

# FIRST THINGS FIRST

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## ARIZONA EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT & HEALTH BOARD

### NORTH PHOENIX REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The regular meeting of the First Things First North Phoenix Regional Partnership Council; Arizona Early Childhood Development and Health Board was held on Tuesday, November 8, 2011 in the Governing Board Room at the Washington Elementary School District located at 4650 West Sweetwater, Glendale, Arizona 85304

Chair Cindy Hallman called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

**Members Present:** Cindy Hallman, Chair; Barbara Nicol, At Large; James Emch, At Large; Mindy Zapata, Child Care Provider; Billy Thrall, At Large; Connie Robinson, Vice Chair; Bill Adams, School Administrator;

**Member Present by Phone:** Jenna Goad, Parent Member.

**Members Not Present:** Willette Watts, Faith Based

**Quorum:** Established.

**Staff Present:** Karen Yearwood, Regional Director; Briggetta Hawks, Administrative Assistant; Marlene Moreno, Community Outreach Coordinator; Kelley Murphy, Senior Health Policy Specialist; Kathy Rice, Lead Fiscal Specialist; Lindsay Kaid, Fiscal Specialist; Tracey Craig, Senior Director.

Due to the possibility of losing quorum, Chair Hallman moved the agenda out of order so that the Council could vote on the 2011 Funding Plan Recommendations up for consideration.

4. **2012 FUNDING PLAN: REVIEW & POSSIBLE VOTE:** Provided in Council packets was information pertaining to item #4 and included an overview of the 2012 funding plan, and the final closeout data for funding plan year 2011 which includes un-allotted, un-awarded, and un-expended funds. The Council expressed their concerns around getting the funds out in this fiscal year by providing additional scholarships. Staff was asked by the Council to provide recommendations for getting funds out. The initial recommendation was to increase two statewide contracts: Quality First Scholarships, and Quality First Programs. A request was then made by the Council to look at the possibility of increasing regional contracts. The recommendation by the Regional Director is to increase the number of scholarships and change the age eligibility requirements for scholarships from 3-5 to 0-5.

Members James Emch, Mindy Zapata, and Vice Chair Cindy Hallman declared conflicts. With the current conflicts, there are only five members left to vote.

Senior Director Tracey Craig advised that Member Willette Watts who is absent from the meeting works for Arizona Department of Education and also has a conflict. The Council can invoke the rule of impossibility for this instance and the remaining members without conflicts can vote. It was the decision of the Council to invoke the rule of impossibility. Vice Chair Connie Robinson took over the position of Chair as Chair Hallman declared conflict.

**Recommendation 1 is as follows:**

1. To double the number of Quality First Scholarship slots available from 245 to 490 effective January 1, 2012.
2. Increase the number of teen scholarships from 46 to 100 effective January 1, 2012.
3. Expand eligibility for scholarships to 0-5 year olds effective January 1, 2012.

The additional cost to increase the number of scholarships and expand the eligibility to 0-5 year olds is: \$1,746,946.00. Upon further discussion, the Council decided to increase the scholarships to \$2,500,000.00.

**Motion:** Member Bill Adams moved to increase the allotment for Quality First Scholarships by \$2,500,000.00, second by Member Billy Thrall, all in favor, no discussion; motion carried.

**Motion:** Member Jenna Goad moved to expand the eligibility criteria for scholarships to birth through five, second by Member Bill Adams, all in favor, no discussion; motion carried.

**Motion:** Member Jenna Goad moved to reserve a total of 100 Quality First Scholarships for the Teen Parent Program in SFY 2012, second by Member Bill Adams, all in favor, no discussion; motion carried.

**Recommendation 2 is as follows:**

There are 82 centers and 22 homes currently enrolled in Quality First. Slots have been reserved for 16 centers and 11 homes to be filled in December, March and May. However, the current waitlist has 20 centers and only 2 homes. The recommendation is that the Council exchange 9 of the home slots on the waitlist for centers. This will allow 9 additional centers to be brought into the Quality First program in December. The increased cost for this recommendation:

Total cost of reducing the 9 slots for homes:	\$191,250.00
Total cost of adding 9 Quality First Centers:	<u>\$ 288,900.00</u>
Additional Funds Needed:	\$ 97,650.00

- Changes to Funding Plan Line Items
  - Add \$85,950.00 in Quality First
  - Add \$11,700.00 in T.E.A.C.H.

Karen pointed out that the Council may not see the additional funds needed expended in SFY 2012 because of the time that it takes to bring on a Center into Quality First.

Member Thrall would like the Council to consider the twenty centers on the waitlist for the next funding plan cycle coming up taking into account capacity issues and funding availability.

Senior Health Policy Specialist Kelley Murphy was called upon to clarify capacity and funding questions surrounding Quality First and questions related to T.E.A.C.H.

**Motion:** Member Billy Thrall moved to increase the allotment in the Quality First Strategy by \$85,950.00 in order to add nine Quality First Centers in SFY2012, second by Member Barb Nicol, all in favor, no discussion; motion carried.

**Motion:** Member Bill Adams moved to increase the allotment in the T.E.A.C.H. Strategy by \$11,700.00 in order to add nine Quality First Centers in SFY 2012, second by Member Barb Nicol, all in favor, no discussion; motion carried.

**Recommendation 3 is as follows:**

Enhance the 2012 Needs and Assets Report being done by Applied Survey Research. Director Yearwood requested that the Council consider adding the component of a Data to Action Session in the amount of \$8,000.00. The purpose of the Data Session is when the written report is received; Applied Survey Research Staff will meet with community members, grantees, and Council Members to discuss the data in detail.

**Motion:** Member Bill Adams moved to use un-allotted dollars to increase funding for the 2012 Needs and Assets report by an additional \$8,000.00 to cover the cost of adding the component of a Data Action Session, second by Vice Chair Connie Robinson, all in favor, no discussion; motion carried.

**5. FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER RFGA (Review & Possible Vote):** Vice Chair Connie Robinson moved to go into executive session to discuss the Family Resource Center Request for Grant Application, second by Member Billy Thrall, all in favor, no discussion; motion carried. Council in executive session at 5:20 pm.

**Motion:** Member James Emch moved to close the executive session, second by Member Billy Thrall, all in favor, no discussion; motion carried. Council back into regular session at 5:36 pm. Member Jenna Goad who was on the phone disconnected.

2. **CONSENT AGENDA:** Included in an e-packet prior to the meeting was the regular meeting minutes of October 11, 2011 for consideration.

**Motion:** Member Bill Adams moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of October 11, 2011, second by Member Mindy Zapata, all in favor, no discussion; motion carried.

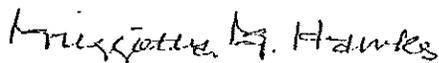
3. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC:** None

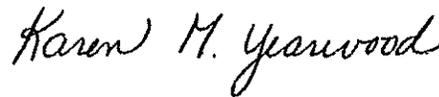
6. **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:** Workgroup session meeting immediately following a five minute break.

7. **ADJOURNMENT:** Member Bill Adams moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 5:40 pm, second by Member Billy Thrall, all in favor, no discussion; motion carried.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

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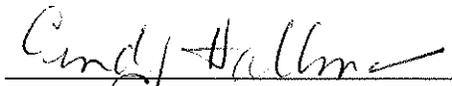




Briggotta Hawks, Administrative Assistant

Karen M. Yearwood, Regional Director

COUNCIL APPROVAL

  
Cindy Hallman, Chair