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Meeting Minutes October 21, 2014 Regional Council Meeting

Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community was held on October 21, 2014 at the Two Waters Building A, Lightning Room, 10061 East Osborn Road, Scottsdale, Arizona 85256.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Loring at approximately 11:35 a.m.

Chair Loring welcomed guests and Council to the meeting and proceeded with roll call.

Let the record show that Member Helmuth entered the meeting at 11:36 a.m.

Members Present

Chair Virginia Loring, Vice Chair Chris McIntier, Member Joyce Helmuth, Michelle Jameson, Deborah Devolld, Toni Harvier, and Deana Washington.

Members Absent

Bella Miller.

Members of the Public

There were two members of the public present.

Invocation

Invocation was led by Member Harvier.

Call to the Public

There was one Call to the Public.

Janet Fraatz, Manager from Smart Support Program, gave an overview of the program updates and their impact in the community. She also provided a handout with a summary of the 2010-2014 evaluation findings.

Consent Agenda

Member Devolld moved to approve the meeting minutes of September 16, 2014. Vice Chair McIntier seconded the motion and it was approved 7-0.

2014 Fourth Quarter Financial and Data Reports

Let the record show that Member Harvier left the meeting at 11:47 a.m. and returned at 11:49 a.m.

Director Vinarskai led a review of the 2014 fourth quarter financial and data reports. She explained that the reports will help in making decisions for the FY2016-18 funding plan.

Vice Chair McIntier was asked to find out if students can enroll in Summer Transition if they will not be enrolling in Salt River Elementary School and then report back to the Council.



FIRST THINGS FIRST

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Strategic Planning SFY2016-18

Director Vinarskai reviewed the timeline for the SFY2016-18 funding plan.

- November – Council to vote on strategies.
- December – Supervisory review.
- January – Board approval of funding plan.

A. Prioritization of Needs

A summary of the FY2014 Needs and Assets report was reviewed as well as the Region's selected School Readiness Indicators. Director Vinarskai reviewed the three Regional needs that were developed at last month's meeting. These needs were further discussed and revised.

Let the record show that Member Harvier left the meeting at 12:14 p.m. and returned at 12:15 p.m.

Regional priority needs were finalized and ranked in order of importance.

1. Increase parenting skills for adults and teen parents caring for children zero through five years old.
2. Increase public awareness of the importance of early childhood and its impact on future success including awareness and utilization of services for families with children zero through five years old.
3. Increase availability and utilization of quality early childhood education for families with children zero through five years old. (add more slots)

The meeting broke for lunch at 12:40 p.m. and reconvened at 12:50 p.m.

B. Approaches/Strategy Development

The Council began discussing strategies and approaches. It was determined that some previously funded strategies may need to be dropped due to lack of expenditure or not aligning with priority needs.

Director Vinarskai led a discussion about unfunded approaches and gave an example of a current unfunded strategy consisting of a central intake for home visitation programs in the Region.

Let the record show that Member Harvier left the meeting at 1:11 p.m. and returned at 1:13 p.m.

The Council did an overview of the FY2015 funded strategies to see if those strategies meet the identified needs and indicators for FY2016.

Let the record show that Member Washington left the meeting at 1:20 p.m.

Regional Director's Update

- Council Member Silverhorn has moved out of the area and is no longer on the Council. A Giving Tree book and card were signed by the Council members and will be sent to Member Silverhorn as a thank you for his service on the Council.
- Information sheet was given to each member to fill out regarding their work situation. This was recommended by the First Things First attorney to help determine conflict of interests.
- There are now three empty seats to fill, parent, educator, and faith.
- October 23 is Safety Day. Vice Chair McIntier volunteered to host a table on behalf of First Things First at the fair. Patty Morris will drop off giveaways to Vice Chair McIntier for the event.
- Director Vinarskai will send an email to each member to see if we can schedule the next meeting a week earlier.



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Regional Partnership Council Member Updates

Vice Chair McIntier will coordinate the Spring Parent Conference. She requested two volunteers to be on a committee to help with the conference planning. She also reported about her experience at the National Indian Education Association.

Member Helmuth informed the Council of the new pediatric doctor who will be rotating office visits on several reservations.

Chair Loring announced that Benjamin Alteneder is the new Senior Director of Government Affairs within First Things First.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Loring at 1:30 p.m.
The next meeting to be determined.

Submitted by:

Patty Morris, Administrative Assistant II

Approved by:

Virginia Loring, Chair

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