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Meeting Minutes November 15, 2011 Regional Council Meeting

Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community was held on November 15, 2011. The Meeting was held at the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Education Board Room located at 4815 Center Street, Scottsdale, Arizona 85256.

The meeting was called to order by Regional Council Chair Harvier at approximately 5:43 p.m.

Members Present

Toni Harvier, Chris McIntier, Joyce Helmuth, Frances Kaplan, Virginia Loring, Lance Silverhorn, Deana Washington, and Martina Ashley

Members Absent

Ron Ransom, Rene Murphy, and Caroline Sekaquaptewa

Members of the Public

Two members of the public attended.

Invocation

Council Member Silverhorn gave the invocation.

Call to the Public

Carla Sahr with the Association for Supportive Child Care T.E.A.C.H. Arizona addressed the Regional Council and stated that the Central Maricopa Regional Partnership Council will no longer be gifting ten scholarships to the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Partnership Council and that the cost for the Council to fund those scholarships would be \$33,000. One scholarship would actually fund seven CDAs, and some scholars may only use nine of the 15 hours allotted per scholarship. She stated that the first CDA scholar had just signed paperwork that afternoon.

Alicia Haley with Even Start discussed the program for parents who take parent education classes in conjunction with GED and Accelerated Learning Academy (ALA) classes the parents presently take while their children are in child care with the Early Childhood Education Center. The program also includes home visitation. She stated that the federal grant will be ending. It is presently in the third year of a four year grant and is not being renewed.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Vice Chair McIntier moved to approve the consent agenda. Council Member Kaplan seconded. Motion was approved unanimously, with the exception of Council Member Washington who was not yet present.

2012 Parent Education Community Based Training Strategy



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Regional Director Vinarskai stated that there is a parent conference under the Parent Education Community Based Training contract. Additional funding is needed for the conference in the amount of \$2,000 and the facilitators will also be participating in training which requires two Brain Boxes at the cost of \$1,600 each for a total cost for all three of \$5,200. The 2012 allotment to the parent education community-based strategy is \$32,000 of which \$21,400 had been awarded, leaving \$10,600 available.

Chair Harvier asked all Council members to declare any conflicts which they might have prior to any actions taking place at today's meeting. Let the record reflect that Council Member Washington is now present. All members of the Council with the exception of Council Member Loring state that they have a conflict in that they work for the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. At this time, Chair Harvier invoked the Rule of Impossibility pursuant to Rule 8.8 of the Open Meeting Law Handbook.

Council Member Loring moved to amend the parent education community-based training contract to add \$5,200 for FY2012. The motion was seconded by Council Member Silverhorn and passed unanimously.

2012 Funding Plan

Regional Director Vinarskai explained the various items in FY2012 that had been allotted but will not be spent; namely, recommendations to remove the \$3,000 amount from the needs and assets line item, because the extra funds were not deemed necessary by the needs and assets committee. Additionally, for community awareness, to reduce the amount from \$20,000 to \$10,000; and for nutrition and obesity, to amend the allotment from \$25,000 to zero due to the fact that the subcommittee did not find any entity that wanted to fund another fitness program for the Community as there were already existing fitness programs. The final change would be for the Pre-K scholarships to reduce the amount from \$209,000 to \$190,768, to reflect the awarded amount. The total for these amendments which would then be added to the carry-forward would be \$56,232.

Council Member Helmuth moved to amend needs and assets funding from \$3,000 to zero for FY2012. Council member McIntier seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Council Member McIntier moved to remove \$10,000 from the community awareness line item, changing the allotment from \$20,000 to \$10,000 for FY2012. The motion was seconded by Council Member Helmuth, and passed unanimously. Council Member Kaplan moved to remove the amount of \$25,000 from the nutrition obesity/physical activity line item, changing the allotment from \$25,000 to zero for FY2012. The motion was seconded by Council Member Loring, and passed unanimously. Council Member Loring moved to remove the amount of \$18,232 from the Pre-K scholarship line item, changing the allotment to \$190,768, reflecting the awarded amount for FY2012. The motion was seconded by Council Member Helmuth and passed unanimously.

2013 Funding Plan

Regional Director Vinarskai referred the Regional Council members to the Priority Needs, Indicator and Strategies attachment in the packet. Discussion took place as to the wording of Priority Need #6, and the Council agreed to change the wording to "Increase awareness and utilization of all health promotion and wellness programs among populations not enrolled in the Early Childhood Education Center or other early childhood programs." The attachment also showed the indicators which relate to the needs, and the current strategies which are being used to address the identified needs.

Regional Director Vinarskai referred the Council members to the Funding Plan Summary. Discussion took place regarding the cost for child care for parent education classes, increased costs for pay increases and summer stipends for Pre-K scholarships. Funding for Even Start was discussed, with Council Member stating



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that the federal grant would end in September, 2012; therefore, the period to be funded would be from October 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013. The total annual program cost is \$200,000. She said that services could be continued with one staff person at an estimated annual cost of \$60,000. Regional Director Vinarskai noted that due to changes to FY2012 funding as well as proposed current FY2013 funding, there would now be a surplus at the end of FY2015 versus a deficit. Council Member Ashley stated she did not feel she had enough information to make a decision without further information. In response to a question, it was explained that if the Council did not allocate all of their funds, the funds would still stay with this region. It was also explained that there would most likely be unexpended funds in future years. Discussion also took place regarding funding the T.E.A.C.H. scholarships. Council Member stated that although there are presently seven scholarships pending, at least three or four of them are CDAs. Council Member Loring stated that she would also like more financial information before making a decision. Council Member McIntier stated that she felt strongly about funding the Even Start parent education classes and also felt that the amount needed for T.E.A.C.H. scholarships would be less than requested and recommended that the amount of T.E.A.C.H. scholarships be reduced to five scholarships for a total of \$16,500.

Regional Council members agreed to meet again on November 29, 2011 from 11:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M. at Two Waters with the exact meeting room to be determined. Council members stated that they would like the financial information regarding Even Start, T.E.A.C.H. and Pre-K Scholarships from Council Member McIntier for the next meeting. Council Member Ashley asked Regional Director Vinarskai to revise the Priorities, Indicators and Strategies sheet to reflect 2013 strategies and amounts.

Regional Director's Report

- Regional Director Vinarskai stated that six of the Regional Council member terms will be ending at the end of June 2012 and that members simply need to reapply if they wish to stay on the Council for another term.
- Regional Director Vinarskai stated that Chief Executive Office Rhian Evans Allvin will be sending out a letter to Tribal leaders asking if they wish to continue to have a separate regional partnership council or not. If no response is received, it will stay the same as present.
- The Big Check presentation will be held tomorrow at 5:00 P.M. at the Tribal Council meeting.

Council Member Updates

- It was noted that the parent focus groups went very well.
- Council Member Washington stated the Family Advocacy Center will be holding a training Thursday morning regarding psychiatric effects of abuse.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

Caitlyn Hollins, Administrative Assistant III

Approved:
Toni Harvier, Regional Council Chair