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Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board

White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council

DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Call to Order and Roll Call

A Regular Meeting of the White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council was held on Monday, November 5, 2012 beginning at 3:00 p.m. The meeting was held at ABC Day Care, 422 South 2nd Avenue, Whiteriver, Arizona 85941.

Chair Endfield called the meeting to order at approximately 3:16 p.m.

Members present were Chair Laurel Endfield, Vice Chair Dawnafe Whitesinger, Ranelda Hastings, Velma Kaytoggy, Nikina Whitaker and Kathy Wynn. Member Jandi Hernandez attended via telephone and Member Shine Burnette attend part of the meeting via telephone.

Members absent: Michael Gaffney.

Others present were Kate Dobler-Allen, Virginia Turner, Kat Bunker, Paula Hoyt, Myrna Wins, Mary Tyler, Becky Baldwin, and Jaki Vurich.

Call to the Public

No calls to the public were received.

Disclosure of Conflicts

Chair Endfield – Conflict of interest with agenda item #'s 7, 8a, 8b, 8c, 8d, 8e, 8f, 8g due to employment at Whiteriver Unified School District.

Member Whitesinger – Conflict of interest with agenda item #'s 7, 8a, 8b, 8c, 8d, 8e, 8f, 8g due to employment at Cibecue Community Schools.

Member Hastings – Conflict of interest with agenda item #8a due to employment at John's Hopkins.

Member Burnette – Conflict of interest with agenda item #'s 8a, 8b, 8c, 8d due to employment at Whiteriver Unified School District.

Member Kaytoggy – Conflict of interest with agenda item #'s 7, 8b, 8c, 8d, 8e, 8f, 8g due to employment at White Mountain Apache Tribal Child Care.

Member Wynn – Conflict of interest with agenda item #'s 8a, 8d due to employment at Indian Health Services.

Member Hernandez – Conflict of interest with agenda item #'s 7, 8a, 8b, 8c, 8d, 8e, 8f, 8g due to employment at White Mountain Apache Tribe Head Start.

Discussion and Possible Approval of October 12, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Chair Endfield asked for a motion for the meeting minutes of October 12, 2012. Member Whitaker moved that the Regular Meeting minutes from October 12, 2012 be approved as presented. Member Whitesinger seconded. Motion passed.

Review and Discussion of Quality First Model and Policy

Chair Endfield turned the discussion of agenda item 5 to Kate Dobler-Allen, Regional Director for Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council who was standing in for Regional Director Beazley who was unable to attend the meeting due to illness.

Ms. Dobler-Allen told the council that the policy has been adopted by the State Board. There has been an overall significant shift in the quality of participating centers and homes. The majority of the programs are now 2 Star or higher rating. As a result the policy for how Quality First Scholarships will be made available will begin to change starting in SFY2013 and phasing higher Star rating requirements through SFY2016. Details of the new policy were distributed as attachment 3c in the packet.

Chair Endfield mentioned that it is difficult to increase quality when there is no consistency in the Quality First coaching.

Review and Discussion of School Readiness Indicators

Ms. Dobler-Allen reviewed the information regarding the Regional Priorities, Selected School Readiness Indicators and First Things First Priority Roles. These are the strategies that the Council has adopted, the priorities of each, and the indicators that align with the strategies. She indicated that the Council has kept these items consistent over the last year, however since these indicators will be used to set the School Readiness Benchmarks in SFY2015 any changes to be made should be done for SFY2014. After discussion Member Whitaker moved to retain the School Readiness Indicators as presented by staff. Member Wynn seconded, motion passed.

Chair Endfield proceeded to agenda items 8h through 8m and Agenda items 9a and 9b. Subsequently Member Burnette called in via telephone and attended the discussion of Agenda 8a.

Presentation, Discussion and Possible Approval of FTF Professional REWARD\$ Strategy

As discussion moved to agenda item number 7, Chair Endfield asked anyone with a conflict to declare it. Conflicts declared – Chair Endfield, Member Whitesinger, Member Kaytoggy, Member Hernandez. Chair Endfield read the following: “To proceed with Agenda item 7, I ask that members with a conflict of interest declare their conflict for the record.” Chair Endfield then continued “because 6 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”. It was noted that as a result of the rule of impossibility, all members may discuss and vote on the agenda item.

Chair Endfield then asked Ms. Dobler-Allen to review the proposed FTF Professional REWARD\$ Strategy with the Council. The rewards are made for applicants who are teachers or work with children in a child care center serving early childhood demographic, to pay for courses and books for early childhood classes, and provide a stipend to provide incentive to progress. There are restrictions including how long they must have worked in the center or home and also to remain with the center or home after completion of courses. Ms. Dobler-Allen noted that this action will be regarding approving the strategy and item 8e will be regarding approving the funding for the strategy. After a short discussion Member Whitaker moved to approve the FTF Professional REWARD\$ in our funding plan as presented by staff. Member Whitesinger seconded. Motion passed 7:0:0.

