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Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board Hualapai Tribe Regional Partnership Council Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

The meeting of the First Things First – Hualapai Tribe Regional Partnership Council was held on **September 8th, 2010** at 9:00 a.m. at the Hualapai Health Department, 960 Rodeo Way, Peach Springs, AZ.

Chair Imus called the meeting to order at 9:18a.m.

Members present:

Rev. Pete Imus, Sandra Irwin, Shelly Bachison, Helen J. Watahomigie, Candida Hunter, Lucille Watahomigie (telephonically)

Members Absent: Charlene Imus, Penny Renfro, Cheryle Beecher

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Vice Chair Irwin moved to approve the August 13th, 2010 meeting minutes. Member Hunter seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by members present.

Call to the Public

There were no responses to the call to public.

Conflicts of Interest Regarding Items on the Agenda

No members expressed a conflict of interest regarding items on the agenda.

Regional Partnership Council Member Announcements

Member Hunter stated she attended the FTF Tribal Consultation on August 17th. Six Tribes were represented with four Tribal leaders in attendance. The survey was discussed and the Tribes priorities were in line with the First Things First plan. Member Hunter later added that the Regional Council should encourage people to register and vote, and she stated the Tribe is supporting the *No on Prop 302* campaign.

Debrief on the First Things First Summit/ Joint Planning Session

Chair Imus, Member Hunter, and Member C. Imus attended the Early Childhood Summit on August 30 & 31st. Member Hunter provided the Regional Council with a brief summary of the Summit. Chair Imus advised the Regional Council the Summit was very insightful and stated he believes the Tribes and Councils are moving forward with the goals of First Things First.

First Things First Grantee Program Updates

Jennifer Pope, RN, with Maternal Child Health (MCH) updated the Regional Council on their progress stating they are focusing on home visitation. MCH is working with Bright Start, and there is one opening available in Peach Springs for Bright Start's home visitation services. Discussion was held in regards to meeting as a group however, at this time, families have expressed a preference for home visits. MCH is currently providing kindergarten vision screenings and will be conducting a *cradle board* contest for the Hualapai Indian Days celebration. Nurse Pope stated MCH provides information to pregnant mothers on what they can do at home to encourage early literacy.

Melody Johnson, with the Association for Supportive Child Care, updated the Regional Council on T.E.A.C.H. and introduced Rhonda Etsitty, the T.E.A.C.H. Specialist assigned to the Region. Ms. Etsitty provided the Regional Council with a brief summary of her background. Ms. Johnson explained that *hardship waivers* are currently on hold and being

reconfigured to meet the needs of First Things First and the local community. The hardship waivers should be ready to roll out again in January of 2011. Ms. Johnson advised she will be meeting with Head Start to sit down one-on-one with candidates and encourage participation and/or identify barriers to participation. Ms. Johnson advised there are 17 participating community colleges in the State of Arizona as well as online programs for T.E.A.C.H. participants to attend. The Regional Council held discussion regarding recruitment of T.E.A.C.H. candidates and was advised by Ms. Johnson that T.E.A.C.H is open to licensed or certified programs.

Discussion on Revised Regional Allotments

Impact of FY2011 Funding Plan: Coordinator Pascual updated the Regional Council of the impacts on their FY2011 funding plan stating tobacco tax revenue's are decreasing faster than anticipated, as the following figures show:
FY 2008 = 164,805,113 2009 = 151,364,814 FY2010 = 133,118,902.

Due to this reduction, the State Board took action to adjust allocations for FY2011. The Hualapai Tribe region's revised allocation for FY2011 went from \$130,872 to \$123,607 including the cost for evaluation. This does not include the carryover amount which will be available in mid-September. Vice Chair Irwin asked when the evaluation would take place. Coordinator Pascual advised it has already begun and provided a brief explanation of the evaluations currently in progress by the University Consortium. Coordinator Pascual advised the Regional Council will not need to make any adjustments to the current fiscal year due to the amount of unexpended funds that will carry over, however the Regional Council will need to consider decreased funds for FY2012. Member Irwin asked when the Needs and Assets report will be available for review. Coordinator Pascual advised it is pending approval at the State Board meeting at the end of September.

Strategic Planning for FY2012: Coordinator Pascual advised the Regional Council will begin strategic planning for FY2012 in the last quarter of the current year so it can be presented to the State Board in January 2011.

Annual Review of Governance Policy

Coordinator Pascual advised that Regional Partnership Councils are required to review the Governance Policies annually. The Regional Council had no objections or changes to the current Governance Policy Manual.

Nomination & Election of Officers for FY2011

Chair Imus requested nominations for Chair. Member H. Watahomigie nominated Vice Chair Irwin. Vice Chair Irwin nominated Chair Imus. No other nominations were made. By show of hands 6/0, Sandra Irwin was elected for Chair of the Hualapai Tribe Regional Partnership Council for Fiscal Year 2011.

Member Imus requested nominations for Vice-Chair by nominating Member Hunter. Member H. Watahomigie nominated Member Imus. No other nominations were made. By show of hands 4/2, Member Imus was elected for Vice-Chair of the Hualapai Tribe Regional Partnership Council for Fiscal Year 2011.

Coordinator Update

Community Outreach: Coordinator Pascual discussed upcoming Indian Day activities and briefly outlined First Things First's participation.

Regional Partnership Council Membership: A candidate for the school administrator seat was interviewed and the State Board will review that recommendation at the September Board meeting. Currently, there are no applicants for the parent seat.

Board Update: There will be a meeting held in Parker for newly elected Chairs and Vice-Chairs for the West Region on October 14th from 10:00am – 2:00pm. Once final allocations are set by State Board, First Things First would like to have a BIG check presentation. Currently, a presentation is set for October 7th in Kingman for the La Paz/Mohave region. The Regional Council can join them or schedule a local presentation. The Regional Council held discussion and agreed on the last week of October to coincide with another community event. Regional Manager Gary Arnold will propose a date to administration and notify Coordinator Pascual.

Legislative Update: Coordinator Pascual verified that Regional Council members are receiving legislative updates via email from Sandy Carpenter, and the latest update was included in the Coordinator's written report.

Next Meeting Date

The Regional Council discussed the next meeting date, and there was consensus to meet on the scheduled date of October 13th, 2010, and to move the meeting start time to 1:00p.m. The Regional Council Meeting will be held at the Hualapai Health Department.

Adjourn

Vice-Chair Imus adjourned the meeting at 10:40a.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

S. Jo Griffis, Administrative Assistant II

Approved by:

Sandra Irwin, Chair

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