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Pima North Regional Partnership Council

Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order & Introductions

The Regular Meeting of the First Things First Pima North Regional Partnership Council was held on December 10, 2014 at Butterfield Elementary, 3400 West Massingale Road, Tucson, Arizona 85741.

Chair Peg Harmon welcomed everybody and called the meeting to order at approximately 4:08 p.m. She introduced new member Susan Shinn, who is serving as the Pima North School Administrator representative.

Members Present:

Peg Harmon, Scott Ingram, Dorothy Johnson, Amber Jones, Wade McLean, Susan Shinn, Annabel Ratley, Sharon Taddeo and Ann Mastergeorge

Members Not Present:

Jill Feldhausen and Marcia Klipsch

II. Call to the Public

Joan Katz, Parents as Teachers

Ms. Katz, Parents as Teachers Coordinator, thanked the Regional Council for their support. She shared a success story about a family with quadruplets that participated in the Parents as Teachers program. The children are now in first grade and either meeting or excelling in reading.

Diane Hiratsuka, Pima County Health Department

Ms. Hiratsuka, Registered Dietician and Child Care Health Consultant (CCHC), described the CCHC program. She shared recent safety and health activities that have been done in centers. She also spoke about a program, Power Plus, which deals with childhood obesity.

Sarah Kerr, Casa de los Niños

Ms. Kerr, Nurse Family Partnership (NFP) Supervisor, introduced a NFP client named Alyssa. Alyssa shared her story and experience in the program. The program provided helpful parenting techniques and help with feeding her son when he was newborn.

Lisette DeMars, First Things First

Ms. DeMars introduced Lourdes Medrano Leslie. Lourdes is the newly appointed Outreach consultant for the Pima regions. She will be working with the Community Outreach staff on targeted work in building our relationships and awareness with the media community throughout Pima County.

III. Consent Agenda

Chair Peg Harmon stated that all items on the agenda that are in italics, underlined, and marked with an asterisk are consent matters that will be considered by a single motion with no discussion (unless a member wished to pull an item off of consent agenda for further discussion, which did not occur).

A motion was made by member Wade McLean that the Pima North Regional Partnership Council approve the consent agenda, seconded by member Dorothy Johnson. Motion carried.

IV. Discussion and Possible Action: SFY2016 Pima North Regional Funding Plan

Regional Director Jessica Brisson reviewed Attachment #2-SFY2016 Funding Plan. She explained the sections and pointed out a few minor technical changes. She then asked the Regional Council members to consider unfunded approach opportunities in the upcoming fiscal year. One example, to establish partnerships with behavioral health service providers and Department of Child Safety District II in a cross-regional effort with the Pima South Regional Partnership Council, was outlined on page 11 of the funding plan.

A motion was made by member Annabel Ratley that the Pima North Regional Partnership Council accept the unfunded approach (to partner with Department of Child Safety and behavioral health service providers) as presented, seconded by member Sharon Taddeo. Motion carried.

The Regional Partnership Council had a rich conversation about possible unfunded approaches and concluded that in addition to the unfunded approach above, they would also like to gather more information about opportunities to partner with other agencies. Another unfunded approach identified was connecting families who may not be accessing First Things First services and supports have increased access to general information about early childhood health, development and education.

Ms. Brisson referred to Attachment #3-Strategic Intent for SFY2016 Strategies. In preparation for the Request For Grant Applications (RFGA) process, Ms. Brisson asked the Pima North Regional Partnership Council for additional information regarding the following strategies: Home Visitation, Parenting Education, and Family, Friends and Neighbors. Members discussed and concurred on some additional details for the intent of the RFGAs.

Member Annabel Ratley left the meeting.

V. Community Outreach Update

Lisette DeMars, Parent Awareness and Community Outreach Coordinator, referred to Attachment #4-December Community Outreach Report. She highlighted some events and target audiences that she has been able to make connections with.

VI. Regional Director's Report

Ms. Brisson shared regional and state updates, as well as provided Attachment #6-Expenditure Report for SFY2015.

VII. Regional Council Member Announcements

None.

VIII. Recommended Future Agenda Items

Future agenda items were noted by staff during previous discussions.

IX. Call to the Public

None.

X. Discussion and Possible Action: Next Regional Partnership Council Meeting

The Pima North Regional Partnership Council members decided to cancel the January regular meeting. Next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, February 12, 2015 at 4:00 pm, location to be determined.

XI. Adjournment

A motion was made by Vice Chair Scott Ingram to adjourn the meeting, seconded by member Amber Jones. Motion carried. There being no further business, Chair Peg Harmon adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:00 p.m.

Submitted By V Verduynco

Approved By Margaret Aarn

Dated this 11 day of Feb, 2015

