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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 9, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. at the Social Service Department, 321 Shady Lane, Peach Springs, Arizona.

Chair Imus called the meeting to order at 9:17 a.m.

Members present:

Rev. Pete Imus, Sandra Irwin, Penny Renfro, Carrie Imus, Helen J. Watahomigie, telephonically Lucille Watahomigie, telephonically Jessica Powskey

Members Absent:

Steve Condict, Misty Watahomigie, Cheryle Beecher

Call to the Public

No public comments were made.

Approval of August 17, 2009 Meeting Minutes

Vice Chair Irwin moved to approve the August 17, 2009 meeting minutes. Member Helen Watahomigie provided the second. The motion passed by all members present.

First Things First Dollars at Work: Update from a Regionally Funded Program

Lynn Bergeson, RN working in the Hualapai community with the Maternal Child Health Program funded by First Things First, provided a program update for the Regional Council Members. Collaboration with other programs in the Hualapai community include: W.I.C., Head Start, I.H.S. Public Health Nursing, I.H.S. Obstetric and Pediatric physicians, Hualapai Behavioral Health and Hualapai Social Services. Nurse Bergeson announced that she has also visited the Elementary School and the Training Center. New training programs to begin are New Moms on Monday utilizing the Parent Kit, and Toddlers on Tuesday. The Maternal Child Health Program will submit Educational articles to the *Gamyu* newsletter. Nurse Bergeson also announced that the Community Advocate has been hired, and that individual will begin in October.

Strategic Plan for SFY2011

Coordinator Pascual presented a PowerPoint slide presentation on the planning for the fiscal year 2011 Funding Plan. The State Board will review and approve plans in December of this year. Coordinator Pascual reviewed the region's strategies: Maternal Child Health, Emergency Food Assistance, T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood Arizona, and the Arizona Parent Kits. Coordinator Pascual will look into collaboration with the Coconino Regional Partnership Council's Havasupai Home Visitation program. Vice Chair Irwin mentioned that the Child Care Center is on the Tribal Council agenda, which was a community need that was talked about last year. During the review of the FY2010 strategies, discussion was held around the progress of the Food Assistance Strategy. Member Watahomigie declared an excess of infant formula, purchased through the First Things First Food Assistance Grant, which mothers in

the community are not collecting from the distribution at the Education and Training Center. Coordinator Pascual will provide an updated draft funding plan to the Council Members next month which will include a projection of the existing strategies implemented by the Regional Council.

Update on Tribal Council Decision on Re-designation

Chair Imus announced that at the Tribal Council meeting held September 3, 2009, the Tribal Council approved that the Hualapai Tribe Regional Partnership Council remain their own regional area for First Things First.

Governance Policies Review and Update

Coordinator Pascual mentioned that the Regional Council Member attendance policy was adopted by the State Board as of September 1, 2009. The Regional Council Members will need to take action to amend their governance policies to accommodate the state wide attendance policy. The Regional Council members were reminded of the potential for Conflicts of Interest, especially since grants have been issued to their departments. Coordinator Pascual reviewed the clarification that was received from the Attorney General's office regarding voting. The clarification included that, when a quorum of at least six members has been established, by law only a majority of those members present need to vote yes in order for a motion to pass.

Coordinator Updates

The State Board meeting will be held in Kingman at the Mohave County Kingman Library on September 22, 2009 at 8:30 a.m. The La Paz/Mohave Regional Partnership Council is arranging a tour of a local child development center on Monday, September 21. Coordinator Pascual mentioned that anyone can address the State Board during the call to the public, and the Board meeting in the region will be a great opportunity for Hualapai grantees to share the progress they have made so far.

Coordinator Pascual also updated the Regional Council on the status of recruiting for the business representative seat.

Regional Partnership Council Member Announcements

The Regional Council Members did not make any announcements.

Next Meeting

Chair Imus reminded Regional Council Members that the next meeting will take place on October 14, 2009, at the Hualapai Education and Training Center at 9:00 a.m. Member Carrie Imus announced that she will not be present at that meeting.

Adjourn

Chair Imus adjourned the meeting at 10:26 a.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

Della Gray, Administrative Assistant

Approved by:

Rev. Pete Imus, Chair