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Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board

White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council

DRAFT Meeting Minutes

A Special Meeting of the First Things First White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council was held on Monday, October 12, 2012 beginning at 8:00 a.m. at the ABC Day Care, 422 South 2nd Avenue, Whiteriver, Arizona 85941.

Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Endfield called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m. The members enjoyed a carry in breakfast as they came to order.

Chair Endfield welcomed two new members to the Council, Jandi Hernandez and Michael Gaffney. She asked everyone to introduce themselves.

Members Present: Laurel Endfield, Dawnafe Whitesinger, Shine Burnette, Michael Gaffney, Ranelda Hastings, Jandi Hernandez, Nikina Whitaker, and Kathy Wynn.

Members Absent: Velma Kaytoggy

Others Present: Krista Beazley, Kate Dobler-Allen, Kat Bunker, Virginia Turner

Call to the Public

There were no calls to the public received.

Disclosure of Conflicts

Member Hastings disclosed a conflict with Agenda item number 5, Discussion and Possible Approval of September 4, 2012 Executive Session Minutes as she is employed by the grantee.

Discussion and Possible Approval of October 1, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Chair Endfield asked for a motion, and Member Whitesinger motioned to approve the October 1, 2012 Meeting Minutes. Member Burnette seconded, motion passed.

Discussion and Possible Approval of September 4, 2012 Executive Session Minutes

Eligible members received a copy of the Executive Session Minutes for September 4, 2012. Chair Endfield asked for a motion and Member Wynn motioned to approve the September 4, 2012 Executive Session Minutes. Member Whitaker seconded. Motion passed with one abstention.

Discussion, Presentation and Possible Approval of Parent Outreach & Awareness Strategy for FY2013

At this time Chair Endfield asked Regional Director Beazley to address this agenda item. Regional Director Beazley gave a brief background that the Parent Outreach and Awareness strategy was not awarded in the RFGA process and provided the Council with some options regarding the possible ways of proceeding with the strategy. Navajo/Apache Regional Director Kate Dobler-Allen noted that several agencies could implement programming under this strategy, and therefore some members of the council may have a conflict with the discussion. Chair Endfield read the following: "To proceed with Agenda item 6, I ask that members with a conflict of interest declare their conflict for the record." Conflict disclosures were received from Members Endfield, Whitesinger, Wynn, Hastings, Burnette, and Hernandez due to their employers or agencies possibly submitting proposals under this strategy. Chair Endfield then continued "because six of our 11 members have conflicts of interest, we are unable to proceed with this agenda item. As a result we may invoke the Rule of Impossibility. The Rule 8.8 of the Open Meeting Law Handbook states that in the unlikely situation that a public agency cannot act because most of its members have a conflict of interest, in the agency's official records A.R.S.SS38-508(B), we may invoke the Rule of Impossibility.

Chair Endfield then asked for discussion on what the council would like to do with this strategy. After some discussion, Member Hernandez moved to roll the Parent Outreach and Awareness strategy for SFY2013 to SFY2014 in Carry Forward. Member Hastings seconded, motion passed with seven for, one absent and one abstention due to absence from the room during the vote.

Discussion and Presentation of State Fiscal Year 2014 Regional Allocation and SFY 2012 Carry Forward

Chair Endfield turned the discussion of Agenda Item 7 over to Regional Director Beazley who gave a power point presentation explaining where the funding for First Things First and specifically White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council comes from, how the funds are allocated to the Council, and how the carry forward for the State and for White Mountain Apache Tribe RPC has accumulated. She explained that the Council has chosen to try to spend their allotted funds but for various reason these funds have not been fully spent, and therefore have been added to the carry forward. Northeast Regional Senior Director Virginia Turner informed the Council that the State Board has requested the Regional Councils over the next two fiscal years to begin to spend down their carry forwards. Chair Endfield pointed out that there is a challenge in finding grantees, because of the lack of infrastructure and ability to provide services prior to receiving funding.

Discussion and Presentation of State Fiscal Year 2014 Strategies, Funding and Target Service Units

Regional Director Beazley then went through the SFY13 Strategies and the recommendations for SFY14 Funding and Target Service Units as follows:

Community Awareness – Increase allotment to 40,000 for SFY14 and 15 to provide additional books, educational reinforcement materials and reprint, update the community resource guide.

Community Outreach – discontinue this strategy as the Regional Director is performing these duties.

Oral Health – Increase allotment SFY14 \$130,000 and TSU 900 and SFY15 TSU 1000, it was recommended to use the \$80,000 for dental screen, varnish, fluoride and use the \$50,000 to find resource for a pediatric dental care.

Family Support – Children with Special Needs – Increase SFY14 \$135,000 TSU 55, and SFY15 \$150,000 TSU 60.

Native Language Preservation – Increase to \$100,000 for SFY14 and 15, TSU to be determined – increased funding to hire a consultant and develop projects for printing materials and CDs.

Parent Outreach and Awareness – after discussion it was proposed that including the carry forward to increase funding for SFY14 to \$300,000 and TSU to be determined and SFY15 \$320,000 TSU to be determined. Chair Endfield added that the Council could look at partnering with more than one entity that could provide workshops in their field of expertise.

Reach out and Read – Level fund however the allotments were increased to \$105,000 to cover the actual award.

Quality First – Level funding for 2 full centers and 1 home

Quality First Child Care Scholarships – Level funding for 7 additional scholarships

Child Care Health Consultation – Level Funding (included as part of Quality First)

FTF Professional REWARD\$ - add new strategy for SFY14 and fund at \$40,000 for SFY14 and SFY15

Scholarships non-TEACH – Increase funding to \$20,000 for SFY14 and 15, keeping 7 CDA units and the balance of the increase toward more credits

Scholarships TEACH – after discussion it was proposed to increase SFY14 and 15 funding to \$33,000 for 10 additional scholarships

Statewide Evaluation – Level funding, however State share increased for SFY14 Needs and Assets Report.

Regional Director Report

Regional Partnership Council Members Recruitment

Regional Director Beazley again welcomed the new members to the Council, Jandi Hernandez and Michael Gaffney. Chair Endfield asked the new members to tell the Council a little about themselves.

Mike Gaffney just moved here, his wife is a nurse at Indian Health Service and he is a stay at home dad. He is working to start a White Mountain Youth Core doing conservation projects.

Jandi Hernandez is a member of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, she was raised here, and after attending school and working in Phoenix she is now back here working at Head Start.

Community Outreach Report

Regional Director Beazley reported that she has been very busy attending as many community events as she is able, she has done a radio talk show, and she is working to get set up to have a table at Council's Festivals.

Summit Video

Regional Director Beazley showed a video of children from around the different Councils, including a girl from White Mountain Apache Tribe Region, talking about First Things First. This video was shown at the Summit Conference in August.

Regional Director's Monthly Schedule

General Discussion/Council Member Updates

Update Chair and Vice Chair Meetings, August 21, 2012 and October 3, 2012

Chair Endfield had noted for this report in earlier discussions that the State Board was looking to see the Regional Partnership Councils spending about 80% of their funds.

The next meeting is on Monday November 5, 2012 at 3:00 pm at the ABC Day Care, 422 South 2nd Avenue, Whiteriver, AZ 85901. Members also decided to have a pot luck meeting/Christmas Party for the December meeting on the regular meeting day and time, December 3, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. at the ABC Day Care.

Adjourn

Chair Endfield adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:22 a.m.

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Laurel Endfield, Chair

Krista Beazley, Regional Director