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Yuma Regional Partnership Council Meeting

Yuma Police Department
Community Training Room
1500 South First Avenue
October 15, 2009

Minutes

Welcome/Introduction/Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Chair Madeleine Coil.

Members Present:

Chair Madeleine Coil, Council Member Ricardo Perez, Council Member Irene Garza, Council Member Judy Watkinson, Council Member Dr. Mario Ybarra, Council Member Pilar Moreno, Council Member Susan Pond, Council Member Sarah Seneker and Council Member Francisco Vargas. First Things First Staff: Regional Manager Gary P. Arnold, Regional Coordinator Roselia Ramirez and Administrative Assistant Marie Megui were also present.

Members Absent:

Council Member Coranne Swift Arrow

Declarations of Conflict of Interest

Chair Madeleine Coil provided the Council with an opportunity to declare any conflict of interest regarding items on the agenda. Council Member Judy Watkinson declared a conflict of interest with Strategy 14 Pathways prior to the considerations of the strategies.

Consent Agenda

The items on the Consent Agenda included the Council Minutes of the September 03, and September 17, 2009 meeting. A motion was made by Council Member Francisco Vargas to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Council Member Irene Garza noting the attendance of Council Member Senker at the September 03, 2009 meeting to be reflected on the September 03, 2009 minutes. Motion passed.

Selection of Vice Chair

Chair Madeleine Coil welcomed the opportunity for Council Members interested in fulfilling the Vice Chair seat of the Yuma Regional Partnership Council. Council Member Sarah Seneker expressed interest in fulfilling the role of Vice Chair on the Council. Therefore being no nominations submitted the Council voted unanimously to accept Council Member Seneker to serve on the Council in the capacity of Vice Chair. Motion Passed.

Kith and Kin Presentation

Vicky McCarty, Program Manager for AZ Kith and Kin Project provided a powerpoint presentation detailing the mission, goals, objectives and impact of this organization. She was assisted by Claudia Ortiz-Vasquez, Assistant Program Coordinator for Injury Prevention and AZ Kith and Kin Project.

Discussion and Possible Action of FY2011 Regional Funding Plan

Regional Manager Gary P. Arnold and Coordinator Ramirez shared a powerpoint presentation and engaged the Council in a discussion of FY2011 Regional Funding Plan. Regional Manager Gary reviewed the current strategies and allocations noting the cost of continuing the current strategies at \$4,171,282 with a remainder in funds of \$1,197,646 for FY2011 and asked for the Council's direction in each strategy. Coordinator Roselia Ramirez shared with the Council information regarding the cost and requirements of continuing education for therapy service providers noting that an additional \$50,000 could be allocated for the purpose of covering costs of continuing education for existing therapists and also entailing the assistance of an administrative home. Coordinator Roselia Ramirez also introduced the possibility of new strategies and asked the Council for their guidance on these strategies. The following motions were made in reference to the strategies:

Strategy #1-Recruitment and Retention:

- A motion was made by Council Member Judy Watkinson to include the amount of \$50,000 to the regional allocation amount of \$187,500 for the continuing of education of existing therapy providers and to increase the slots from 5 to 7. This would allocate the amount previously reserved for training of existing therapists to the recruitment of new therapists. Seconded by Council Member Francisco Vargas. Motion passed.

Strategy #2-Technical Assistance:

- A motion was made by Council Member Judy Watkinson to continue with the existing strategy as is written in to FY2011. Seconded by Council Member Irene Garza. Motion passed.

Strategy #3-Case Management:

- A motion was made by Council Member Susan Pond to increase allocated amount from \$201,711 to \$280,000 which would expand length of services. Seconded by Council Member Judy Watkinson. Motion Passed.

Strategy #4-T.E.A.C.H.:

- A motion was made by Council Member Francisco Vargas to increase the allocated amount from \$152,000 to \$153,000. The increased amount would reflect the increased costs for TEACH. Seconded by Council Member Pilar Moreno. Motion passed.

