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Coconino Regional Partnership Council

Draft Meeting Minutes

Call to Order/Welcome/Introductions

The regular meeting of the First things First Coconino Regional Partnership Council was held on September 9, 2013. The meeting was located at United Way of Northern Arizona, 1515 E. Cedar St Suite D-1 Arizona 86004. Kevin Brown, Council Chair for the Coconino Regional Partnership Council, called the meeting to order at approximately 3:07 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

Members Present:

Kevin Brown, Chair; Beth Johndrow; Paula Stefani; Mary Morgan; Sherri Slayton; Noreen Sakiestewa; Alan Chapa; Debbie Winlock

Members Absent:

Agnes Chamberlain; Amanda Guay

First Things First Staff Present:

Ellen Majure, Coconino Regional Director; Ellen Felty, Northeast Administrative Assistant; Cynthia Pardo, Community Awareness; Brooke Travis (via phone), QF Program Coordinator

Call to the Public

None

Disclosure of Conflicts

None

Consent Agenda

Member Sakiestewa motioned to approve the minutes for the August 12, 2013 Coconino Regional Partnership Council Regular meeting. Member Winlock seconded. Motion carried.

Review of SFY13 Quarter 4 Grantee Data and Expenditures

Chair Brown turned the discussion for this agenda item over to Ms. Majure, who reviewed the SFY13 Quarter 4 Grantee Data and Expenditures.

Review of SFY14 Funded Strategies and SFY15 Funding Allotments Worksheet in Preparation for SFY15 Funding Planning Process

Chair Brown turned the discussion for this agenda item over to Ms. Majure, who reviewed the SFY2014 funded strategies and the SFY15 possible funding allotments worksheet in preparation for the SFY15 funding planning process next month.

Overview Presentation on Quality First Program

Chair Brown turned the discussion for the agenda item over to Ms. Majure, who reviewed attachment 3a, which provides child care center and home information in the Coconino region including Quality First centers and homes. Ms. Majure then turned this discussion over to DeLeine Charette, Quality First Coaching Supervisor; Rebecca Cirzan, Quality First Coach; Katie Romero, Quality First Assessment Program Manager; Brooke Travis, FTF Quality First Program Coordinator, and Rhonda Etsitty, TEACH Program Coordinator

The guest presenters provided an overview of the Quality First program including a brief history of Quality First, the current Quality First model with its program components, including the Quality Rating system and the Quality First Assessment component. Regional Council members had some questions for the presenters mainly about the Quality First assessments, including the tools used to assess sites, the frequency of the assessments, the length of time it takes to complete the assessments, the training required for the assessors, if there are bilingual interpreters for the assessments, the validation of the assessment tools, and using those assessment tools in child care sites with a specific approach such as Reggio Emilia and Montessori. The presenters answered Regional Council members questions, including that if centers or homes are at the rising star or progressive star rating, their assessments occurs annually, and if sites are at a 3, 4, or 5 star rating, the assessment occurs every 2 years. There are currently no assessors who speak Hopi, but if they need someone to interpret, they do have the availability of Hopi interpreters.

Chair Brown then turned the discussion over to Rhonda Etsitty who gave a brief overview on the TEACH program. Ms. Etsitty shared that there are currently 18 TEACH students with contracts in this region, 16 that are active and 2 that are pending. Ms. Etsitty briefly described the incentives provided to teachers who are pursuing their CDA certification or Early Childhood Associate's degree.

Discussion and Possible Approval of System Building Priority Themes for Coconino Region

Ms. Majure suggested that this agenda item be put on hold until the October 21, 2013 meeting since there is no time left to discuss this agenda item. Chairman Brown tabled this agenda item.

Update from August 26th Chairs and Vice Chairs Meeting

Chair Brown tabled this agenda item due to lack of time and stated that this agenda item will be discussed at the October 21, 2013 meeting.

Regional Council Member Updates

None

Regional Director Report

Chair Brown turned the discussion for this agenda item over to Ms. Majure who asked council members to read the Regional Director Report. Ms. Majure gave a SFY2013 perfect attendance certificate and potted plant to Member Stefani and Member Winlock, who both attended all Regional Council meetings in SFY2013.

Next Regional Council Meeting Date: October 21, 2013 @ 3:00pm @ United Way of Northern Arizona Conference Room

Chair Brown announced that the next Regional Council Meeting will be on Monday, October 21 2013 at 3:00pm at the United Way of Northern Arizona Conference Room. Ms. Majure proposed that it would be helpful if this next meeting could be extended to 3 hours instead of the regular 2 hour meeting in order to get through the SFY15 funding planning process. Chair Brown directed Ms. Majure to find out if Council Members can participate in a 3 hour meeting in October.

Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 5:03pm