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

Call to Order/Welcome

The regular meeting of the First Things First Hualapai Tribe Regional Partnership Council was held on November 13, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. at the Hualapai Health, Education and Wellness Center, 488 Hualapai Way, Peach Springs, Arizona 86434.

Members Present

Omaovensí Coochwytewa; Candida Hunter, Vice Chair; Charlene Imus and Dr. Anthony Perkins
Darren Hudak and Sandra Irwin participated telephonically

Members Excused

Reverend Pete Imus, Chair and Lucille Watahomigie

Members Unexcused

Joyce Holgate

Vice Chair Hunter called the meeting to order at 11:17 a.m. and welcomed Member Coochwytewa.

Regional Partnership Council Member Announcements

Vice Chair Hunter did not ask for announcements, due to the brief time members would be available to maintain quorum for the other agenda items.

Quality First Presentation and Discussion

Regional Director Ashley Pascual gave a brief presentation on Quality First, a First Things First signature program administered at the state level. The Quality First program provides support to help providers increase their level of quality. Leslie Totten, Quality First Program Coordinator, commented that there are almost 900 early care and education providers in Quality First in Arizona, and a new website, www.qualityfirstaz.com is a great resource available to assist families and providers with recognizing and/or developing quality care. Director Pascual noted that from 2009 – 2012, the Hualapai Head Start participated in Quality First. There was discussion regarding whether Quality First could benefit the Hualapai Tribe, due to the intensive focus and personalized attention the program provides. Member Imus shared that the Arizona Town Hall she recently attended lauded the Quality First program.

Discussion and Possible Action on the Fiscal Year 2015 Regional Funding Plan

Director Pascual reviewed First Things First's FY 2013 ending balances, and explained that the State Board has approved a new approach to the use of the carry forward balance. The new method will enable the Regional Partnership Council to use 10% of their total allocation in planning next year's funding without waiting for the previous year's reconciliation.

Vice Chair Hunter presented the Funding Plan Workgroup recommendations for Fiscal Year 2015. Changes include decreasing the food security strategy, funding the native language preservation strategy to phase into implementation of a language program, and eliminating the TEACH scholarships strategy. The recommendation for the remaining strategies was to maintain

the original intent. Dr. Perkins asked about the unexpended and planned carry forward dollars. Director Pascual clarified that once funding is allocated to a region, it stays with the region. Vice Chair Hunter made a motion to accept the funding plan recommendations as presented and to have a draft for final approval at the December meeting. Member Coochwytewa seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

FTF Tribal Data Partnership Work

Ina Perez, Tribal Data Partnership Coordinator explained her role in working with the tribes on data collection. She will serve as liaison between the Regional Partnership Council, tribal entities and First Things First personnel to ensure data security and protection.

Community Outreach Update

Director Pascual noted that the update is presented as a handout included in the meeting packets.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held December 11, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. at the Hualapai Department of Cultural Resources. Director Pascual informed the Regional Partnership Council that there will be a presentation of the native language preservation books at that meeting.

Adjourn

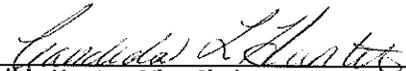
Vice Chair Hunter adjourned the meeting at 11:57 a.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:



Sandy Smith, Administrative Assistant



Candida Hunter, Vice Chair