



Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
Regional Partnership Council



Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health
Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
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Meeting Minutes November 6, 2012 Regional Council Meeting

Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community was held on November 6, 2012. The meeting was held at the Two Waters Building A, Wi:Hom Conference Room, 10061 East Osborne Road, Scottsdale, Arizona 85256.

The meeting was called to order by Regional Council Chair Loring at approximately 11:36 a.m.

Members Present

Chair Virginia Loring, Vice Chair Chris McIntier, Toni Harvier, Ron Ransom, Michelle Jameson, Deana Washington and Joyce Helmuth

Members Absent

Lance Silverhorn, Frances Kaplan, Caroline Sekaquaptewa

Members of the Public

No members of the public attended.

Invocation

Invocation was done by Regional Director Darlene Vinarskai.

Call to the Public

There was no Call to the Public.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Vice Chair McIntier moved to approve the consent agenda. Council Member Helmuth seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

2014 Funding Plan

Regional Director Vinarskai reviewed the amounts for each strategy that the Council previously identified and discussed at the last meeting. The SFY2014 Funding Plan budget was displayed on the screen by Fiscal Specialist, Dana Browning.

Regional Director Vinarskai informed the Regional Council that the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Early Childhood Education Center was in the middle of their last Quality First assessment and a rating had not yet been issued.



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Regional Director Vinarskai also informed that Council that the Salt River Education Department was able to secure additional funding to cover the First Things First 10-Month Pre-Kindergarten Program, therefore, the Regional Partnership Council does not have to fund this strategy in SFY2014.

All Council Members agreed that this shows the partnership and efforts of First Things First and the Tribe to work together to meet the needs in the Community.

Director Vinarskai explained that there is still a need to fund the Summer Transition program; however, because the Regional Council would no longer be funding Pre-Kindergarten, they would no longer be required to participate in the Quality First program.

Regional Director Vinarskai asked for input and discussion surrounding participation in Quality First. Council Member Ransom reiterated to the Regional Council some of the issues he had experienced with Quality First from the last meeting and stated that he submitted a letter of concern to the Quality First Coordinator, as well as, the First Things First Chief Executive Officer, Rhian Evans Alvin. After further discussion, the Council decided not to participate in the Quality First Program in SFY2014 but agreed to re-evaluate the decision in the future.

Council Member Chris McIntier presented information on the need to increase the Parent Education Strategy in 2014 based on increased attendance and waiting lists.

The Council reviewed information from the 2014 Needs and Assets Report, School Readiness Indicators, First Things First Priority Roles and Regional Priorities. In addition, discussion took place on adding a new Home Visitation Strategy and the need to reach those families with young children who are not receiving services.

The Regional Council motioned and voted on the following items:

Chris McIntier made a motion that the First Things First Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Regional Partnership Council approves the **Community Awareness Strategy** for State Fiscal Year 2014 in the amount of **\$4,000**. *This will be a First Things First Directed Strategy.* Motion seconded by Council Member Ransom, unanimously approved.

Joyce Helmuth made a motion that the First Things First Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Regional Partnership Council approves the **Food Security Strategy** for State Fiscal Year 2014 in the amount of **\$10,000**. *This will be a Government to Government Agreement with the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.* Motion seconded by Council Member Harvier, unanimously approved.

Toni Harvier made a motion that the First Things First Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Regional Partnership Council approves the **Mental Health Consultation Strategy** for State Fiscal Year 2014 in the amount of **\$30,750**. Motion seconded by Council Member Helmuth, unanimously approved.



Ron Ransom made a motion that the First Things First Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Regional Partnership Council approves the **Native Language Enrichment Strategy** for State Fiscal Year 2014 in the amount of **\$5,000**. *This will be a First Things First Directed Strategy.* Motion seconded by Council Vice Chair McIntier, unanimously approved.

Deana Washington made a motion that the First Things First Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Regional Partnership Council approves the **Parent Education Community-Based Training Strategy** for State Fiscal Year 2014 in the amount of **\$98,315**. *This will be a Government to Government Agreement with the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.* Motion seconded by Council Member Ransom, unanimously approved.

Chris McIntier made a motion that the First Things First Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Regional Partnership Council approves the **Parent Outreach and Awareness Strategy** for State Fiscal Year 2014 in the amount of **\$ 3,000**. Motion seconded by Council Member Helmuth, unanimously approved.

Toni Harvier made a motion that the First Things First Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Regional Partnership Council approved the **Summer Transition Strategy** for State Fiscal Year 2014 in the amount of **\$18,000**. *This will be a Government to Government Agreement with the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.* Motion seconded by Council Member Washington, unanimously approved.

Ron Ransom made a motion that the First Things First Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Regional Partnership Council approves the **Reach Out and Read Strategy** for State Fiscal Year 2014 in the amount of **\$1,500**. Motion seconded by Council Member Harvier, unanimously approved.

Deana Washington made a motion that the First Things First Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Regional Partnership Council approves the **TEACH Scholarship Strategy** for State Fiscal Year 2014 in the amount of **\$16,500**. Motion seconded by Council Member Ransom, unanimously approved.

Chris McIntier made a motion that the First Things First Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Regional Partnership Council approves the **Home Visitation Strategy** for State Fiscal Year 2014 in the amount of **\$160,000**. Motion seconded by Council Member Helmuth, unanimously approved.

Joyce Helmuth made a motion that the First Things First Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Regional Partnership Council approves the removal of Oral Health funds in SFY2013 in the amount of **\$5000** and bring the amount to the carry forward balance. Motion seconded by Council Vice Chair McIntier, unanimously approved.



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Regional Director Updates

- Chief Executive Officer for First Things First, Rhian Evans, will be attending the Regional Council Meeting in April
- Council Chair Loring will be featured in the First Things First November Newsletter
- Roll out plan for the Needs and Assets Report will be discussed at the January meeting
- Council agreed to not have a meeting in December

Regional Partnership Council Member Updates

- Vice Chair McIntier announced that the Library will be conducting a Baby Massage in December and again in February.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:29 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

Joel Spurlock, Administrative Assistant II

Approved: _____
Virginia Loring, Chair