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Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health
Gila River Indian Community

Meeting Minutes October 8, 2008 Gila River Indian Community Council Meeting

Council Members in attendance

Melissa Madrid
Priscilla Foote, Chair
Byron Donahue
Reyna Byler (joined meeting at 6:00 p.m.)
Archie Beeson
Duane Johns, Vice Chair
Pamela Johnson
Pat Foster (joined meeting at 5:59 p.m.)
Dale Enos
Patricia Cook
Sister Martha

First Things First Staff

Cathy Thornton Gila River Indian Community Regional Coordinator
Ana Garcia Regional Administrative Assistant Central East Region

Public

1 member of the public was present

Call to order

Meeting called to order by Regional Partnership Council Chair Foote at 5:53 p.m.

Invocation

Invocation by Member Sister Martha

Consent Agenda

Member Donahue motioned to approve the September 25, 2008 and September 29, 2008 meeting minutes. Member Beeson seconded. Motion carried

Item 3 Old Business

Member Johnson indicated that the Elderly meeting will be held on the second and last Fridays of the month. The next 2 months the location will be at the Tribal Council Chambers due to construction remodeling. Contact person for these meetings is Franklin Jackson.

Member Foster will determine the date and time for the Foster Grand Parents support meetings.

District meetings Ms. Thornton.

Member Foster joined the meeting at 5:59 p.m. and Member Byler joined the meeting at 6:00p.m.

Member Johns wrote article related to First Things First copy was distributed to all members.

Chair Foote thanked Member Johns for the article.

Item 4 Discussion, Revisions and Possible Adoption of Regional Needs and Assets Report

Ms. Thornton updated the Council on all corrections, revisions, deletions and editions to the report. Council Members conducted extensive discussion related to the corrections of the report.

Member Beeson Motioned to approve the Needs and Assets Report with all the corrections, deletions and editions, which were given to Ms. Thornton. Member Byler seconded. Motion carried.

Member Johnson suggested that before the report is submitted to the Tribal Council it should be bound.

Item 5 Coordinators Update

Ms. Thornton discussed the TEACH program and handed out Quality First grid of designated programs per region.

Member Johns gave a report on the Regional Council Chairs meeting that he attended in Phoenix. He was able to discuss with other tribal Regions the challenges that they also face. There are plans of better communication within Regions to collaborate and implement systems to help on another. Some of the regions have the challenge of traveling long distances to access every part of the region. Gila River has been very pro-active and has accomplished a lot. A challenge for some of the Regions is that the Council participation is poor. Member Johns would like the First Things First website be placed in the community Community's browser so that the community members can see what work and goals are being accomplished with the Regions. The meetings and the pamphlets will be available on line soon.

Ms. Thornton mentioned that all but 2 Council members have completed their I-9

Upcoming outreach will be limited in the month of October and November due to work on the funding plan. The Gila River Indian Community Partnership Council will submit an article to the Gila River Indian News paper discussing progress of the Gila River Indian Community Partnership Council thus far. Ms Thornton then handed out a timeline to all Council members

Ms. Thornton indicated that eventually First Things First wants the network to be a place where anyone can get information, resources and grow as a system. The ultimate goal is to have collaboration and coordination within all the regions.

Item 6 Discussion and Possible Adoption of Prioritized Goals and Strategies

Ms. Thornton gave a brief presentation of the State's Goal areas, Key Measures and Strategies.

Council Members broke into 3 work groups to discuss Goals and Priorities which were established during the September 25, 2008 Council's meeting.

Member Sister Martha left meeting at 7:37 p.m.

Each work group briefly described their session

Item 7 Future Meeting Dates

Member Johns motioned to have the next Council Meeting on November 6, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. location to be St Peter's Mission, Bapchule, AZ. Member Foster seconded. Motion carried.

No Public Comment

Adjourn

Meeting Adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

Ana Garcia AA III

Approved:

Priscilla Foote, Regional Council Chair