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Arizona Early Child Development and Health Board
Yavapai Regional Partnership Council

DRAFT Minutes

Call to Order

A Regular Meeting of the First Things First – Yavapai Regional Partnership Council was held on September 24, 2014 at the Yavapai College, Building 3, Room 270, 1100 E. Sheldon Street, Prescott, Arizona, 86301.

Sherry Birch, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

Members Present: Sherry Birch, Kathy Watson, Ophelia Tewawina, Olga Morris, Anne Babinsky, Morgan Dubs and Juanita Setzer. Angela Bradshaw Napper attended telephonically.

Members Absent: Patricia Bryant and Jim Howard.

Council Member Conflict of Interest Disclosure

No members declared a conflict of interest.

Approve RPC Meeting Minutes

Council Member Anne Babinsky made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 23, 2014 Regular Meeting of the Yavapai Regional Partnership Council, as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Juanita Setzer and passed unanimously.

Vice Chair Kathy Watson made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2014 Special Meeting of the Yavapai Regional Partnership Council, as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Olga Morris and passed unanimously.

Council Member Anne Babinsky made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 27, 2014 Special Meeting of the Yavapai Regional Partnership Council, as corrected. The motion was seconded by Council Member Morgan Dubs and passed unanimously.

Call to the Public

Community Member Janice Burger provided information pertaining to the Give Back Parent Information Packet.

Review and Discuss Year End SFY2014 Reports

Regional Director Lisa Blyth provided updates pertaining to the SFY14 Contract Detail Report, the Quarter four Data Narrative Report and the Expense versus Target Service Units.

Update, Discussion and Review of Quality First

Regional Director Lisa Blyth and Quality First Scholarship Specialist Amy Fernandez provided updates pertaining to the SFY2016 Model Changes with regard to the background of the program, financial incentives and funding 2 star providers. The Yavapai Enrolled Centers and Homes were also discussed.

SFY2016-2018 Funding Plan Preparation and Discussion

Regional Director Lisa Blyth provided a review of the Public Forum, Cookies and Conversation feedback, discussed the Yavapai strategies including FTF funded, and regionally directed strategies and the SFY2016-2018 funding plan.

Community Outreach Implementation Plan

Community Outreach Coordinator Jennifer Hernandez provided the Yavapai SFY15 Community Outreach Regional Implementation Plan which included: statewide outreach goals; community outreach; engagement focusing on supporters to champions; benchmarks, tactics and outreach opportunities.

Regional Director's Report

Regional Director Lisa Blyth reported on a number of updates including: Service Coordination Project; SFY2015 Media Plan, Faith Based Outreach Planning; and Community Meetings.

Discussion and Possible Vote on Winter Retreat Date

Vice Chair Kathy Watson made a motion to table the Winter Retreat Date discussion until October. The motion was seconded by Council Member Morgan Dubs and passed unanimously.

Council Member Updates and Report

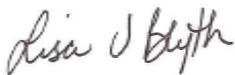
Vice Chair Kathy Watson made a motion to table the Regional Council Member Update discussion until October. The motion was seconded by Council Member Morgan Dubs and passed unanimously.

Next Meeting

The next Regular meeting of the Regional Partnership Council is scheduled for October 22, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. in Clarkdale at the Yavapai College.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Vice Chair Kathy Watson moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ophelia Tewawina and passed unanimously. Chair Sherry Birch adjourned the meeting at approximately 10:57 a.m.



Lisa Blyth, Yavapai Regional Director

Approved:

