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**Arizona Early Childhood Development and Health Board
Hualapai Tribe Regional Partnership Council
Meeting Minutes**

Call to Order/Roll Call

The regular meeting of the First Things First Hualapai Tribe Regional Partnership Council was held on November 12, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. at the Hualapai Health, Education and Wellness Center in Peach Springs, Arizona, 86434.

Members Present

Dr. Anthony Perkins, Chair; Darren Hudak, Vice Chair; Leon Ghahate; Charlene Imus; Reverend Pete Imus; Sandra Irwin; Barbara Tinhorn and Lucille Watahomigie

Member Absent

Zavier Benson and Omaovensi Coochwytewa

Chair Perkins called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m. Members, staff and guests introduced themselves. First Things First staff members present included Chief Executive Officer Sam Leyvas, Chief Regional Officer Michelle Katona, and Senior Director of Tribal Affairs Candida Hunter.

Declarations of Conflict of Interest

Chair Perkins asked Regional Director Ashley Pascual to explain the agenda item. Regional Director Pascual requested members review the agenda for potential conflicts. There were no conflicts of interest declared at this time.

Call to the Public

There were no responses to the call to the public.

Regional Partnership Council Member Announcements

Chair Perkins announced that parents are invited to a luncheon at the school on November 25. He also announced the Arizona's Instrument to Measure Standards (AIMS) test has been replaced with the Arizona's Measurement of Education Readiness to Inform Teaching (AZ Merit) test.

Member Irwin announced a one-day health workshop will be presented by the Maternal Child Health program on November 18.

Member Watahomigie announced the community Thanksgiving dinner will be November 24 at 3:00 p.m.

Possible Approval of October 8, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Member Watahomigie made a motion to approve the October 8, 2014 meeting minutes. Member Irwin seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

First Things First Update and Regional Council Member Recognition

Sam Leyvas, First Things First Chief Executive Officer spoke about his desire to get out into the regions to build relationships, as well as his mission to continue raising awareness. He spoke briefly about the Tribal Consultation, and the upcoming Faith Forum. Mr. Leyvas presented certificates and pins to regional council members celebrating their first year of service, and noted he welcomes input from all members.

SFY2016-2018 Strategic Funding Plan Recommendations

Reverend Imus declared a conflict of interest and recused himself from the discussion. Regional Director Pascual reviewed the discussion from the last meeting regarding the focus areas of the Hualapai Journey. Director Pascual reviewed the challenges and assets that were highlighted in the recently completed Needs and Assets report, and explained how these correlate with the three new regional priorities identified last month. After reviewing the allocation summary and the funding plan recommendations, Director Pascual led a discussion about the target service units for each strategy. The regional council discussed the home visitation strategy and the regional council's desire to ensure all children receive developmental and sensory screenings. The consensus was to refocus the home visitation strategy and increase the target service number for the secondary strategy of developmental and sensory screenings to 60 children receiving screenings. The regional council supported the recommendation to increase to two the Quality First Rating Only sites, and to add nutrition education to the eventual scope of work for the food security strategy. It was stressed that collaboration and partnerships will be important. Director Pascual will present the recommendations to Tribal Council at their December meeting, with final request for approval at the regional council's December meeting.

Parent Awareness and Community Outreach Report

Community Outreach Coordinator Erin Taylor requested that Maternal Child Health Coordinator Vivian Parker review the upcoming health workshop agenda. Coordinator Taylor then shared the First Things First radio commercials from the statewide campaign, and announced that they will be airing on the Peach radio station. Reverend Imus will record an introduction for the commercials on EPCH, which will begin transmitting on FM by the end of the year.

Regional Director's Report

Director Pascual reviewed the current expenditures, noting numbers are where they should be at this time. Director Pascual provided regional updates and reviewed upcoming events, including the annual Infant and Toddler Mental Health Symposium in Lake Havasu City February 9-10, 2015, and the First Things First Early Childhood Summit August 24-25, 2015.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is December 10, 2014 at the Peach Springs Unified School District.

Adjournment

Chair Perkins adjourned the meeting at 4:31 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:



Sandy Smith, Administrative Assistant



Dr. Anthony Perkins, Chair