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Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board Cocopah Tribe Regional Partnership Council Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the First Things First – Cocopah Tribe Regional Partnership Council was held on September 3, 2014, at 3:00 p.m. at the Cocopah Indian Housing and Development Office, 10488 Steamboat Street, Somerton, AZ.

Chair McCormick called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m.

Members Present:

Chair H. Jill McCormick
Council Member Ines Pampara
Council Member Dr. Michael Reed
Council Member Christie Stevens

Council Member River Twist
Council Member Patricia R. Weissenberg

Members Present Via Conference Call:

Amanda Mahon (Honorable)

Members Absent:

Vice Chair Rev. Deal Begay
Council Member Elizabeth Renaud
Council Member Cristina Solorzano
Council Member Paul Soto

Approval of July 2nd and August 22nd, 2014 Regional Partnership Council Meeting Minutes

Dr. Reed moved to approve the minutes of the July 2nd and August 22nd, 2014, Regional Council meetings, seconded by Member Weissenberg. Motion carried.

Discussion on Quality Assurance Site Visit

Regional Director Ramirez reviewed the Quality Assurance Site Visit Process and stated that it is intended primarily to provide support and is part of a continuous quality improvement process. Currently the case load for the Home Visitation program is 36 which is more than double the targeted service units required for Home Visitation which has presented some challenges for the program.

Update on Early Steps Program

The update included home visits completed, trainings and events attended during the months of July and August of this year and challenges/barriers encountered.

Update on Arizona Early Childhood Summit

Members that attended the 2014 Arizona Early Childhood Summit shared their thoughts on the event.

Discussion on SFY2014 Quarter 4 Reporting and SFY2014 Financial Report

Target service units for the Food Security Strategy are 30 units. As of the end of the 4th quarter all 30 food vouchers had been distributed. Highlights of the Narrative report included collaboration by the Yuma Community Food Bank to present nutrition education to children and families (at least 2 events), and out of the 30 food vouchers distributed only 25 were redeemed. Food vouchers not redeemed are not carried over into SFY2015, the allocated funding remains within the region's overall allocation. Communication and collaboration has greatly improved.

The Home Visitation Strategy target service units are 15 however the actual case load is 36 families. Other areas included in the report were the number of children newly enrolled during the quarter, number of children served and number of families who received community referrals. Narrative report highlights for the Home Visitation Strategy are: increased inquiries from grandparents and elders, core group of families being served regularly, much collaboration in place to support families and regular participation in professional development by the Early Steps Specialist.

The financial report included an up to date account of expenditures for SFY2014.

Regional Director's Report

- a. Regional Council & State Board Regional Forum: September 29-30, 2014
- b. Needs and Assets Update/Next Steps: The 2014 Needs Assets Assessment was approved by the Cocopah Tribal Council. The Assessment will be up for consideration by the Board at the September 30, 2014 Board meeting.
- c. First Things First State Board Fiscal Policy Decisions: Fiscal Policy Recommendations adopted by the Board on July 22, 2014 were reviewed by Regional Director Roselia Ramirez. Allocations for regions are based on the recommendations approved by the Board. Regional Director Ramirez added that the carry forward balance will be part of the allocation as of SFY2016 and that this will help to stabilize/sustain expenditure level for strategies/programs for the next 9-15 years. Regional Director Ramirez further added that the actual amount of monies allotted for regions will probably be known by September 30th when the Board is scheduled to meet in Yuma. It is anticipated that the allocation for Cocopah will be at least a minimum of \$100,000.
- d. Strategic Planning: The Public Relations Department for the Cocopah Tribe shared some elements to consider in the strategic planning process. The strategic planning framework was reviewed by Regional Director Ramirez. The framework includes the regional assessment, prioritized needs, school readiness indicators and benchmarks, approaches to address needs and the implementation plan of the 3 year budget.
- e. Award Recognition: Service awards and recognition were given to members with 5 years of service in the Cocopah Tribe Regional Partnership Council.

Regional Council Member Announcements

There were no announcements at this time.