Strategy #5-Community Based Training:

- A motion was made by Council Member Susan Pond to increase the allocated amount from \$110,000 to \$132,000. The adjustment was based upon a 12 month contract. Seconded by Council Member Francisco Vargas. Motion passed.

Strategy #7-Parent Awareness:

- A motion was made by Council Member Judy Watkinson to continue with this strategy at its current funding level. Seconded by Council Member Ricardo Perez. Motion passed.

Strategy#8-Early Prenatal Care Access:

- A motion was made by Council Member Irene Garza to increase the funding amount to \$536,560 so that it may serve 75% of the targeted population. Seconded by Council Member Francisco Vargas. Motion passed.

Strategy#9-Center Based Enrollment Opportunities:

- A motion was made by Council Member Judy Watkinson to increase the availability of slots for pre-k to serve 120 children therefore increasing the total allocated amount to \$950,400. Seconded by Council Member Susan Pond. Motion passed.

Strategy#10-Home Care Provider Enrollment Opportunities:

- A motion was made by Council Member Francisco Vargas to continue support of this strategy with the understanding that there may be some new information or changes pending per Regional Manager Gary P. Arnold. Seconded by Council Member Irene Garza. Motion passed.

Strategy#11-Communications:

- A motion was made by Council Member Irene Garza to continue with this strategy as is with the allocated amount of \$208,000. Seconded by Council Member Ricardo Perez. Motion Passed.

Strategy#12-Child Care Health Consultation:

- A motion was made by Council Member Susan Pond to approve the increase of \$240,000 for this strategy. The increased amount would reflect the increased costs for 2 Child Care Health Consultants for service provision to providers not enrolled in Quality First with an emphasis on outreach for enrollment. Seconded by Council Member Judy Watkinson. Motion passed.

Strategy#13-Quality First:

- A motion was made by Council Member Judy Watkinson to retain Quality First access at the current funding. Seconded by Council Member Francisco Vargas. Motion passed.

Strategy#14-Pathways:

- A motion was made by Council Member Pilar Moreno to retain the 35 scholarship opportunities at \$77,000. Seconded by Council Member Francisco Vargas. Motion passed. Council Member Watkinson did not participate in this vote due to an expressed conflict of interest.

Strategy #15-Home Visitation:

- A motion was made by Council Member Judy Watkinson to continue with the home visitation strategy at its current level. Seconded by Council Member Francisco Vargas. Motion passed.

New strategies for consideration:

Strategy #13-Quality First:

•A motion was made by Council Member Francisco Vargas to continue forward with this new strategy with an allocated amount of \$128,500 thereby adding 4 centers with a cost of \$32,125. This strategy would require participants to be in partnership with a school district as part of the Regions' efforts to expand opportunities for Pre-K enrollment. Seconded by Council Member Pilar Moreno. Motion passed.

Strategy #16-Mental Health Consultation:

•A motion was made by Council Member Irene Garza to adopt the new strategy with an allocated amount of \$120,000. Seconded by Council Member Ricardo Perez. Motion passed.

Strategy #17-Oral Health:

•A motion was made by Council Member Judy Watkinson to move forward with this strategy but would like to be provided with more information regarding this strategy. Seconded by Council Member Francisco Vargas. Motion passed.

Discussion and Possible Action on Evaluation

A motion was made by Council Member Dr. Mario Ybarra to table the remainder of the agenda items for the next Yuma Regional Partnership Council meeting scheduled for November, 19, 2009. Seconded by Council Member Judy Watkinson. Motion passed.

Call to the Public

None

Next Meeting

November 19, 2009 4:30 p.m., Child & Family Resources Inc. Conference Room, located at 201 S. 3rd Avenue, Yuma, Arizona 85364.

Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Madeleine Coil, Yuma Regional Partnership Council Chair



Marie Megui, Administrative Assistant II

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