Presentation, Discussion and Possible Approval State Fiscal Year 2014 Funding Plan

Chair Endfield and First Things First staff asked members to declare conflicts as they address each item so that they may be accurately recorded. Ms. Dobler-Allen used a projection of the funding proposals so that members could follow as each item is addressed.

Parent Outreach and Awareness

Conflicts declared – Chair Endfield, Member Whitesinger, Member Hastings, Member Burnette, Member Wynn, Member Hernandez. Chair Endfield then declared “because 7 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.”

Ms. Dobler-Allen then reviewed the proposed strategy and how the funding allotments and Target Service Units were determined. She explained that the 60 workshops would be having 12 workshops, each one would be given in each of 5 geographical areas, the same or different providers may do the workshops but the content would be consistent. The 3500 books are in addition to what is given through community awareness strategy. She also noted the community event and the type of funding mechanism would be set at board direction if the funding for the strategy is approved. Chair Endfield asked for a motion, Member Wynn moved to approve the Parent Outreach and Awareness strategy be funded at \$300,000 for SFY14, with a target service unit of 60 workshops, 1 community event, 3500 books. Member Whitesinger seconded, motion passed 7:0:0.

Quality First

Conflicts declared – Chair Endfield, Member Whitesinger, Member Kaytoggy, Member Hernandez. Chair Endfield then declared “because 6 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.”

Ms. Dobler-Allen reviewed the strategy and Chair Endfield asked for a motion. Member Whitesinger moved to approve the Quality First Strategy to be funded at \$48,583.20 for SFY14 with a target service number of 2 centers and 1 home. Member Whitaker seconded. Motion passed 7:0:0.

Quality First Child Care Scholarships

Chair Endfield noted that anyone who declared a conflict with the previous strategy would probably have a conflict with this one as well. Conflicts declared – Chair Endfield, Member Whitesinger, Member Kaytoggy, Member Hernandez. Chair Endfield then declared “because 6 of our 11 members have conflicts of interest, as a result we may invoke the Rule of Impossibility” as previously read.

Ms. Dobler-Allen then reviewed the strategy and funding proposal. She noted allotment includes the base model Quality First Scholarships for two centers as well as the additional scholarships funded by the Council. Chair Endfield asked for a motion. Member Hastings moved to approve the additional Quality First Child Care Scholarship strategy be funded at \$124,873.72 for SFY14, with a target service number of 25 scholarships. Member Whitesinger seconded, motion passed 7:0:0.

Child Care Health Consultation

Chair Endfield noted that anyone who declared a conflict with the previous strategy would probably have a conflict with this one as well. Conflicts declared – Chair Endfield, Member Whitesinger, Member Kaytoggy, Member Hernandez. Member Wynn also declared as Indian Health Services is the grantee. Chair Endfield then declared “because 7 of our 11 members have conflicts of interest, as a result we may invoke the Rule of Impossibility” as previously read.

After review of the strategy and funding amount Chair Endfield asked for a motion. Member Hastings motioned to approve the Child Care Health Consultation, to be funded at \$7,560 for SFY14 to serve 2 centers and 1 home. Member Whitaker seconded. Motion passed 7:0:0.

FTF Professional REWARD\$

Conflicts declared – Chair Endfield, Member Whitesinger, Member Kaytoggy, and Member Hernandez. Chair Endfield declared “because 6 of our 11 members have conflicts of interest, as a result we may invoke the Rule of Impossibility” as previously read.

Ms. Dober-Allen noted this is the funding for the previously approved strategy. Discussion noted that the intent is to make \$20,000 available in the fall and the balance in the spring. Member Whitesinger moved that FTF Professional REWARD\$ strategy be funded at \$40,000 with a target service number of 29 incentive awards. Member Wynn seconded, motion passed 7:0:0.

Scholarships non-TEACH

Conflicts declared – Chair Endfield, Member Whitesinger, Member Kaytoggy, and Member Hernandez. Chair Endfield declared “because 6 of our 11 members have conflicts of interest, as a result we may invoke the Rule of Impossibility” as previously read.

It was noted this agenda item is for Professional Career Pathways, available to staff who work with early childhood demographic in a child care center or home. There was no discussion, Member Hastings moved to approve the Scholarships non-TEACH strategy be funded at \$20,000 for SFY14 with a target service number of 7CDA units and 154 credits. Member Kaytoggy seconded, motion passed 7:0:0.

Scholarships TEACH

Conflicts declared – Chair Endfield, Member Whitesinger, Member Kaytoggy, and Member Hernandez. Chair Endfield declared “because 6 of our 11 members have conflicts of interest, as a result we may invoke the Rule of Impossibility” as previously read.

