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## **Yuma Regional Partnership Council Meeting**

Yuma Regional Medical Center  
Conference Rooms 1, 2, and 3  
2400 South Avenue A  
September 17, 2009

Minutes

### **Welcome/Introduction/Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 4:38 p.m. by Chair Madeleine Coil.

Members Present:

Chair Madeleine Coil, Vice Chair Roselia Ramirez, Council Member Irene Garza, Council Member Coranne Swift Arrow, Council Member Judy Watkinson, Council Member Dr. Mario Ybarra, Council Member Ricardo Perez, Council Member Susan Pond, and Council Member Sarah Seneker. Newly Appointed Council Members Pilar Moreno and Francisco Vargas were also present. First Things First Staff: Regional Manager Gary P. Arnold, Administrative Assistant Marie Megui were also present.

### **Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

Chair Madeleine Coil provided the Council with an opportunity to declare any conflict of interest regarding items on the agenda. None declared.

### **Consent Agenda**

The items on the Consent Agenda included the Council Minutes of the August 20, 2009 meeting. A motion was made by Council Member Susan Pond to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Council Member Sarah Seneker. Motion passed.

### **Reach Out And Read Arizona Presentation**

Executive Director for Reach Out And Read Arizona (RORAZ), Carol Kochlin shared information with the Council regarding RORAZ and its mission.

### **Review and Discussion of FY2011 Regional Allocation**

Regional Manager Gary P. Arnold reviewed the proposed FY2011 Regional Allocation with the Council. He explained to the Council that the allocated amount for Yuma was reduced by \$293,000 due to changes in the poverty level population 0-5 and the population projections for the region. The Board voted to restore 50% of the reduced allocation through a baseline adjustment of \$146,754. The total allocation for the Yuma Region for FY2011 is \$5,368,928.

### **Review and Discussion of FY2011 Regional Funding Plan**

Regional Manager Gary P. Arnold shared a powerpoint presentation and engaged the Council

in a discussion of FY2011 Regional Funding Plan. Council Member Irene Garza expressed her concern in the recruitment and retention process for Strategy 1. Council Member Susan Pond also expressed her desire for the grantees to keep ongoing communication providing the Council with up to date information as to how the services are being provided and enforced and any results of such services. Regional Manager Gary P. Arnold agreed to invite grantees to future meetings to inform the Council of updated results and information of services provided. New Council Member Pilar Moreno brought some insight into the Speech and Language Pathologist field and its requirements. The Council expressed their desire to review Strategy 1 and to include Speech and Language Pathologist Assistants and to continue with the strategies in place as well as the review of the strategies with no response.

#### **Review and Possible Action on Regional Needs and Assets**

The Council discussed the timeline for the Regional Needs and Assets. A motion was made by Council Member Roselia Ramirez to assign a committee to review selection of vendors for the completion of FY2011 Yuma Regional Partnership Council Needs and Assets Report. Motion seconded by Council Member Judy Watkinson. Motion Passed. Chair Madeleine Coil, Council Member Pilar Moreno, and Council Member Sarah Seneker volunteered to serve on the committee for review of the vendor selection for the Needs and Assets Report.

#### **Review and Possible Adoption of Attendance Policy**

A motion was made by Council Member Susan Pond to replace the current attendance policy to accept the attendance policy as suggested on attachment #5. Motion seconded by Council Member Sarah Seneker. Motion Passed.

#### **Council Member Resignation**

Council Member Roselia Ramirez announced her resignation as council member in the Yuma Regional Partnership Council to pursue her new role as Yuma Regional Coordinator.

#### **Coordinator's Report**

Regional Coordinator Gary P. Arnold shared information with the Council regarding Quality First, Child Care Health Consultation (CCHC), and T.E.A.C.H.

#### **Call to the Public**

Assistant Program Coordinator for the Arizona Self Study Project of the Association for Supportive Child Care (ASCC), Sherri Jones provided the Council with a brief introduction of the Arizona Kith And Kin Project which included informational literature.

#### **Next Meeting**

October 15, 2009 4:30 p.m., Yuma Police Department Community Training Room, located at 1500 S. First Avenue, Yuma, Arizona 85364.

#### **Adjourn**

Meeting was adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

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Madeleine Coil  
Chair

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Administrative Assistant II

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