for Supportive Child Care, provided a program update.
- b. **Professional Career Pathways Project (PCPP):** Shirley Harter and Linda WilliamsTuengue, Central Arizona College, provided a program update.

c. **Lab School Update:** Linda Morrow, Navajo County Superintendent of Schools, was unable to attend the meeting; Regional Director Dobler-Allen gave Dr. Morrow's update that an applicant has been identified to fulfill the opening for the Lab Preschool Project Director position.

Child Care Demand Study Update and Discussion

Dr. Mary McLellan, Northern Arizona University, presented the initial data findings of the demand portion of the child care study.

Regional Director's Report

- a. **Monthly Report:** Regional Director Dobler-Allen presented her upcoming meetings and presentations.
- b. **Financial Report:** Regional Director Dobler-Allen reviewed the State Fiscal Year 2011 and 2012 Funding Plan Summary and the 2012 Contract Detail reports.
- c. **Community Outreach Update:** Regional Director Dobler-Allen presented the September/October Community Outreach report.
- d. **Needs and Assets Update:** Vice Chair Meyer noted that the Parent Face-to-Face survey was closed today and thanked Laurie Hext and Deborah Lewis of North Country HealthCare for their efforts in conducting the surveys. The provider survey is expected to be available on-line by the end of October 2011.
- e. **State Fiscal Year 2011 Year-end Programmatic Data:** Regional Director Dobler-Allen reviewed the Programmatic Data Summary Report for State Fiscal Year 2011.

Presentation and Discussion of Prioritized Regional Needs from State Fiscal Years 2010-2012 Strategic Planning

Regional Director Dobler-Allen recapped the prioritized needs that were identified by the Regional Council over the past three fiscal years.

Discussion of Existing and/or New Regional Needs to Address in State Fiscal Years 2013-2015

Regional Director Dobler-Allen highlighted the key findings of the Regional Needs and Assets report of 2010. Significant discussion followed related to existing needs and assets within the region. Member Downs summarized that all of the priorities of the past three years still apply, with the agreement of Regional Council.

Prioritization of Community Needs, Identification of School Readiness Indicators

Regional Director Dobler-Allen reviewed the First Things First School Readiness Indicators. After discussion, the members directed staff to align their Funding Plan to the following indicators for State Fiscal Year 2013:

- a. **(#1):** #/% children demonstrating school readiness at kindergarten entry in the development domains of social-emotional, language and literacy, cognitive and motor and physical
- b. **(#5):** % of children with newly identified developmental delays during the kindergarten year
- c. **(#8):** #/% of children receiving timely well-child visits
- d. **(#9):** #/% of children age 5 with untreated tooth decay

Dr. Northup left the meeting at 4:50 p.m. A brief break was taken from approximately 5:05 p.m. until 5:15 p.m.

Presentation and Discussion of Navajo/Apache/Gila Oral Health Coalition Tele-Dentistry Framework and Opportunity to Collaborate

Connie Baine, Navajo-Apache Regional Oral Health Program, gave a brief overview of the tele-dentistry Affiliated Dental Hygienist Practice Model and how it could be implemented within the Navajo/Apache Region.

Presentation and Discussion of Child Care Health Consultation Model Changes for State Fiscal Year 2013

Kelley Murphy, Sr. Program Specialist with First Things First presented the State Fiscal Year 2013 Child Care Health Consultation model, which begins on July 1, 2012.

Presentation and Discussion of Communications Recommendations for State Fiscal Year 2013

Liz Barker Alvarez, Vice President of Communications with First Things First, discussed the impact of earned media, paid media, community outreach and awareness within the Navajo/Apache Region over the previous fiscal year, and noted the focus of messaging for spring of 2012 and all of State Fiscal Year 2013 will be on infant brain development. Mrs. Barker-Alvarez also presented the requested paid media budget for Fiscal Year 2013, and asked the Regional Council to consider allowing 10 percent of the paid media budget to be spent on social media.

Presentation and Discussion of Smart Support Program Model and Cost for State Fiscal Year 2013

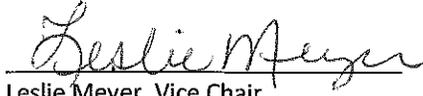
Amy Zak-Urban and Rose Phillips, Southwest Human Development, discussed the benefit of increasing preschool teachers' and child care providers' knowledge of children's social-emotional development.

Discussion and Selection of Strategies to Include in Funding Plan for State Fiscal Year 2013

After brief discussion, Vice Chair Meyer directed Regional Director Dobler-Allen to bring a State Fiscal Year 2013 budget to the November meeting, comprised of all existing strategies with the addition of Quality First and Mental Health Consultation.

Adjournment

The next meeting of the Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council will be held on Wednesday, November 9, 2011, at Northland Pioneer College, Aspen Center Room 112, 1001 West Deuce of Clubs, Show Low, Arizona 85901. There being no further business, Vice Chair Meyer adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:37 p.m.



Leslie Meyer, Vice Chair



Kate Dobler-Allen, Regional Director