Ms. Dobler-Allen noted that this funds the 10 additional T.E.A.C.H. scholarships which are made available to fund Early Childhood career coursework for qualified applicants. There was no discussion. Member Whitaker moved to approve the additional T.E.A.C.H. Scholarships strategy be funded at \$40,000 for SFY14, with a target service unit of 10 scholarships. Member Whitesinger seconded, motion passed 7:0:0.

Family Support-Children with Special Needs

Conflict declared – Member Wynn. There was no discussion. Member Whitesinger moved to approve the Family Support-Children with Special Needs strategy to be funded at \$135,000 for SFY14 with a target service number of 55 families. Member Hastings seconded, motion passed 6:0:1.

Native Language Preservation

Chair Endfield asked if the Council has any say in how the funds are spent. Ms. Dobler-Allen said yes, the funds for SFY2013 are to hire a consultant, and the funds for SFY2014 are an earmark for materials or whatever the Council decides, based on the consultant’s report. Member Wynn moved to approve the Native Language Preservation strategy, be funded at \$100,000 for SFY14. The target service unit descriptors and service unit targets will be determined based on the recommendations brought to the Regional Council from the consultant retained to implement and research materials for this strategy. Member Whitesinger seconded. Motion passed 7:0:0.

Reach Out and Read

Ms. Dobler-Allen reviewed the strategy with the Council. Member Whitesinger moved to approve the Reach Out and Read strategy be funded at \$105,000 for SFY14 with a target service number of 2,300 books distributed through 2 participating practices, and through community events. Member Hastings seconded. Motion passed 7:0:0.

Oral Health

Chair Endfield asked if the Council still has some say in the approach to Oral Health. Ms. Dobler-Allen said yes, the proposed allotment includes funds that would be used to fund a staff person who would identify the resources, challenges and possibilities to partner in the region and bring that information back for the Council to decide how they would like to structure the Oral Health strategy in the Region. Member Wynn moved to approve the Oral Health strategy be funded at \$130,000 for SFY14 with a target service number of 900 oral screens and fluoride varnishes, providing oral health education to 45 participating adults. Member Whitaker seconded. Motion passed 6:1:0.

Community Awareness

This will provide funds to provide resource materials. There was no discussion. Member Wynn moved to approve the Community Awareness strategy be funded at \$40,000 for SFY14. Member Hastings seconded. Motion passed 7:0:0.

Statewide Evaluation

This strategy is State Board directed. The allotment is the Region's portion. No motion is required as this allotment for \$44,857.31 for SFY2014 is mandatory.

Regional Director Report

Ms. Dobler-Allen reviewed the Regional Director reports with the Council.

Monthly Report

Ms. Dobler-Allen reported that the radio talk shows that Regional Director Beazley is doing are going and very successful.

Financial Reports

Ms. Dobler-Allen then reviewed the financial reports and noted that SFY2013 expenditures are coming in and there will be an expenditure coming for the Educational Reinforcement Items as those have now been approved to order. She pointed out that most of the contracts have now been awarded by the Board and should show up as awarded on the next reports.

General Discussion/Council Member Updates

Ms. Dobler-Allen suggested the Council re-visit the Parent Outreach and Awareness strategy and discuss how the Council would like to structure the strategy. Chair Endfield noted that the Request For Grant Application process did not work. In discussion it was also noted that a Government to Government Agreement may be a quicker method and there is more communication with the entity or entities involved. After further discussion the Council directed Regional Director Beazley to pursue a government to government agreement and to contact entities who may be interested in submitting a proposal.

Discussion and Possible Approval of the Next Quarter's Meeting Dates, Times, and Locations

Ms. Dobler-Allen pointed out the proposed dates and Chair Endfield asked if some of the meetings could be moved up in time so that Member Burnette could attend since she has a conflict with the 3:00 time. It was proposed to meet at 1:30 p.m. for the January and February meetings. Members present were polled and all would be able to attend at that time. Member Wynn moved to approve the Next Quarter's Meeting dates of January 7, at 1:30 p.m., February 4, at 1:30 p.m. and March 4, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. at the ABC Day Care Center. Member Hastings seconded. Motion passed 7:0:0.

Next Meeting- December 3, 2012

ABC Day Care, 422 South 2nd Avenue, Whiteriver, Arizona 85941. Chair Endfield asked if the Council would like have a pot luck for the December meeting. It was discussed that the Council would like to have the meeting earlier to accommodate the lunch. Member Whitesinger moved to move the December 3, 2012 meeting scheduled for 3:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Member Hastings seconded. Motion passed.

Adjourn

Chair Endfield adjourned the meeting at 5:21 p.m.

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Laurel Endfield, Chair

Krista Beazley, Regional Director