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Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council Meeting

November 12, 2008

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Welcome/Introductions/Call to order

The regular meeting of the First Things First Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council was held on November 12, 2008 at the Northland Pioneer College White Mountain Campus located at 1001 West Deuce of Clubs, Symposium Room (Room 101) at the Ponderosa Center, Show Low, Arizona 85901.

Chair Webb welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at approximately 4:40 pm. Chair Webb called for a roll call attendance, the following members were present.

Members present:

Claude Endfield, Mary Hammond, Becky Towle, Cathy Taylor, Tom Barela, Margie Tapia, Michael Zimmerman, Melissa Webb, Rance Pullin, Mary Tyler

Others present:

DeAnn Davies, Marsha McIntosh, J. Kirk Webb, Julie Cucuel, Stefan Wehnau, Loretta McLaughlin, Beth Shimmel, Patty Stevens, Terry Crotinger, Terri Holloway, Tana Kenyon, Chris Kenyon, Mary Warren, Lori Ball, Kate Dobler-Allen, Rochelle Lacapa, Maureen Theobald

Member Updates

Member Endfield reminded everyone of the upcoming 25th Early Childhood Fair, scheduled for Saturday, April 4, 2009, in Snowflake at the NPC Silver Creek Campus. Anyone interested in doing a presentation on behalf of the Council should inform her. This is a full-day event and they are looking for 40 workshop presenters. The Keynote Speaker will be Linda Morrow. The first planning meeting was on October 24, 2008.

Calls to the Public

Lori Ball discussed Northland Pioneer College's interest in the proposed strategy to provide scholarship funds to students in the early childhood field, and stressed the importance of making those opportunities available to part-time students as well as full-time students.

DeAnn Davies discussed the introduction of the Healthy Steps for Young Children Program into the community.

Stefan Wehnau spoke on behalf of the Show Low Parks and Recreation Departments' support of First Things First and the work of this Council, and presented the Recreation Guide as an example of the department's public relations efforts in the community.

Adoption of Minutes

The October 8, 2008 minutes were presented for approval; Member Barela moved to accept the October 8, 2008 minutes, and Member Towle seconded. Motion passed.

Governance Policy

The Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council Principles of Conduct were presented for first read by the Council.

Regional Coordinator's Report

Kate Dobler-Allen updated the Council the presentations made over the last month, and those that are scheduled for November and December 2008. She updated the Council on the status of the Regional Needs and Assets Report formatting and printing process. Kate Dobler-Allen also updated the Council on the timeline for the submission of the Strategic Funding Plan to the central office for inclusion into the Board Book in order to make the December Board meeting for approval, as well as what the process has been for inclusion of policy, finance, evaluation, and management requests for edits and content specificity. Kate indicated that comments and edits would continue to be worked into the verbiage of the report so that the over-all product is one that the FTF Board will **hopefully** be supportive of and approve in full.

Kate reported that she will be participating in the Santa Night with Show Low Parks and Recreation at Show Low Bluffs, and that this Council will have a table and a tent to provide a simple, fun activity for kids to do as they wait for Santa. Stefan Wehnau confirmed the details of the event.

Kate also reported the successful coloring contest that was held over Halloween, and the submission of over 80 colorings and drawings from area preschools, libraries, and child care centers.

Discussion and Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2010 Strategic/Funding Plan

Significant discussion was held surrounding the wording and intent of each of the proposed 16 strategies that comprise the Strategic Funding Plan. The following specific changes were made:
Strategy 2:

- The intent of the strategy was amended to indicate that the Council wants to provide scholarship money to students who are pursuing a "CDA, 2-year, or 4-year degree within an early childhood related field".

- The funding allocation for fiscal years 2010, 2011, and 2012 was increased to allow for \$3250 funding 10 CDA assessment fees.
- The Council explicitly changed the wording related to the work obligation to read: scholarship awardees are *encouraged* to remain in an early care and education field within the region for a period of 2 years. Significant discussion was held surrounding the enforcement of a more directive statement, and the above is reflective of the agreed upon wording change.

Strategy 3:

- The Council expanded the target population of this strategy to include people who are employed in the early care and education field who are not eligible for TEACH. Additionally, the Council further fleshed out their desire, and the related strategy, to implement a system to allow S*CCEEDS training contact hours to transfer to NPC for course credit.
- A work group will be funded for FY 2010 to establish the program guidelines and reach the necessary agreements in order for the system to work.
- A more detailed strategy and related funding will be presented to the Council once the work group has completed their work. \$2000.00 is allocated for this fiscal year, and a placeholder of \$3600.00 is allocated for FY 2011.

Strategy 6:

- The Council more clearly defined the eligible population of child care homes and centers as “licensed and/or regulated” child care homes and centers outside of *Quality First!*.

Member Taylor moved to accept the Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council Fiscal Year 2010 Strategic Funding Plan in full with the changes made as requested by the Council. Member Barela seconded the motion. Chair Webb then polled the Council to identify the number of Council Members who have a Conflict of Interest with any part of the plan. Eight members of the Council identified Conflicts of Interest, and completed Conflict of Interest forms; Members’ specific conflicts are outlined below:

- Member Tom Barela has a potential conflict of interest with the Dental Varnish Strategy, and Reach Out and Read Promotion because he owns Pediatrics in the Pines, which could be a potential grantee.
- Member Becky Towle has conflicts of interest because she works for NACOG Head Start who is a potential grantee, as well as on a personal level because she may be applying for scholarship funds for her own continuing education.
- Member Mary Tyler has potential conflicts of interest because she is the Assistant Director of the Navajo County Public Health Services District and she is Secretary of the Friends of the Holbrook Public Library, both entities are potential grantees.
- Member Margie Tapia has a potential conflict of interest because she is the Center Director of the NACOG Springerville Head Start.
- Member Claude Endfield has a conflict of interest because she works for Northland Pioneer College, and NPC is a potential grantee for educational and professional development activities.
- Member Mary Hammond has a potential conflict of interest as an employee of NACOG Head Start, who may be a potential grantee.
- Member Melissa Webb has a conflict of interest as an employee of Northland Pioneer College.
- Member Cathy Taylor has a potential conflict of interest because she is an employee of North Country Health Clinics and they are a potential grantee.

Kate Dobler-Allen reviewed the requirements to enact the Rule of Impossibility, which is the statutory provision to allow a public body to vote on any issue when the majority of its complete membership, which in our case is 6, has a Conflict of Interest. Arizona Revised Statutes require that a quorum be present for any vote to take place (and for any meeting to take place); however, if there is no way to obtain a quorum of members to vote due to conflicts of interest of individual members, the Statute provides for the procedure of all members with a conflict of interest to state their specific conflict for the record, if there are six or more members (because our complete membership is 11) with a stated conflict, then the Rule of Impossibility can be invoked.

As stated above, eight Regional Council members stated a specific conflict of interest and completed the Conflict of Interest Forms accordingly.

Chair Webb then called the question and restated the Motion to Approve the Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council Fiscal Year 2010 Strategic Funding Plan with the changes requested by the Council. Motion passed.

Adjournment

Chair Webb adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:15 pm.

Melissa Webb, Chair

Kate Dobler-Allen, Regional Coordinator