



# FIRST THINGS FIRST

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Regular meeting of the First Things First South Phoenix Regional Partnership Council; Arizona Early Childhood Development and Health Board was held on October 18, 2011 at the Maryvale Hospital in conference room A/B located at 5102 West Campbell Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85031. Chair James Washington called the regular meeting to order at 3:33 pm.

**Council Members in Attendance:** James Washington, Chair and Business Member; Patricia Merk, Vice Chair and Educator Member; Riann Balch, Child Care Provider Member; Jasmine Sanchez, Parent Member; Dr. Eva Marie Shivers, At Large Member; Jennifer Quillin, At Large Member; Karen Stewart, Faith Based Member; and Kristi Langley-Wells, School Administrator Member.

**Member in Attendance by Phone:** N/A

**Members Not in Attendance:** Robert Donofrio, At Large Member.

**Quorum:** Established.

**Staff in Attendance:** Jonathon Gonzales, Regional Director; Briggetta Hawks, Administrative Assistant; Rana Hermsillo, Community Outreach Coordinator; Kelley Murphy, Senior Health Policy Specialist; and Tracey Craig, Senior Director.

A quick introduction of guests in attendance, Council Members, and staff was conducted.

2. **CONSENT AGENDA:** Included in an email prior to the meeting and in hard copy at the meeting were the regular meeting minutes of August 16, 2011 and September 20, 2011. Also provided in Council packets for review were notes that summarized the October 11, 2011 workgroup meeting.

**Motion:** Member Riann Balch moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of August 16, 2011, second by Member Jasmine Sanchez, all in favor, no discussion; motion carried.

**Motion:** Vice Chair Patricia Merk moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of September 20, 2011, second by Member Karen Stewart, all in favor, no discussion; motion carried.

3. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC:** **Margy Eldridge:** Provided the Council information on inclusion. **Mary Jamsa from Southwest Human Development:** Provided the Council information on Emergent Leaders. **Alexandra Dominguez from the Arizona Chapter of American Academy of Pediatrics** provided the Council with information on Care Coordination.

4. **CALL TO PRESENTERS:** **Cheri Tomlinson, Maricopa Integrated Health Systems Family Learning Center:** Provided the Council a power-point presentation and thanked the Council for their investment in the Center. **Tim Rollins, Arizona Child Care Study:** Presented to the Council the key findings of the Child Care Study for the South Phoenix Region.

Member Kristi Langley-Wells arrived at 4:20 pm.

5. **COUNCIL RECESS:** Member Riann Balch moved to recess the regular meeting, second by Member Jasmine Sanchez, all in favor, no discussion; Council in recess as 4:39 pm. Chair James Washington called the meeting back to order at 4:49 pm.

6. **TOWN HALL REPORT OUT:** Community Outreach Coordinator Rana Hermosillo provided the Council an update on all three of the Town Hall Meetings Held in August and September. The meeting on August 17, 2011 held at the Martin Luther King Elementary had 49 attendees and 27 of the participants were parents/caregivers for a total of 55%. The Cartwright School District hosted the second Town Hall on September 14, 2011 which included 13 parents or 46% of the attendees. The September 28, 2011 Town Hall meeting was held at the Riverside School District and saw 16 parents or 59% of the attendees. Rana advised that a more detailed analysis of the data will be provided by Rana and Vice Chair Merk at a later date.

7. **FUNDING PLAN DISCUSSION/WORKING SESSION:** The Council was provided with various tools including the contract detail with service report, A mapping document to fill in for community needs, setting regional priorities, and aligning to school readiness indicators, a document that aligns the strategies to the school readiness indicators done by the Council on October 11, 2011, Funding Plan Development 2013-2015, Three year regional strategic direction, and the Friedman "4-Square" Approach.

Director Gonzales went through the breadth, scope and reach of Quality First with the Council. According to the indicators approved by the State Board, half of them impact Quality First. The Council requested more information on Child Care Health Consultation and how it will be funded outside of Quality First. The Council would like for Senior Health Policy Specialist Kelley Murphy to provide the Council with a presentation relating to Quality First and all of the changes being done to the current model. Kelley indicated that she can send Jonathon some slides and information pertaining to the changes of the Quality First Model. Jonathon explained that although the Quality First Model includes different components, South Phoenix may not need all of the services provided within the Quality First Model.

**Child Care Health Consultation and Mental Health Consultation:** Due to the recent changes and confusion around these two strategies as they pertain to Quality First, Kelley Murphy will provide the Council with updated information at a future meeting.

Vice Chair Merk advised the Council that the initial reason for funding Child Care Health Consultation and Mental Health Consultation outside of Quality First was for the Family Friend and Neighbors Strategy.

**Scholarships:** Will be part of Quality First, either 6.33 or 6.88 scholarships per center and 1.33 scholarships per home. One of the challenges is that the market price for Department of Economic Security (D.E.S.) scholarships is from 2007. The Market survey was last done 7 years ago according to Member Balch. The Council would like to know how many scholarships are provided per star rating.

Chair Washington advised that two members of the Council will have to leave at 6:00 pm – Member Balch who will be available by phone for an additional hour if needed, and Member Stewart.

Chair Washington stepped out for a moment and the Council lost quorum at which time the discussion stopped. Chair Washington called the meeting back to order after approximately two minutes.

**Family Friend and Neighbors:** At the 10/11/2011 workgroup session, the Council tied this strategy to indicators 1 and 10. The Council added 7 and 9 with a question mark for #5 for this meeting.

**Pre-K Scholarships:** Impact seven of the ten indicators. Pre-K Scholarships are popular with families. Licensing and hiring has been an obstacle for classrooms as well as getting staff trained and the seven year old rates that are being paid. Jonathon encouraged the Council to engage Staff Members Sandy Foreman and Karen Woodhouse in Program to let them know what the Council likes about the Pre-K Strategy, what is working, and what can be enhanced.

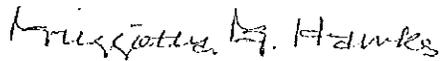
Dr. Shivers requested that the Council look at what they can do to promote intentional connections to places like the Family Resource Centers and other resources that really align the whole child care continuum.

8. **COUNCIL MEMBER UPDATES:** N/A.

9. **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:** Tuesday, November 15, 2011. It was decided by the Council to determine another workgroup session before the regular meeting. FTF Staff will determine Council availability and come up with a date for the next work group meeting.

10. **ADJOURNMENT:** Vice Chair Patty Merk moved to adjourn, second by Member Jasmine Sanchez, all in favor, no discussion; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:33 pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



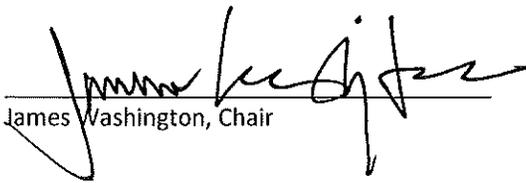
Briggetta Hawks, Administrative Assistant

APPROVED:



Jonathon Gonzales, Regional Director

COUNCIL APPROVAL:



James Washington, Chair