Sherry Birch, Chair

October 22, 2014

ATTACHMENT 2 YAVAPAI REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL

SFY13-15 PRIORITIES, FTF PRIORITY ROLES, STRATEGIES TO ACHIEVE OUTCOMES AND SCHOOL READINESS INDICATORS

FTF PRIORITY ROLE	REGIONAL PRIORITY	REGIONAL STRATEGY	SCHOOL READINESS INDICATOR
<p>Early Care and Education System Development and Implementation – Convene partners and provide leadership in the development and implementation of a comprehensive early care and education system that is aligned both across the spectrum of settings and with the full continuum of the education system.</p>	<p>Limited access to quality, affordable early care and education</p> <p>Kindergarten readiness varies across the Region</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quality First (including CCHC, CC Scholarships, TEACH) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Additional CCHC ➤ Additional TEACH (Beginning SFY16: College Scholarships) • QF Rating only (FY15) • Expansion: Increase slots and/or capital expense (SFY13) • Family, Friends and Neighbors (FY14-15) 	<p>#/% children demonstrating school readiness at kindergarten entry in the development domains of social-emotional, language and literacy, cognitive, and motor and physical</p> <p>#/% of children enrolled in an early care and education program with a Quality First rating of 3-5 stars</p>
<p>Quality Early Care and Education Standards, Curriculum and Assessment – Convene partners, provide leadership, and provide funding for the development and implementation of quality standards for early childhood care and education programs and related curricula and assessments.</p>	<p>High number of early childhood professionals with low education levels in related fields</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quality First (including CCHC, CC Scholarships, TEACH) • Professional REWARD\$ • Family Support Coordination (Child Care Coalition) 	<p>#/% of children enrolled in an early care and education program with a Quality First rating of 3-5 stars</p>
<p>Supports and Services for Families - Convene partners, provide leadership, provide funding, and advocate for development, enhancement, and sustainability of a variety of high quality, culturally responsive, and affordable services, supports, and community resources for young children and their families.</p>	<p>Limited access to comprehensive and coordinated parent/caregiver education, information, and resources</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Partnerships (SFY13) • Court Teams • Service Coordination 	<p>% of families who report they are competent and confident about their ability to support their child’s safety, health and well being</p>

FTF PRIORITY ROLE	REGIONAL PRIORITY	REGIONAL STRATEGY	SCHOOL READINESS INDICATOR
<p>Access to Quality Health Care Coverage and Services- Collaborate with partners to increase access to high quality health care services (including oral health and mental health) and affordable health care coverage for young children and their families.</p>	<p>High-risk families need additional support to address child abuse, substance abuse and family violence prevention</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a high alcohol, tobacco and other substance use by pregnant women and their families • There is a high level of teen pregnancy in the region and a need for teenage parent support • High number of uninsured children and low utilization of preventative health care 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food Security (SFY13) • Home Visitation • Native Language Preservation • Parent Education Community-based Training • Parent Outreach and Awareness • Prenatal Outreach (SFY11-13) • Mental Health Consultation • Prenatal Outreach (SFY11-13) 	<p>#/% of children receiving timely well child visits</p> <p>% of families who report they are competent and confident about their ability to support their child's safety, health and well being</p>
<p>Building Public Awareness and Support - Convene partners, provide leadership, and provide funding for efforts to increase public awareness of and support for early childhood development, health, and early education among partners, public officials, policy makers, and the public.</p>	<p>Limited knowledge, utilization of resources, and information about the importance of early childhood development and health</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Awareness • Community Outreach • Media • Needs and Assets (SFY14) • Statewide Evaluation 	

PUBLIC FORUM AND COOKIES & CONVERSATION FEEDBACK

Strategies listed in order of importance

	Strategy	Importance	Funding	Implementation
1	Quality First Scholarships	5.0	4.33	4.33
2	Mental Health Consultation	5.0	4.67	4.0
3	Court Teams	4.92	4.8	5.0
4	Home Visitation	4.77	4.66	4.16
5	Parent Education	4.67	4.5	4.22
6	REWARD\$	4.5	DNA	2.75
7	Family, Friend, and Neighbor	4.5	4.6	2.8

How important it is to fund it:

1	Quality First Scholarships	5.0
2	Court Teams	4.8
3	Mental Health Consultation	4.67
4	Home Visitation	4.66
5	Family, Friend, and Neighbor	4.6
6	Parent Education	4.5
	REWARD\$	DNA

How well it's implemented

1	Court Teams	5.0
2	Quality First Scholarships	4.33
3	Parent Education	4.22
4	Home Visitation	4.16
5	Mental Health Consultation	4.0
6	Family, Friend, and Neighbor	2.8
7	REWARD\$	2.75

