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Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health  
Pinal Regional Partnership Council  
Special Work Session

Work Session Meeting Minutes  
October 26, 2009

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The Pinal Regional Partnership Council Special Work Session was held on October 26, 2009 at First Things First Office, 1515 E. Florence Blvd, Ste 110, Casa Grande, AZ 85122.

The Special Work Session was called to order at 3:10 PM.

Council Members in attendance:

Mary Allen, Christina Jenkins, and Barbara Mezzio

First Things First Staff in attendance:

Aimee Kempton-Sarosi, Regional Coordinator, Pinal Regional Partnership Council

**Discuss and Develop Pinal Regional Child Care Health Consultation Letter to First Things First**

Aimee Kempton-Sarosi, Regional Coordinator, Pinal Regional Partnership Council discussed and developed with the work session members the Pinal Regional Child Care Health Consultation letter to First Things First.

Chair Mezzio reviewed the Child Care Health Consultation (CCHC) circumstance and informed the work session members that Member Gerkey reviewed the draft contract and provided feedback to First Things First. Chair Mezzio addressed that Marla Chamberlain, First Things First, Central East Regional Manager gave an update on the Child Care Health Consultation. Ms. Chamberlain announced at the October 14, 2009 Regional Council Meeting, due to internal miscommunication at First Things First the Child Care Health Consultation contract was signed, by the grantee, prior to the feedback given by Member Gerkey. Ms. Chamberlain apologized to the Pinal Regional Partnership Council and to Member Gerkey for the lack of transparency and the improper follow-through by First Things First. An email from Sandy Foreman, First Things First, Assistant Director for Policy and Research was distributed to the Pinal Regional Partnership Council at the October 14, 2009 Regional Council Meeting addressing the concern which was raised by the Regional Council regarding the minimum educational requirements for the Child Care Health Consultation. Ms. Foreman outlined steps to address the concern regarding the educational requirements:

- Exemption Policy – an exemption policy was developed in the event that the requirement of a Registered Nurse, Advanced Nurse Practitioner, Physicians Assistant or a Physician is not met.
- If the exemption policy needs be implemented the grantee is required to make the request in writing to First Things First and provide an explanation of all recruitment efforts to date.

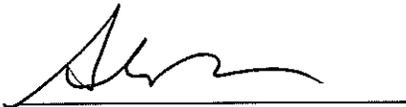
- It was also asked that a member of the Pinal Regional Partnership Council or Pinal Regional Coordinator to participate on the committee to review and either allow or disallow the exemption.

Chair Mezzio will present the draft Child Care Health Consultation letter to the Regional Council for their review via email. Chair Mezzio will be developing the Child Care Health Consultation letter and will email the letter to Ms. Kempton-Sarosi. Once Ms. Kempton-Sarosi receives the letter, she will then distribute the letter to the work session members for their review. After feedback is received by Ms. Kempton-Sarosi the Regional Council will receive the draft letter for review and feedback.

**Adjourn**

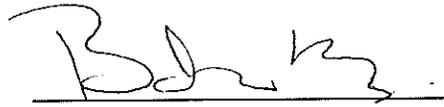
The special work session was adjourned at approximately 4:35 PM.

Submitted By:



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Regional Coordinator  
Pinal Regional Partnership Council

Approved By:



Barbara Mezzio  
Chair, Pinal Regional Partnership Council