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

Call to Order

The meeting of the First Things First – Cocopah Tribe Regional Partnership Council was held on November 6, 2013, at 3:00 p.m. at the Cocopah Community Center.

Chair McCormick called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

Members Present:

Chair H. Jill McCormick
Vice Chair Rev. Deal Begay
Council Member Dr. Michael Reed
Council Member Christie Stevens
Council Member Gina Nierenhausen
Council Member Ines Pampara
Council Member Paul Soto

Members Absent:

Council Member Patricia R. Weissenberg
Council Member Cristina Solorzano

Approval of September 4, 2013 Regional Partnership Council Meeting Minutes

Member Soto moved to approve the minutes of the September 4, 2013, Regional Council meeting. Edits to the minutes were noted. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Begay, and the motion carried by a unanimous vote by all members.

FY2015 Allocation

Regional Director Roselia Ramirez engaged the Regional Council in a discussion of the FY2015 Allocations for the Cocopah Tribe Regional Partnership Council. Areas of discussion included a brief review of the three year funding cycle and review of the Statewide FY13 Year End Report, FY14 Budget Update and FY15 Budget Setting-Regional Allocations and Statewide Funding.

Funding Plan Workgroup Recommendations

The following was the consensus of the Regional Council as recommended by the Funding Plan Workgroup. The selected option will:

- Increase the Home Visitation Strategy by \$10,400. This amount includes an hourly salary of \$10 per hour for 20 hours at **52 weeks** for the addition of a part-time employee to support this strategy.

Regional Director Ramirez will continue to research the blending of funds outside of First Things First funding that may help support the additional support staff to the Early Steps Specialist into a permanent/full time position.

Early Steps Program Update

Early Steps Specialist Lupi Rojas provided a brief update on the Early Steps Program. The update included up to date barriers, successes and trainings attended by Ms. Rojas.

Discussion on Standing Committee

A review of the purpose and function of the Standing Committee and its role was provided by Regional Director Ramirez.

2014 Needs and Assets Report

Regional Director Roselia Ramirez engaged the Regional Council on a discussion pertaining to the framework of the data plan for the 2014 Needs and Assets Report. The Face to Face Survey was also an area of discussion by the Regional Council. The Standing Committee plans to meet (date and time to be determined) and discuss appropriate questions to be used in the format of the survey that will provide pertinent and relevant information necessary from the community and parents.

Debrief on Chair/Vice Chair Forum

The Chair/Vice Chair Forum was held on October 10, Phoenix, AZ. Topics of discussion at the forum included but were not limited to: the allocation of funds to regional councils by the state board which included the ability to use a portion of the projected unexpended dollars from FY14, funding plan, budgets, public and private partnerships and the council surveys.

Regional Director's Report

The Regional Director's Report included a financial expenditure summary which included monies allotted, awarded and expended and system building collaboration efforts on behalf of Cocopah Day Care, Cocopah Head Start and Cocopah Social Services Department.

An application for membership was received for the Cocopah Tribe Regional Partnership Council. Interviews were conducted on October 30, 2013. Recommendations will go before the Board for consideration at the December 9-10, 2013 Board meeting. If approved the current vacancy of Educator Seat will be filled.

Announcements

Official Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the unveiling of the Steamboat Park located on the Cocopah West Reservation, Wednesday, November 13, 2013, 10:00 a.m.

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting will occur on Wednesday, December 4, 2013, 12:00 p.m. Cocopah Indian Housing and Development 10488 Steamboat Street, Somerton, AZ.

Adjournment

Chair McCormick adjourned the meeting at 4:58 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:



Marie Megui, Administrative Assistant III

APPROVED BY



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

December 4, 2013