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**Northwest Maricopa Regional Partnership  
Council Meeting Agenda and  
Supporting Documentation  
December 20, 2013**



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## Northwest Maricopa Regional Partnership Council Meeting – 12/20/2013

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## Northwest Maricopa Regional Partnership Council Meeting Agenda

December 20, 2013

9:00 a.m. –

*West-MEC, 5487 North 99<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Board Room, Glendale, Arizona 85305*

*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 general public, to discuss personnel items, records exempt from public inspection and/or to obtain legal advice.*

*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 agenda for the meeting is as follows:**

- 1. Welcome, Introductions, and Call to Order** **Dr. Debbie Pischke, Chair**
  
- 2. Call to the Public** **Dr. Debbie Pischke, Chair**  
*This is the time for the public to comment. Members of the Council may not discuss or take legal action regarding matters that are not specifically identified on the agenda. Therefore, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.01(H), action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter, responding to any criticism, or scheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date.*
  
- 3. Review and Approval of November 15,2013 Meeting Minutes** **Dr. Debbie Pischke, Chair**  
*(Attachment 1)*
  
- 4. Discussion and Possible Approval of SFY14 Grantee Agreement** **Dr. Debbie Pischke, Chair**
  - a. Deer Valley Unified School District - Family Resource Center (IGA-RC012-12-0453-01-Y3)**  
*(Attachment 2)*
  
- 5. Community Outreach Update** **Marlene Hanan, Community Outreach Coordinator**  
*(Attachment 3)*
  
- 6. Director's Update** **Christina Lyons, Regional Director**
  
- 7. Council Member Updates and Announcements** **Council Members**
  
- 8. Adjourn** **Dr. Debbie Pischke, Chair**



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## ATTACHMENT 1

**Arizona Early Childhood Development and Health Board**

**Northwest Maricopa Regional Partnership Council**

**DRAFT Meeting Minutes – November 15, 2013**



**Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board**

**Northwest Maricopa Regional Partnership Council**

**November 15, 2013 – *Draft* Meeting Minutes**

**Call to Order**

The Regular Meeting of the First Things First Northwest Maricopa Regional Partnership Council was held on Friday, November 15, 2013 at West-MEC, 5487 N. 99<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Glendale, Arizona 85301.

Chair Dr. Pischke welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at approximately 9:03 a.m.

**Members Present:**

Judith Brengi, Stacey Cassidy, Patrick Contrades, Ashley Flowers, Annette Johnson, Margaret Morales, Dr. Deboarh Pischke, Jannelle Radoccia and Lynda Vescio

**Members Absent:**

None.

**Call to the Public:**

Marcela Polo - **T.E.A.C.H.**, Program Coordinator – Ms. Polo thanked the Council for funding T.E.A.C.H. and provided an update on information about the T.E.A.C.H. scholarship numbers. Ms. Polo introduced three new components available to scholars:

Quick Start First Step Model – Available to scholars who are hesitant to attend school or have never attended school.

Referral Scholar Incentive – T.E.A.C.H. Provides a \$100.00 gift card once the referred student completes the contract

Continued Scholars Incentive – If the student continues with the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> contract without any lapse T.E.A.C.H. will provide \$400.00 for the second contract and \$450.00 for the third contract.

Sara Ocampo-Schlesinger – Association for Supportive Child Care (ASCC) – Ms. Ocampo provided information about the Family, Friend and Neighbor Care (Arizona Kith and Kin Project). Ms. Ocampo attended the meeting as a result of learning about Council discussions regarding children in the care of grandparents, family, friends and neighbors and shared some resources and programs that First Things First funds. Ms. Ocampo is the Chair for the Alliance for Family, Friend and Neighbor Child Care and mentioned that the group came together to discuss issues related to children that are in the care of Family, Friends and Neighbors. Ms. Ocampo talked about the Arizona Kith and Kin Project and mentioned that more than 50% of children are in informal child settings and often these children are the ones missed and are not prepared for school. First Things First along with other partners have focused efforts on reaching these children to ensure that they are ready when they enter into kindergarten. There are other strategies working with the same population. Ms. Ocampo offered the opportunity to come out and do a full presentation on the research and data in Arizona about this population and provided contact information for Council.

