

# FIRST THINGS FIRST

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## ARIZONA EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT & HEALTH BOARD SOUTH PHOENIX REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The special meeting of the First Things First South Phoenix Regional Partnership Council; Arizona Early Childhood Development and Health Board was held on October 15, 2009 at Cartwright Elementary School District in the Governing Boardroom; 3401 North 67<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85033

Chairman Robert Donofrio called the meeting to order at 4:39 p.m. A brief welcome by Chair Donofrio and introduction of Council Members, First Things First Staff, and welcoming of guests in attendance took place.

**Council Members in Attendance:** Robert Donofrio, Chair; James Washington, Vice Chair; Cindy Segotta-Jones, Member; Reverend Rosalind Polston, Member; Moises Gallegos, Member; Mary Thomson, Member; Dr. Patricia Merk, Member.

**Members Not in Attendance:** Dr. William Ellert, Member; Dr. Eva Marie Shivers, Member.

2. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC:**

- a. **Mary Sue Watson:** Mary Sue Watson, Executive Director of the Children's Campus on Third Street and Thomas thanked the Council for their support with the Child Care Tuition Scholarships and read some of the letters she received from the parents of children that benefited from the scholarships.
- b. **Kimberly Steele:** Kimberly Steele, Director of the Cactus Preschool thanked the Council for their support with the Child Care Tuition Scholarships and read some of the letters that she received from parents of children that received assistance through Child Care Tuition Scholarships.

Chair Donofrio thanked members of the public for attending and informed them that the Council will take their Child Care Tuition Scholarship concerns into advisement.

3. **CONSENT AGENDA:** Vice Chair James Washington moved to table the Special Meeting Minutes of September 30, 2009 to the next scheduled meeting, second by Member Cindy Segotta-Jones, all in favor; motion carried.
4. **MARICOPA INTEGRATED HEALTH SYSTEM PRESENTATION ON FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER IN SOUTH PHOENIX:** Cheri Tomilson, Grants Director presented to the Council an overview of the Family Learning Center at the South Central Family Health Center and invited the Council to the grand opening on December 4, 2009 from 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at 33 West Tamarisk, Phoenix, Arizona 85041. Ms. Tomilson thanked the Council for their support in helping fund the new South Phoenix location.
5. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE 2011 FUNDING PLAN/STRATEGY UPDATES:** The Council went through the different strategies and discussed possible new strategies as well as adding additional funds to existing strategies.

1. **Child Care Consultants:** Dr. Patricia Merk advised the Council that she had a conflict due to training Child Care Consultants and abstained from voting. Reverend Rosalind Polston moved to allocate Seven Hundred Fifty Five Thousand Dollars (755,000.00) for Child Care Consultants, second by Member Moises Gallegos, all in favor; motion carried.
2. **Mental Health Consultants:** Member Mary Thomson moved to allocate Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (500,000.00) to Mental Health Consultants, second by Vice Chair James Washington, all in favor, no discussion; motion carried.

3. **Health and Developmental Screenings:** Members Dr. Patricia Merk and Cindy Segotta-Jones declared conflict and abstained from voting. Member Mary Thomson moved to allocate One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (1,500,000.00) to Health and Development Screenings, second by Member Moises Gallegos all in favor, no discussion; motion carried.
4. **Dental Screenings:** Member Mary Thomson moved to allocate One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (150,000.00) to Dental Screenings, second by Reverend Rosalind Polston, all in favor with the exception of Dr. Donofrio, no discussion; motion carried.
5. **Health Prevention and Education Strategy:** Vice Chair James Washington and Member Dr. Patricia Merk advised the Council of a conflict and abstained from voting. Member Moises Gallegos moved to allocate One Million Dollars (1,000,000.00) for Health Prevention and Education, second by Member Mary Thomson, all in favor, no discussion; motion carried.
6. **Crisis Intervention:** Member Moises Gallegos moved to allocate One Million Dollars (1,000,000.00) for Crisis Intervention, second by Member Mary Thomson, all in favor, no discussion; motion carried.
7. **Home Visiting:** Dr. Patricia Merk and Reverend Rosalind Polston advised the Council of a conflict and abstained from voting. Member Moises Gallegos moved to allocate Two Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (2,200,000.00) to Home Visiting, second by Member Mary Thomson, all in favor; motion carried.
8. **Family Resource Centers:** Vice Chair James Washington, Member Cindy Segotta-Jones, and Member Dr. Patricia Merk advised the Council of a conflict and abstained from voting. Member Mary Thomson moved to allocate One Million One Hundred Thirty Thousand Five Hundred Forty Seven Dollars (1,130,547.00) to Family Resource Centers, second by Member Moises Gallegos, all in favor, no discussion; motion carried.
9. **Pre and Post Natal:** Vice Chair James Washington advised the Council of a conflict and abstained from voting. Member Mary Thomson moved to allocate Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (750,000.00) to Pre and Post Natal, second by Member Reverend Rosalind Polston, all in favor; motion carried.
10. **Child Care Director Mentoring:** Member Dr. Patricia Merk moved to allocate Three Hundred Eleven Thousand One Hundred Ninety Four Dollars (311,194.00) to Child Care Director Mentoring, second by Member Moises Gallegos, all in favor, no discussion; motion carried.
11. **Professional Childhood Incentives and Stipends:** Member Mary Thomson moved to allocate Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (600,00.00) to Professional Childhood Incentives and Stipends, second by Member Reverend Rosalind Polston, all in favor, no discussion; motion carried.
12. **Expand Access to TEACH Early Childhood Arizona:** Dr. Patricia Merk moved to allocate Two Hundred Seventy Nine Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (279,400.00) to Expand Access to TEACH Early Childhood Arizona; second by Reverend Rosalind Polston, all in favor, no discussion; motion carried.
13. **Communication:** Member Reverend Rosalind Polston moved to allocate Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (500,000.00) to Communication, second by Member Mary Thomson, all in favor, no discussion; motion carried.
14. **Coordination For Outreach:** Member Mary Thomson moved to allocate Five Hundred Thirty Six Thousand Dollars (536,000.00) to a Coordination Strategy for Outreach, second by Vice Chair James Washington, all in favor, no discussion; motion carried.
15. **Family Friend and Neighbor Care:** Member Cindy Segotta-Jones moved to allocate Five Hundred Thirty Five Thousand Dollars (535,000.00) to Quality and Access, second by Member Moises Gallegos, all in favor, no discussion; motion carried.
16. **Quality First!** Vice Chair James Washington moved to allocate One Million Seven Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars (1,770,000.00) to Quality First!, second by Member Cindy Segotta-Jones, all in favor, no discussion; motion carried.
17. **Expansion of Pre-K Slots:** Member Cindy Segotta-Jones advised the Council of a conflict and abstained from voting. Member Mary Thomson moved to allocate Two Million Dollars (2,000,000.00) for Expansion of Pre-K Slots, second by Member Dr. Patricia Merk, all in favor, no discussion; motion carried.