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Yavapai Regional Partnership Council First Things First Planned Strategies for Fiscal Year 2015				
Goal Area	Strategy	Strategy Description	Funding level	TSU's
Quality and Access	Quality First	Supports provided to early care and education centers and homes to improve the quality of programs, including: on-site coaching; program assessment; financial resources; teacher education scholarships; and consultants specializing in health and safety practices.	\$529,099	34 centers 4 homes
	Quality First Child Care Scholarships	Provides scholarships to children to attend quality early care and education programs. Helps low-income families afford a better educational beginning for their children.	\$1,735,048	234
	Family, Friends, and Neighbors	Supports provided to family, friend and neighbor caregivers include training and financial resources. Improves the quality of care and education that children receive in unregulated child care homes.	\$30,000	20
Beginning SFY2016	Professional Development Early Care and Education Professionals	Improves the professional skills of those providing care and education to children 5 and younger. Regionally Directed Child Care Coalition Formerly Family Support Coordination in the Family Support Goal Area	\$4500	1 conference 1 bootcamp
Professional Development	FTF Professional Rewards	Improves retention of early care and education teachers through financial incentives. Keeps the best teachers with our youngest kids by rewarding longevity and continuous improvement of their skills.	\$27,000	20
Family Support	Home Visitation	Provides voluntary in-home services for infants, children and their families, focusing on parenting skills, early physical and social development, literacy, health and nutrition. Connect families to resources to support their child's health and early learning. Gives young children stronger, more supportive relationships with their parents through in-home services on a variety of topics, including parenting skills, early childhood development, literacy, etc. Connects parents with community resources to help them better support their child's health and early learning. Conducts developmental, hearing, and vision screenings.	\$800,000	200

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Family Support (cont)	Parent Education Community-Based Training	Strengthens families with young children by providing voluntary classes in community-based settings. Provides classes on parenting, child development and problem-solving skills.	\$197,500	693
	Parent Outreach and Awareness	Provides families with education, materials and connections to resources and activities that promote healthy development and school readiness. Improves child development by educating parents and connecting them to resources and activities that promote healthy growth and school readiness. Regionally Directed Little Kids Book	\$10,000	10,000
Health / Mental Health	Child Care Health Consultation	Provides qualified health professionals who assist child care providers in achieving high standards related to health and safety for the children in their care. Improves the health and safety of children in a variety of child care settings.	\$169,290	50 Centers 7 homes 33 QF Centers 4 QF homes 17 non-QF Centers 3 non QF homes SFY2016 cost: \$155,790
	Mental Health Consultation	Provides mental health consultation to teachers and caregivers, and other early childhood professionals.	\$307,500 2.5 FTE's SFY2016 the cost is calculated per home/center, not FTE (\$12,239/center)	13 centers 5 homes To fund 18 centers/homes in SFY2016 cost: \$220,302
Evaluation	Statewide Evaluation	Statewide evaluation includes the studies and evaluation work which inform the FTF Board and the 31 Regional Partnership Councils, examples are baseline Needs and Assets reports, specific focused studies, and statewide research and evaluation on the developing early childhood system.	\$219,344	NA SFY2016 cost:\$167,529
Coordination	Court Teams	Assign multidisciplinary teams, led by superior court judges, to monitor case plans and supervise placement when a child 5 or younger is involved with the court system. Promotes children's wellbeing and reduces recurrence of abuse and neglect.	\$66,500	# of children: 140 # of participants attended: 500

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Community Outreach	Community Awareness	Uses a variety of community-based activities and materials to increase public awareness of the critical importance of early childhood development and health so that all Arizonans are actively engaged in supporting young kids in their communities.	\$6000	ERI's and sponsorships
	Media	Increases public awareness of the importance of early childhood development and health via a media campaign that draws viewers/listeners to the ReadyAZKids.com web site.	\$50,000	Cable TV, radio, theater, broadcast TV, pay per click
	Community Outreach	Provides grassroots support and engagement to increase parent and community awareness of the importance of early childhood development and health.	\$80,000	1 FTE +benefits Travel Promotional items

