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PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE MEETING OF THE

Arizona Early Childhood Development and Health Board

Cocopah Tribe Regional Partnership Council

Pursuant to A.R.S. §8-1194 (A) and A.R.S. §38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the First Things First Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board, Cocopah Tribe Regional Partnership Council, and to the general public that the Cocopah Tribe Regional Partnership Council will hold a **Regular Meeting open to the public on Wednesday, December 4, 2013 at 12:00 p.m. at the Cocopah Housing and Development Office, 10488 Steamboat Street, Somerton, Arizona 85350.** Some members of the Regional Partnership Council may elect to participate telephonically.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(1), A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(2) and A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3), the Regional Partnership Council may vote to go into Executive Session, which will not be open to the public, to discuss personnel items, records exempt from public inspection and/or to obtain legal advice regarding any matter on this agenda.

The Regional Partnership Council may hear items on the agenda out of order. The Regional Partnership Council may discuss, consider, or take action regarding any item on the agenda. The Regional Partnership Council may elect to solicit public comment on certain agenda items.

The meeting agenda is as follows:

1. **Call to Order** Jill McCormick, Chair
2. **Approval of November 6th, 2013, Regional Partnership Council Meeting Minutes (Attachment 1)** Jill McCormick, Chair
3. **Presentation on Cocopah Head Start Program** Laura Sinohui, Head Start Director
Cristina Solorzano, Head Start Teacher
4. **Update on Early Steps Program** Lupi Rojas, Early Steps Specialist
Cocopah Indian Tribe – Early Steps Program
Roselia V. Ramirez, Regional Director
5. **Discussion on Standing Committee Recommendations (Attachment 2a and 2b)** Paul Soto, Council Member
Roselia V. Ramirez, Regional Director
 - a. Review of Parent and Caregiver Survey
 - b. Discussion on Proposed additional questions
6. **Discussion and Possible Action on SFY2015 Funding Plan (Attachment 3)** Roselia V. Ramirez, Regional Director
Gary P. Arnold, Sr. Regional Director
7. **Regional Partnership Council Member Announcements** Regional Partnership Council Members
8. **Next Meeting** Jill McCormick, Chair

February 12, 2014, 3:00p.m.
Location: TBD

9. Adjourn

Jill McCormick, Chair

A person with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation such as a sign language interpreter by contacting Marie Megui, Administrative Assistant III, Arizona Early Childhood Development Board-Cocopah Tribe Regional Partnership Council, 233 S. 2nd Avenue, Yuma, Arizona 85364, by telephone at (928) 343-3020 or by email at mmegui@azftf.gov. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation.

Dated this 27th day of November 2013

Cocopah Tribe Regional Partnership Council



Roselia V. Ramirez, Regional Director



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

Call to Order

The meeting of the First Things First – Cocopah Tribe Regional Partnership Council was held on November 6, 2013, at 3:00 p.m. at the Cocopah Community Center.

Chair McCormick called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

Members Present:

Chair H. Jill McCormick
Vice Chair Rev. Deal Begay
Council Member Dr. Michael Reed
Council Member Christie Stevens
Council Member Gina Nierenhausen
Council Member Ines Pampara
Council Member Paul Soto

Members Absent:

Council Member Patricia R. Weissenberg
Council Member Cristina Solorzano

Approval of November 6, 2013 Regional Partnership Council Meeting Minutes

Member Soto moved to approve the minutes of the November 6, 2013, Regional Council meeting. Edits to the minutes were noted. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Begay, and the motion carried by a unanimous vote by all members.

FY2015 Allocation

Regional Director Roselia Ramirez engaged the Regional Council in a discussion of the FY2015 Allocations for the Cocopah Tribe Regional Partnership Council. Areas of discussion included a brief review of the three year funding cycle and review of the Statewide FY13 Year End Report, FY14 Budget Update and FY15 Budget Setting-Regional Allocations and Statewide Funding.

Funding Plan Workgroup Recommendations

The following was the consensus of the Regional Council as recommended by the Funding Plan Workgroup. The selected option will:

- Increase the Home Visitation Strategy by \$10,400. This amount includes an hourly salary of \$10 per hour for 20 hours at **52 weeks** for the addition of a part-time employee to support this strategy.

Regional Director Ramirez will continue to research the blending of funds outside of First Things First funding that may help support the additional support staff to the Early Steps Specialist into a permanent/full time position.

Early Steps Program Update

Early Steps Specialist Lupi Rojas provided a brief update on the Early Steps Program. The update included up to date barriers, successes and trainings attended by Ms. Rojas.

Discussion on Standing Committee

A review of the purpose and function of the Standing Committee and its role was provided by Regional Director Ramirez.

2014 Needs and Assets Report

Regional Director Roselia Ramirez engaged the Regional Council on a discussion pertaining to the framework of the data plan for the 2014 Needs and Assets Report. The Face to Face Survey was also an area of discussion by the Regional Council. The Standing Committee plans to meet (date and time to be determined) and discuss appropriate questions to be used in the format of the survey that will provide pertinent and relevant information necessary from the community and parents.

Debrief on Chair/Vice Chair Forum

The Chair/Vice Chair Forum was held on October 10, Phoenix, AZ. Topics of discussion at the forum included but were not limited to: the allocation of funds to regional councils by the state board which included the ability use a portion of the projected unexpended dollars from FY14, funding plan, budgets, public and private partnerships and the council surveys.

