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Yavapai Regional Partnership Council DRAFT Minutes

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the First Things First – Yavapai Regional Partnership Council was held on November 18, 2008 in Room 113, Building 32 at Yavapai College, 1100 E. Sheldon St., Prescott, AZ.

Barbara Jorgensen, Vice Chair of the Regional Council, called the meeting to order at approximately 11:30 a.m.

Members Present: Anne Babinsky, Barbara Jorgensen, Becky Ruffner, Ann Sult, Kelly McCready, Duncan MacLeod, Tammy Linn, Karin Ward and Margie Beach. (Anne Babinsky, Karin Ward and Margie Beach participated telephonically.) Duncan MacLeod joined the meeting during discussion of Strategy 12.

Approve November 7, 2008 RPC Meeting Minutes

Becky Ruffner made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2008 Regional Partnership Council meeting as corrected. The motion to approve the minutes as corrected passed unanimously.

Call to the Public

There were no public comments.

Funding Plan Approval - Strategies 4, 7, 11, 12 and 13

Strategy #4: Tammy Linn made a motion to approve Strategy #4: Ensure access to quality early care and education by providing funding to early care and education providers serving low-income families to provide scholarships and participate in pilot project with an allocation of \$285,151. The motion was seconded by Ann Sult. The following Council members identified a conflict of interest:

Karin Ward - works for an agency that will potentially apply for funding

Kelly McCready – family owns child care agencies that will potentially apply for funding

The motion passed, with a majority of Council members voting in favor of it. Karin Ward and Kelly McCready recused themselves from voting.

Strategy #7: Becky Ruffner made a motion to approve Strategy #7: Expand participation in *Quality First!*, Arizona's Quality Improvement and Rating System with an allocation of \$266,000. The motion was seconded by Tammy Linn. The following Council members identified a conflict of interest:

Karin Ward - works for an agency that will potentially apply for funding

Kelly McCready – family owns child care agencies that will potentially apply for funding

The motion passed, with a majority of Council members voting in favor of it. Karin Ward and Kelly McCready recused themselves from voting.

Strategy #11: Tammy Linn made a motion to approve Strategy #11: Expand Head Start within the Yavapai region as an unfunded strategy in the amount of \$500,000. The motion was seconded by Becky Ruffner. The following Council members identified a conflict of interest:

Becky Ruffner - is the Executive Director of an agency that will potentially apply for funding

Karin Ward - works for an agency that will potentially apply for funding

The motion passed, with a majority of Council members voting in favor of it. Becky Ruffner and Karin Ward recused themselves from voting.

(Duncan MacLeod joined the meeting during discussion of Strategy 12.)

Strategy #12: Tammy Linn made a motion to approve Strategy #12: Provide mental health consultation to early care and education providers as an unfunded strategy in the amount of \$200,000. The motion was seconded by Becky Ruffner. The following Council members identified a conflict of interest:

Becky Ruffner - is the Executive Director of an agency that will potentially apply for funding

Ann Sult - works for an agency that will potentially apply for funding

The motion passed, with a majority of Council members voting in favor of it. Becky Ruffner and Ann Sult recused themselves from voting.

Strategy #13: Margie Beach made a motion to approve Strategy #13: Expand access to Health-E Application by supporting community enrollment assistance centers so more families will enroll in and retain public health insurance coverage for their young children as an unfunded strategy in the amount of \$200,000. The motion was seconded by Tammy Linn. The following Council members identified a conflict of interest:

Karin Ward - works for an agency that will potentially apply for funding

Barbara Jorgensen – works for an agency that will potentially apply for funding

Kelly McCready – family owns child care agencies that will potentially apply for funding

The motion passed, with a majority of Council members voting in favor of it. Karin Ward, Barbara Jorgensen and Kelly McCready recused themselves from voting.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for December 18, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. It was requested that the Council be provided information about the processes that will occur through July 2009 and 2009 meeting schedule.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Marcia M. Jacobson

Marcia M. Jacobson, Regional Coordinator

Approved:

Anne Babinsky, Chair

December 18, 2008