Next Meeting

October 1, 2014, 3:00 p.m.
Cocopah Community Center
14251 S. Centre Ave., Somerton, AZ 85350

Adjournment

Chair McCormick adjourned the meeting at 4:42 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

Marie Megui, Administrative Assistant III

APPROVED BY

H. Jill McCormick, Chair, Cocopah Tribe Regional Partnership Council

November 4, 2014

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Cocopah Tribe Regional Partnership Council

SFY 2016-2018
Strategic Direction



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Standing Committee Meeting

- Held on October 14, 2014
- Members attended: Chair, Paul Soto, Ines Pampara
- Discussion update:
 1. Highlight the importance of establishing coordinating priorities in-line with the Tribal Councils work in the region.
 2. Approaches should align with overall vision, goal of establishing a comprehensive system
 3. Approaches should be culturally sensitive and appropriate to meet regions needs.
 4. Discussion on continued and on-going communication with Tribal Council





Workgroup session

- Held on October 24, 2014
- Participants: Chair, Jill McCormick, Vice-Chair, Deal Begay, Paul Soto and River Twist
- Discussion and Recommendations:
 1. Healthy, Happy, Safe Plan continues to represent the vision of the councils strategic direction with the recommendation to have the following priorities; 1. Family Support/Health 2. Quality First! 3. School Readiness 4. Language Preservation.
 2. The focus of the councils work in advancing the system and bringing the circle together should include, Comprehensive Family Support and Education, Cocopah Collaborative, Early Literacy and Language Preservation.
 3. Unfunded approaches in the region, Cocopah Collaborative, Language Preservation, Early Literacy-Read On Community, Community Outreach and Awareness and Children's Health.
 4. The committee is recommending for funded approaches to include, Home Visitation, Food Security and Quality First Rating and Incentives.
 5. It is being recommended that adjustments are made to the Home Visitation strategy to support the allocations for these strategies.



SFY 2013-2015

Cocopah Tribe Regional Partnership Council Funding Plan Summary

Allocations and Funding Sources	2013	2014	2015
FY Allocation	\$81,766	\$67,959	\$72,373
Population Based Allocation	\$19,590	\$11,526	\$14,189
Discretionary Allocation	\$58,560	\$54,437	\$55,723
Other (FTF Fund balance addition)	\$3,616	\$1,996	\$2,461
Carry Forward From Previous Year	\$41,110	\$81,334	\$67,865
Total Regional Council Funds Available	\$122,876	\$149,293	\$140,238



SFY 2016-2018

Cocopah Tribe Regional Partnership Council

Funding Plan Summary

Allocations and Funding Sources	2016	2017	2018
FY Allocation	\$46,863	\$100,005	\$100,005
Population Based Allocation	\$7,685	\$15,569	\$15,569
Discretionary Allocation	\$39,178	\$84,436	\$84,436
Other (FTF Fund balance addition)			
Carry Forward From Previous Year	\$53,142	\$94,651	\$189,302
Total Regional Council Funds Available	\$100,005	\$194,656	\$289,307
Strategies	Proposed Allotment	Proposed Allotment	Proposed Allotment
Statewide Evaluation	\$5,354	\$5,354	\$5,354
Total	\$5,354	\$5,354	\$5,354
Total Unallotted	\$94,651	\$189,302	\$283,953

Non-
negotiable

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Total Regional Council Funds Available	\$122,876	\$149,293	\$139,560
Strategies	Allotted	Allotted	Proposed Allotment
Home Visitation	\$79,182	\$79,182	\$90,182
Food Security	\$750	\$750	\$750
Parent Outreach and Awareness	\$11,674	\$1,700	\$1,700
Quality First	\$4,627	-	-
Quality First Assessment		\$6,600	
Quality First Coaching & Incentives		\$1,932	
Statewide Evaluation	\$955	\$1,065	\$4,947
Total	\$97,188	\$91,229	\$97,579
Total Unallotted	\$25,688	\$58,064	\$41,982