ATTACHMENT 4

YAVAPAI REGION QUALITY FIRST SITE LOCATIONS, RATINGS AND BASE SCHOLARSHIPS

City	# of sites	Ratings	# of base scholarships
Bagdad	1 center	Not public	6
Black Cyn City	1 center	2	6
Camp Verde	4 center	2,4, not public (2)	22
Chino Valley	1 center	2	6
Clarkdale	1 home 1 center	Not public 2	1 4
Cornville	1 center	Not public	6
Cottonwood	9 centers 1 home	2 (3), 3, 4, not public (4) Not public	49 1
Prescott	8 centers	2(3), 3(2), 4, not public (2)	58
Prescott Valley	4 centers 2 homes	2, not public (3) 4, 2	18 4
Rimrock	1 center	2	6
Sedona	2 centers	2, not public	12

There are seven 3-5 star sites in Yavapai. They are in:

- Prescott (3)
- Prescott Valley (1)
- Cottonwood (2)
- Camp Verde (1)

If the Council chooses to fund scholarships for only 3-5 star sites, there will be no scholarships in:

- Bagdad
- Black Canyon City
- Chino Valley
- Clarkdale
- Cornville
- Rimrock
- Sedona

ATTACHMENT 5

FTF FUNDED AND NON FTF FUNDED STRATEGIES IN YAVAPAI REGION

FTF Funded Strategy	GOAL AREA	Strategy Not Funded by FTF
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quality First • Quality First Child Care Scholarships • Family, Friends, and Neighbors 	QUALITY AND ACCESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Head Start/NAEYC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FTF Professional Rewards 	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buena Vista Children’s Services DES Infant and Toddler Training Grant • Del E Webb Lab School
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Support Coordination • Home Visitation • Parent Education Community-Based Training • Parent Outreach and Awareness 	FAMILY SUPPORT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Head Start • Health Start • NICP • OCSHCN • Dolly Parton Imagination Library in Sedona • Step Up for Kids • CYMPO (Transportation) • Community Behavioral Health • YCSO
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Care Health Consultation • Mental Health Consultation 	HEALTH / MENTAL HEALTH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smoking Hotline/Info • AzEIP
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statewide Evaluation 	EVALUATION	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Court Teams 	COORDINATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Childhood Learning Collaborative • Child Find
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Awareness • Media • Community Outreach 	COMMUNITY OUTREACH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Libraries

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UPDATES

- Service Coordination Project Update
 - Meeting 10/21/14
 - Testing calendar
- Chair/Vice Chair Leadership Conference
 - Strategic Planning
 - Upcoming Legislative Session
 - Regional Council support needs
- Tribal Consultation
 - Discussed System Building and Public Private Partnerships
 - Chairman Thomas Beauty attended from Yavapai Apache Nation; he requests that we learn more about the Yavapai Apache Nation
- Federal Preschool Development Grant
 - Intent: build, develop and expand voluntary, high-quality preschool programs in high-need communities for children from low- and moderate - income families. It is jointly administered by the USDOE and Health and Human Services.
 - First Things First, at the Executive Level is integrally involved in supporting an application from Arizona.
- Child Care Coalition Conference
 - 10/4/14 at the Hassayampa Inn in Prescott
 - Excellent, Interactive Keynote provided by Claire Louge
 - Nearly 100 attendees

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

- Early Childhood Education Advisory Board – September 29 & October 27
Creating an Early Childhood Professional Development “Calendar”
- Prescott Networking Luncheon – October 14
- Early Childhood Education Class at Yavapai College – October 14
- Child Care Coalition meeting – October 14
Debrief conference and discuss partnership with Buena Vista Children’s Services
- Verde Valley Cookies and Conversation – October 21
- VVMC Healthy Families and PAT Halloween Play Group – October 21
- CCHC and Smart Support Collaboration meeting – October 22

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

This section will provide updated information about events or topics taking place between the posting of the meeting notice and the Regional Partnership Council meeting.