



# FIRST THINGS FIRST

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Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board  
Cochise Regional Partnership Council

November 4, 2009

## Call to Order

The special meeting of the First Things First Cochise Regional Partnership Council was held on Wednesday, November 4, 2009 at 11:00 AM at the First Things First Regional Office 3643B South Hwy 92 Sierra Vista, AZ 85650.

## Members Present:

Jane Strain (telephonically), Dave Howe (telephonically), Del Cabarga (telephonically), Vaira Harik (telephonically), Renae Humburg, Melodi Polach (telephonically), Ginger Ryan (telephonically), Nancy-Jean Welker (telephonically), Evelyn Whitmer (telephonically)

## Members Absent:

Ana Bae-Limb and Mary Sue Houser

## Others Present:

Melissa Avant and Cristal Martin

Chair Strain welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at approximately 11:15 AM.

## Call to the Public

There was no response to Call to the Public.

## Discussion and Approval of SFY 2011 Allocations & Strategies

*Emergency Child Scholarships:* Member Humburg moved that the Cochise Regional Partnership Council allocate zero funds for emergency child scholarships at this time. Member Howe declared a conflict of interest and recued himself. Member Polach seconded the motion. The Cochise Regional Partnership Council discussed the number of children affected by the scholarship, who would administrate the scholarships and when scholarships would start. Roll call by vote was taken:

Member Cabarga	No	Member Ryan	No
Member Harik	No	Chair Strain	Yes
Member Humburg	Yes	Member Welker	Yes
Member Polach	Yes	Member Whitmer	No

Motion failed 4:4

The Cochise Regional Partnership Council discussed steps to be taken such as presenting a funding plan in December with Emergency Child Scholarships on hold or waiting until January after additional work groups. The Cochise Regional Partnership Council stopped further discussion after a request for, and pending legal counsel.

*T.E.A.C.H:* Member Humburg moved that the Cochise Regional Partnership Council approve TEACH with 15 scholars with an allocation of \$62,385. Chair Strain and Member Whitmer declared a conflict of interest and recued themselves. Member Harik seconded the motion. The Regional Council did not have any items to discuss. Roll call by vote was taken:

Member Cabarga	Yes	Member Polach	Yes
Member Harik	Yes	Member Ryan	Yes
Member Howe	Yes	Member Welker	Yes
Member Humburg	Yes		

Motion passed 7:0

**Adjournment**

There being no further discussions, Chair Strain adjourned the meeting at 11:52 PM.

Dated this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

Submitted By: Cristal Martin  
Administrative Assistant

Approved By:   
Chair, Jane Strain