Identification of Unfunded Approaches

System Levers

Context Changing the political environment that surrounds the system and affects its success

Include Title(s) of approach(es)

Components Establishing high-performing and quality programs and services

Include Title(s) of approach(es)

Connections Creating strong and effective linkage across the system

Include Title(s) of approach(es)

Infrastructure Developing the supports the system needs to function effectively and with quality

Include Title(s) of approach(es)

Scale Ensuring the system is comprehensive and works for all children

Include Title(s) of approach(es)



Healthy, Happy, Safe Plan

- Active Parents/Community
- Skills to support early development
- Education on health
- Education/Literacy a priority

**Family Support/
Health**

Priority 1

- Support Site- 4 stars!
- Incentives
- Professional Development

**Quality
First!**

Priority 2

Cocopah



Collaborative

Priority 4

**Language
Preservation**

- Develop questionnaire
- Increase awareness
- Build capacity

Priority 3

**School
Readiness**

- Infuse Early Literacy/Read On Community
- Education as a priority
- Collaborations and Partnerships

Cocopah Indian Tribe

Healthy Happy Safe Plan-Bringing the Circle Together

Focus	Partners	SRI's	Impact to system
<p><u>Comprehensive Family Support and Education:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> education and activities to promote active parents, children and community education on health issues relevant to the community Education and children become a priority! Increase community awareness on FTF 	<p>Early Steps Program Head Start Indian Health Services Somerton School District Cocopah Tribal Council Tribal Administration/Leadership Cocopah Tribe RPC</p>	<p>%/# of children demonstrating school readiness at kindergarten entry in the development of domains of social-emotional, language and literacy, cognitive, and motor and physical</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Awareness of health issues impacting children's healthy development Decrease in obesity, diabetics and other health issues Decrease in truancy Parents equipped to support children with academic success Comprehensive and holistic approach to providing services, everyone working together
<p><u>Cocopah Collaborative:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitate system building 	<p>Cocopah Tribe RPC Early Steps Program Head Start Education Department Social Services Wellness Department</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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children are prepared, learn to read, love to read, improved AIMS scores and graduation rates Development of culturally appropriate means to preserve the native language Support from community and involvement
<p><u>Early Literacy:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Infuse and support for early literacy Read On Community Collaborations and Partnerships 	<p>Cocopah RPC Yuma United Way Head Start Early Steps Program Education Department Community Center</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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children are prepared, learn to read, love to read, improved AIMS scores and graduation rates Development of culturally appropriate means to preserve the native language Support from community and involvement
<p><u>Language Preservation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of family questionnaire Increase awareness and build capacity to support 	<p>Cocopah RPC Cocopah Tribal Council Cultural Center Museum Head Start Early Steps Program Cocopah Elder</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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children are prepared, learn to read, love to read, improved AIMS scores and graduation rates Development of culturally appropriate means to preserve the native language Support from community and involvement

Cocopah Tribe Regional Partnership SYF 2016-2018 Strategic Direction

Regional Priority Needs to be Addressed	School Readiness Indicators and Regional Benchmark Aligned with the needs and priority roles	FTF Priority Roles In the Early Childhood System	SFY 2016-2018 Approaches	
			Unfunded Approaches	Funded Approaches
Parent education and family support that is culturally sensitive and specific to the needs of families and caregivers.	#/% children demonstrating school readiness at kindergarten entry in the development domains of social-emotional, language and literacy, cognitive, and motor and physical % of families who report they are competent and confident about their ability to support their child's safety, health and well being	Supports and Services for Families	Cocopah Collaboration	Home Visitation \$87,702.00
			Language Preservation	Food Security \$750.00
Access to high quality early care and education.	#/% of children enrolled in an early care and education program with a Quality First rating of 3-5 stars	Quality, Access, and Affordability of Regulated Early Care and Education Settings	Early Literacy-Read On Community	Quality First Rating and Incentives \$6,199.00
			Community Outreach and Awareness	Statewide Evaluation \$5,354.00
			Children's Health	

