



# FIRST THINGS FIRST

*Ready for School. Set for Life.*

Southeast Maricopa Regional Partnership Council

Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board

Southeast Maricopa Regional Partnership Council

October 25, 2011 Minutes

## Call to Order

The regular meeting of the First Things First Southeast Maricopa Regional Partnership Council was held on October 25, 2011 at the Queen Creek Library Recreation Annex, Classroom 165, 21802 South Ellsworth Road, Queen Creek, Arizona 85142. Chair Tamminen welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 11:28 a.m.

## Members Present

Dale Fisher, Julie Sallquist, Eileen Molzen, Erica Alexander, Chris Scarpatl, Anna David, David Wade, and Chair Dee Tamminen.

## Members Absent

Jack Dillenberg and Michelov Rhau

## Guests

9 members from the public were present.

## Consent Agenda

Council member Scarpatl moved to accept the minutes of both the regular meeting and Town Hall of September 27, 2011. Council Member Sallquist seconded. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

## Call to the Public

- Margaret Eldridge with the Early Care and Education Inclusion Program from Southwest Human Development spoke about her program to support child care providers.

## Quality First Model Presentation

Senior Director, Early Learning, Sandy Foreman, gave a presentation about Quality First, including the new rating only option.

Council Member Wade arrived at 12:01 P.M.

## Synthesis of Data

Regional Director Duhart informed the Council that they would have copies of the Needs and Assets report at the workgroup tables for their discussions today and referred them to the packets which they had previously been supplied. She stated that the Council members would be broken down into three workgroup tables. The groups were set up as follows: Family Support – Council Members Scarpatl, Sallquist and Wade; Health, Council Members David and Chair Tamminen; Quality and Access: Council Members Fisher and Molzen. Regional Director Duhart reminded everyone that at this time the workgroup is only working on prioritizing needs and not strategies.

12:33 P.M. Council members convened to a working lunch at their workgroup tables.

Council Member Molzen arrived at 1:23 p.m.

## Workgroup Session 1: Prioritizing FY2013-2015 Regional Needs

The workgroups met and reported back their prioritized needs.



# FIRST THINGS FIRST

*Ready for School. Set for Life.*

Southeast Maricopa Regional Partnership Council

Discussion took place regarding a centralized intake system; the difference between community outreach and resource coordination, and the Regional Council also received information from Central Maricopa Regional Director Joanne Floth about the Central Maricopa Regional Partnership Council's decision to add a resource coordination strategy. Discussion also took place regarding the need for transportation to services in the region as well as having resource centers in Gilbert and Queen Creek. Regional Director Duhart said that both the Mayor of Gilbert and the Queen Creek School District Superintendent had been spoken to, and both have expressed the need for family support services within their communities.

## Recommendation and Discussion of FY2013-2015 Regional Priorities

Council members discussed the prioritized needs and agreed to add coordination across all areas. Council Members used colored dots to prioritize the needs with red as a high priority, yellow as a medium need, and green as lower prioritized needs.

The prioritized needs as rated and after full group discussion were as follows:

1. Community Education and Awareness 8 high, 2 medium
2. Comprehensive Family Support/Intervention : 5 high, 2 medium, 1 low
3. Access to high quality Early Care and Education: 4 high, 3 medium
4. (Providing and) Access to Preventive Health services: 3 high, 3 medium, 3 low
5. Coordination of All Resources: 3 high, 3 medium, 2 low
6. Added during discussion of the rated priorities: Access to and availability of services (to be listed in all strategies)
7. Access to services (1 high, 4 medium, 1 low)
8. Early screenings for delays: 3 medium
9. Build workforce: 1 medium, 2 low
10. Retention: 1 medium, 5 low
11. Regional evaluation 1 medium, 8 low

2:50 P.M. Council Member Wade is not present at this time.

Chris Scarpati moved that the Regional Council accept those numbered 1 through 5 for 2013-2015 as the regional priorities. Council Member Molzen seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

## Workgroup Session 2: Prioritizing FY2013-2015 Potential Regional Strategies

AND

## Recommendation and Discussion of FY2013-2015 Potential Regional Strategies

Regional Director Duhart stated that for strategy discussion, the Council needs to determine whether to stay the course or if there are items to be added.

2:57 p.m. Council Member Wade is now present.

After discussion, it was agreed that the following strategies address the prioritized needs:

Community Education and Awareness:

- Community Outreach
- Media (including social media)
- Community Awareness (about the importance of early childhood and awareness of resources)
- Needs and Assets
- Service Coordination



# FIRST THINGS FIRST

*Ready for School. Set for Life.*

Southeast Maricopa Regional Partnership Council

## Comprehensive Family Support/Intervention

- Parent Awareness (including grandparents)
- Community-based Parent Education
- Home Visitation (targeting 0-3 year olds; high risk populations including teen parents)
- Food Security

## Access to high quality Early Care and Education:

- Quality First
- Pre-K Scholarships
- Scholarships TEACH
- Mental Health Consultation
- REWARD\$

## Access to Preventive Health Services:

- Health Insurance Enrollment
- Oral Health
- Physician Education and Outreach
- Care Coordination/Medical Home
- Mental Health Consultation

## Funding Allotment Discussion

With the assistance of Lead Fiscal Specialist Lyra Contreras, Regional Council members reviewed the Financial Summary. Discussion took place regarding funding.

3:27 p.m. Council Member Wade left the meeting.

Chair Tamminen asked everyone to think about what strategies are in line with the work being done, addressing our current needs and which strategies, if any, may need to be decreased in funding, in order to balance the regional budget. Extensive discussion was held about care coordination and family resource centers.

## Southeast Maricopa Grantee Updates

Agenda item tabled until next meeting.

## Community Outreach Report

Agenda item tabled until next meeting.

## Council Member Updates

None.

## Adjourn

The Regional Council thanked Lyra Contreras for her service and presented her with a plant. Dana Browning was introduced as the new Lead Fiscal Specialist for the region.

The Council thanked Ron Duhart, Kaplan Early Learning Company representative, for providing lunch at this and other regional meetings.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 4:21 p.m.



# FIRST THINGS FIRST

*Ready for School. Set for Life.*

Southeast Maricopa Regional Partnership Council

---

**Caitlyn Hollins, Administrative Assistant III**

Approved:

---

**Dee Tamminen, Regional Council Chair**