Regional Director's Report

The Regional Director's Report included a financial expenditure summary which included monies allotted, awarded and expended and system building collaboration efforts on behalf of Cocopah Day Care, Cocopah Head Start and Cocopah Social Services Department.

An application was received for the Cocopah Tribe Regional Partnership Council. Recommendations will go before the Board for consideration at the December 9-10, 2013 Board meeting. If approved the current vacancy of Educator Seat will be filled.

Announcements

Official Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the unveiling of the Steamboat Park located on the Cocopah West Reservation, Wednesday, November 13, 2013, 10:00 a.m.

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting will occur on Wednesday, December 4, 2013, 12:00 p.m. Cocopah Indian Housing and Development 10488 Steamboat Street, Somerton, AZ.

Adjournment

Chair McCormick adjourned the meeting at 4:58 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

Marie Megui, Administrative Assistant III

APPROVED BY

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

December 4, 2013

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Parent and Caregiver Survey

1. When do you think a parent can begin to make a big difference on a child's brain development? (For example: impact the child's ability to learn?)
2. At what age do you think an infant or young child begins to really take in and react to the world around them?
3. At what age do you think a baby or young child can begin to sense whether or not his parent is depressed or angry, and can be affected by how his parents are feeling?
4. During the past week, how many days did you or other family members read stories to your child/children?
5. During the past week, how many days did you or other family members tell stories or sing songs to your child/children?
6. *Children's capacity for learning is pretty much set from birth and cannot be greatly increased or decreased by how the parents interact with them.* This statement is...
 Definitely True Probably True Probably False Definitely False
7. *In terms of learning about language, children get the same benefit from hearing someone talk on TV versus hearing a person in the same room talking to them.* This statement is....
 Definitely True Probably True Probably False Definitely False
8. *I feel I am able to support my child's safety, health and well-being.*
 Strongly Agree Somewhat Agree Somewhat Disagree Strongly Disagree
9. *I feel I am able to support my child's learning and cognitive development.*
 Strongly Agree Somewhat Agree Somewhat Disagree Strongly Disagree

(More questions on back)

The following questions are about your child(ren)'s health:

10. How old were your children when they first went to the dentist?

- Less than one
- One
- Two
- Three
- Four
- Five
- My children have not yet been to the dentist

11. Sometimes people have difficulty getting health care when they need it. During the past 12 months, was there any time when your children needed any of these types of care but it was delayed or not received:

- Medical care yes no
- Dental care yes no
- Vision care yes no
- Mental health services yes no
- Something else yes no (Specify _____ ??)

12. Please tell me if you are currently concerned a lot, a little or not at all about how your child(ren):

- Talks and makes speech sounds? (ages 4 months – 5 years)
 A lot concerned A little concerned Not at all concerned

- Understands what you say? (ages 4 months – 5 years)
 A lot concerned A little concerned Not at all concerned

- Uses his/her hands and fingers to do things? (ages 4 months – 5 years)
 A lot concerned A little concerned Not at all concerned

- Uses his/her arms and legs? (ages 4 months – 5 years)
 A lot concerned A little concerned Not at all concerned

- Behaves? (ages 4 months – 5 years)
 A lot concerned A little concerned Not at all concerned

- Gets along with others? (ages 4 months – 5 years)
 A lot concerned A little concerned Not at all concerned

- Is learning to do things for himself/herself? (ages 10 months – 5 years)
 A lot concerned A little concerned Not at all concerned

- Is learning pre-school or school skills? (ages 18 months – 5 years)
 A lot concerned A little concerned Not at all concerned

BACKGROUND QUESTIONS

1. Do you currently have a paid job?

- Yes No

2. Are you currently....?

- Married
 Single
 Divorced/separated
 Widowed
 Living with a partner

3. What is the highest grade or year of school you completed?

- Less than high school graduate
 High School Graduate
 GED
 Technical School/Vocational School
 Some College (includes Associates Degree)
 College Graduate
 Postgraduate
 I'm currently in school

4. What is your age?

5. How would you describe your ethnic or racial background:

- Native American/ American Indian
 Hispanic/Latino
 African American/Black
 Asian
 White/European/Anglo
 Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
 Two or more races
 Other (Specify): _____

6. Is your total family income before taxes...

- Less than \$10,000
 \$10,000 to \$19,999
 \$20,000 to \$29,999
 \$30,000 to \$39,999
 \$40,000 to \$49,999
 \$50,000 to \$59,999
 \$60,000 to \$74,999
 \$75,000 to \$99,999
 \$100,000 or more

7. GENDER

- Male
 Female

8. Where do you live?

Town: _____

Zip code: _____

Thank you for completing this survey!

It was the consensus of the Committee to present the following questions for consideration as additional questions for the Parent and Caregiver Survey:

- What do you like best about raising young children in your community?
- What are the hardest things about raising young children in your community (barriers/obstacles)?
- What do you think are the two most important things that should happen to improve the lives of kids 0-5 and their families in your community?

In addition to these questions the Committee is proposing that the vendor assist in developing appropriate questions around the following:

1. How do their individual parenting styles differ or similar to that of their upbringing?
2. How do they balance raising their children between two cultures?
3. What struggles are they facing raising their children between two cultures?
4. What is culture, what parts of their culture is important when it comes to parenting?