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Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board Cocopah Tribe Regional Partnership Council Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

The special meeting of the First Things First – Cocopah Tribe Regional Partnership Council was held on November 4, 2014, at 12:30 p.m. at the Cocopah Community Center, 14251 Centre Avenue, Somerton, AZ.

Chair McCormick called the meeting to order at 12:33 p.m.

Members Present:

Chair H. Jill McCormick
Vice Chair Rev. Deal Begay (joined at approximately 1:25 p.m.)
Council Member Ines Pampara
Council Member Christie Stevens
Council Member Elizabeth Renaud
Council Member Patricia R. Weissenberg
Council Member Paul Soto
Council Member River Twist

Members Absent:

Council Member Dr. Michael Reed

Approval of September 3rd, 2014 Regional Partnership Council Meeting Minutes

Member Pampara moved to approve the minutes of the September 3rd, 2014, Regional Council meetings, seconded by Member Stevens. Motion carried.

Update on Early Steps Program

The update included home visits completed, trainings and events attended, challenges and barriers encountered for the months of September and October of this year.

Discussion on SFY16-18 Regional Priorities and Approaches

An update of the October 14, 2014 committee meeting and the October 23, 2014 workgroup meeting was provided to the Regional Council. Highlights of the October 14 meeting include but are not limited to:

- Importance of establishing coordination priorities in-line with the Tribal Councils work in the region
- Alignment of approaches with overall vision, goal of establishing a comprehensive system
- Culturally sensitive and appropriate approaches to meet region's needs
- Discussion on continued and on-going communication with Tribal Council

Topics of discussion at the October 23, 2014 workgroup meeting were:

- Healthy, Happy, Safe Plan continues to represent the vision of the council's strategic direction with the recommendation to have Family Support/Health, Quality First!, School Readiness and Language Preservation as priorities by the Regional Council
- Focus of the Council's work in advancing the system and bringing the circle together should include: Comprehensive Family Support and Education, Cocopah Collaborative, Early Literacy and Language Preservation
- Unfunded Approaches in the Region: Cocopah Collaborative, Language Preservation, Early Literacy-Read On Community, Community Outreach and Awareness and Children's Health

It was the recommendation by the committee for funded approaches to include: Home Visitation, Food Security and Quality First Rating and Incentives. It was also recommended that adjustments are made to the Home Visitation strategy to support the allocations for these strategies.

Vice Chair Begay moved to approve the SFY2016-2018 strategic direction and allocations, seconded by Member Soto. Motion carried.

Next Meeting

December 3, 2014, 3:00 p.m.
Cocopah Cultural Center
14529 S. Veterans Dr., Somerton, AZ 85350

Adjournment

Chair McCormick adjourned the meeting at 1:50 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

Marie Megui, Administrative Assistant III

APPROVED BY

H. Jill McCormick, Chair, Cocopah Tribe Regional Partnership Council

December 3, 2014