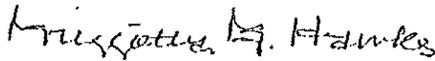
STRATEGY	AMOUNT	MOTION BY	SECOND BY	CONFLICT	VOTE
Child Care Consultants	755,000.00	Member Reverend Rosalind Polston,	Member Moises Gallegos	Member Dr.Merk	6 Yes 1 Conflict
Mental Health Consultant	960,000.00	Member Mary Thomson	Vice Chair James Washington		All Yes
Health and Developmental Screenings	500,000.00	Member Mary Thomson	Member Moises Gallegos	Member Dr.Merk, Member Segotta-Jones	5 Yes 1 Conflict
Dental Screenings	150,000.00	Member Mary Thomson	Member Reverend. Rosalind Polston		6 Yes 1 No

STRATEGY	AMOUNT	MOTION BY	SECOND BY	CONFLICT	VOTE
Health Prevention and Education	1,000,000.00	Member Moises Gallegos	Member Mary Thomson	Vice Chair Washington Member Dr. Merk	5 Yes 2 Conflict
Crisis Intervention	1,000,000.00	Member Moises Gallegos	Member Mary Thomson		All Yes
Home Visiting	2,200,000.00	Member Moises Gallegos	Member Mary Thomson	Member Dr. Merk, Member Rev. Polston	5 Yes 1 Conflict
Family Resource Centers	1,130,547.00	Member Mary Thomson	Member Moises Gallegos	Vice Chair Washington Member Segotta-Jones Member Dr. Merk	4 Yes 3 Conflict
Pre and Post Natal	750,000.00	Member Mary Thomson	Member Reverend. Rosalind Polston	Vice Chair Washington	6 Yes 1 Conflict
Child Care Director Mentoring	311,194.00	Member Dr. Patricia Merk	Member Moises Gallegos		7 yes
Professional Childhood Incentives and Stipends	600,00.00	Member Mary Thomson	Member Reverend Rosalind Polston		7 Yes
Expand Access to TEACH Early Childhood Arizona	279,400.00	Member Dr. Patricia Merk	Member Reverend Rosalind Polston		7 Yes
Communications	500,000.00	Member Reverend Rosalind Polston	Member Mary Thomson		7 Yes
Coordination for Outreach	536,000.00	Member Mary Thomson	Vice Chair James Washington		7 Yes
Family Friend and Neighbor Care	535,000.00	Member Cindy Segotta-Jones	Member Moises Gallegos		7 Yes
Quality First!	1,770,000.00	Vice Chair James Washington	Member Dr. Patricia Merk		7 yes
Expansion of Pre-K Slots	2,000,000.00	Member Mary Thomson	Member Dr. Patricia Merk	Member Segotta-Jones	6 Yes 1 Conflict

**ADJOURNMENT:** Member Moises Gallegos moved to adjourn, second by Member Cindy Segotta-Jones, all in favor, special meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Approved




Briggetta B. Hawks  
Administrative Assistant

Jonathon Gonzales  
Regional Coordinator

Council Approval



Robert Donofrio  
Chair