**Review and Approval of October 18, 2013 Meeting Minutes:**

Council Member Contrades made a motion to approve the October 18, 2013 meeting minutes as written. Motion was seconded by Council Member Brengi and carried out by unanimous vote.

**RFGA Discussion (Discussion and Possible Approval):**

**a. Care Coordination/Medical Home - #FTF-Multi-14-0481-00**

**b. Family Support Children with Special Needs - # FTF-Multi-14-0480-00**

Chair Dr. Pischke discussed and reviewed the Conflict of Interest rules with the Council and explained that if any Council Member who believes that a Conflict of Interest is present, he or she must disclose that Conflict using the Member Disclosure Form and must sign the Statement of Disqualification at the bottom of the Disclosure form. Chair Dr. Pischke requested verbal declaration of Conflict of Interest and asked Council Members to state their conflict into the meeting record. Council Members who had a Conflict of Interest were as follows:

Margaret Morales –Disclosed a conflict of interest with Agenda Item #4b. – Council Member Morales disclosed that her employer Chicanos Por La Causa applied for this Grant.

Janelle Radoccia –Disclosed a conflict of interest with Agenda Item #4a., – Council Member Radoccia disclosed that her employer Lutheran Social Services applied for this Grant.

Janelle Radoccia –Disclosed a conflict of interest with Agenda Item #4b., – Council Member Radoccia disclosed that her employer Lutheran Social Services applied for this Grant.

Ashley Flowers –Disclosed a conflict of interest with Agenda Item #4b., – Vice Chair Flowers disclosed that her employer applied for this Grant.

Chair Dr. Pischke called for a motion to move into Executive Session Pursuant to ARS 38-431.03 (A) (2), for the purposes of discussion of confidential information regarding Care Coordination/Medical Home and Family Support Children with Special Needs RFGA Recommendations.

Council Member Contrades made a motion that the Northwest Maricopa Regional Partnership Council move into Executive Session for the purposes of discussion of confidential information regarding Care Coordination/Medical Home and Family Support Children with Special Needs RFGA Recommendations. Motion was seconded by Council Member Johnson and carried out by unanimous vote.

Council moved into Executive Session at 9:15 a.m.

Council Members with a Conflict of Interest and Members of the Public were excused from the Executive Session for the discussion of Care Coordination/Medical Home and Family Support Children with Special Needs.

Council Member Johnson made a motion that the Executive Session be closed. Motion was seconded by Vice Chair Flowers and carried out by unanimous vote. Executive Session closed at 10:06 a.m.

Council Members and the Public returned to the Council Meeting.

Council Member Johnson made a motion that the Regional Council approve the recommendations of the review committees for RFGA # FTF-MULTI-14-0481-00 and present them for consideration of award to the First Things First Board. Motion was seconded by Council Member Vescio. Council Member Radoccia abstained. Motion was carried.

Council Member Johnson made a motion that the Regional Council approve the recommendations of the review committees for RFGA # FTF-MULTI-14-0480-00 and present them for consideration of award to the First Things First Board. Motion was seconded by Council Member Vescio. Council Members Radoccia and Morales and Vice Chair Flowers abstained. Motion was carried.

**Discussion and Possible Action on SFY14 Funding Plan Implementation:**

**a. Family Resource Center Strategy**

Regional Director Lyons – At the October 18, 2013 Council meeting, Council discussed increasing Family Resource Center funding to Peoria Unified School District by \$50,000.00 and also to fund the Deer Valley Family Resource Center in the amount of \$100,000.00. In discussions with Peoria, at this time they do not have capacity to expand services this Fiscal Year since they are only in year one and have not had their grand opening.

Council Member Morales made a motion that the Northwest Maricopa Regional Partnership Council increase its allotment in State Fiscal Year 14 for strategy Family Resource Center to \$825,000.00, with the intent that funding will be used to partner with the North Phoenix Region to support the expansion of Deer Valley Family Resource Center services and sites into the Northwest Maricopa Region. Motion was seconded by Council Member Contrades. Vice Chair Flowers opposed. Motion was carried.

