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

Call to Order/ Welcome

The meeting of the First Things First – Hualapai Tribe Regional Partnership Council was held on **October 10, 2012** at 9:00 a.m. at the Hualapai Health, Education and Wellness Center, at 488 Hualapai Way, in Peach Springs, Arizona, 86434.

Chair Imus called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

Members Present

Reverend Pete Imus, Chair; Candida Hunter, Vice Chair; Joyce Holgate; Charlene Imus; Sandra Irwin; Helen J. W. Querta

Member Excused

Lucille Watahomigie

Members Absent

Madelena Cesspooch; Scott Dunsmore

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Member Hunter made a motion to approve the August 24, 2012 regular meeting minutes. Member Irwin seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Call to the Public

There were no responses to the Call to the Public.

Regional Partnership Council Member Updates and Announcements

The Regional Council members discussed the child car seat giveaway prompted by the new law that is based on the age and weight of the child. Member Holgate announced that the giveaway went well, and many seats were dispersed. There are still seats remaining that will accommodate children up to 100 pounds; however, the need for seats that properly support newborn children's heads remains.

Report from Chairs/Vice Chairs Leadership Forum

Chair Imus reported that most of the day was spent discussing First Things First funding and the options that the Regional Partnership Councils will be able to plan to use. Chair Imus mentioned that a lot of information was covered and Director Pascual will elaborate further.

Presentation and Discussion on T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood Arizona

Two staff members from the Association for Supportive Child Care, Elaine Bradford, Program Coordinator, and Rhonda Etsitty, T.E.A.C.H. Specialist, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the T.E.A.C.H. scholarship program.

Discussion and Possible Action on FY2014 Funding Plan Recommendation

The Funding Plan Workgroup, which includes Director Pascual and Chair Imus and Vice Chair Hunter, met in September to prepare the FY2014 funding plan recommendations for Regional Council consideration. They recommend keeping the three school readiness indicators chosen by the Regional Council last year during the three year strategic direction planning. The Regional Council members discussed the need for the resources/services that are available to work together better. Director Pascual shared the positive financial situation for First Things First, including a presentation of the Board's carry forward policy with regard to the reason and

purpose for the fund balance that exists. Director Pascual further explained that the recommendation from the funding plan workgroup includes increasing the funding and sustaining that funding level for the maternal child health support (home visitation strategy). The recommendation also includes continuing funding the T.E.A.C.H. scholarships and the statewide evaluation obligation. The Regional Council discussed the status of the Native Language Preservation strategy, and that the Native Language and the Early Care Expansion strategies were remaining within the strategic plan, however both have \$0 allotted in the recommendation for FY2014. Member Irwin made a motion to approve the FY2014 funding plan recommendation as presented. Member Holgate seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion on Regional Partnership Council Member Attendance

The members reviewed the attendance policy in the governance policy manual as well as the attendance record for the Regional Council. Chair Imus noted that Member Cesspooch had been absent for at least three meetings, which is in violation of the policy. The Regional Council further reviewed the policy, which explains that the Chair would contact any Member with an attendance issue. The Regional Council also engaged in a conversation around recruitment and members agreed to contact potential candidates.

Possible Approval of Hualapai Governance Policy Manual

No changes were recommended in the governance policies. Vice Chair Hunter made a motion to approve the Hualapai Governance Policy Manual. Member Holgate seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Regional Director’s Report

- a. Board Update – Director Pascual reported the Board approved the Regional Needs and Assets Report, as well as the finance policy as discussed previously.
- b. Regional Update – Director Pascual reported that she and Reverend Imus presented to the newly elected Tribal Council and they were very welcoming to First Things First. The Tribal Council also approved the printing and distribution of the First Things First Hualapai Tribe Regional Needs and Assets Report.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on November 14, 2012, at 9:00 a.m. at the Peach Springs Unified School District, 403 Diamond Creek Road, Peach Springs, Arizona 86434.

Adjourn

Chair Imus adjourned the meeting at 10:47 a.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

Sandy Smith, Administrative Assistant

Reverend Pete Imus, Chair