Regional Director Lyons - Regarding Recruitment Into the Fields, in FY14 the Northwest Maricopa Region has \$280,000.00 allotted to the strategy. To date, the Council has been able to partner with Peoria Unified School District for \$240,000.00 to support Early Childhood Career and Technical Ed Programming. The Council has been unable to partners with Dysart for the remaining money, as Dysart no longer offers Early Childhood Career and Technical Ed Programming. Regional Director Lyons proposed that the Council consider partnering with Glendale Community College to expound current Recruitment into the Field efforts. Glendale Community College is in the process of building a learning lab, with the intent to use that learning lab with their early childhood, nursing, language and nutrition students. The new learning lab, and the Community Colleges role in dual enrollment, PCPP, and CDA attainment aligns with the intent of the Recruitment into the Field strategy and provides options for partnership and strategy evolution.

Vice Chair Flowers asked if this item could be tabled due to lack of information and re-presented when additional information is available. .

Council Members Contrades and Radoccia recommended the Council explore options with Glendale Community College ensuring that no services are be duplicated and that funding is not being used to support services/programming that are already the responsibility of the Community College. Council agreed that the funding be left there as a place holder and that staff reach out to Glendale Community College to get the proposal from them. Council agreed that the Scope of Work should be revisited and the Subcommittee needs to regroup for discussion.

Regional Director will provide Council with more information and will pull the Subcommittee back together for further discussion.

Please Note: Council Member Vescio stepped out of the meeting at 10:24 a.m. Council Member Vescio returned to the meeting at 10:28 a.m.

**Discussion and Possible Action on SFY15 Funding Plan Development:**

Chair Dr. Pischke reminded the Council that most of the strategies are in their second and third year and the recommendation has been to hold the course.

Regional Director informed Council that the Quality First costs are approximate dollar amounts due to fact that Quality First is they are looking at the cost per region based on size of centers currently enrolled, number of scholarships provided and final numbers will not be available until Tuesday, November 22, 2013. The numbers presented are accurate as of yesterday. Moving forward Council can approve the TSU's - Target Service Units.

Regional Director Lyons referred Council to Attachment #3 SFY 2013-2015 Funding Plan Summary in the meeting packet and addressed each strategy and proposed funding item by item.

Chair Dr. Pischke asked of the current policy, regardless of star rating for reimbursement amount stays at what is charged. Is the anticipation that higher stars get a higher amount of reimbursement regardless and is that a change?

Council Member Radoccia clarified an example of Chair Dr. Pischke's question - If a center charges \$100.00 but the reimbursement rate for a five star center is \$120.00 do they still get reimbursed at the \$120.00 dollars or the \$100.00 dollar rate?

Regional Director Lyons will clarify the response and send out an email with the answer to Dr. Pischke's question. Director Lyons will also email the policy to Council?

Please Note: Vice Chair Flowers stepped out of the meeting at approximately 11:01 a.m. Vice Chair Flowers returned to the meeting at 11:03 a.m.

Please Note: Council Member Morales left the meeting at approximately 11:03 a.m. and did not vote on any of these agenda items.

Chair Dr. Pischke requested verbal declaration of Conflict of Interest and asked Council Members to state their conflict into the meeting record. For the purpose of today's discussion of the funding plan, the following Council members declared conflicts of interest:

Council Member Cassidy:	Quality First
Vice Chair Flowers:	Family Support – Children with Special Needs,
Council Member Morales:	Home Visitation and Family Support – Children with Special Needs,
Chair Pischke:	Family Resource Centers, Quality First, Pre-K Scholarships, Quality First Pre-K Mentoring, Quality First Scholarships, Recruitment into the Field
Council Member Radoccia:	Care Coordination/Medical Home, Family Support – Children with Special Needs, and Service Coordination

Council Member Contrades made a motion that the Northwest Maricopa Regional Partnership Council allot \$200,000.00 in State Fiscal Year 15 for strategy Care Coordination. Motion was seconded by Vice Chair Flowers. Council Member Radoccia abstained. Motion was carried.

Council Member Contrades made a motion that the Northwest Maricopa Regional Partnership Council allot \$165,490.00 in State Fiscal Year 15 for strategy Child Care Health Consultation. Motion was seconded by Vice Chair Flowers and carried out by unanimous vote.

Council Member Contrades made a motion that the Northwest Maricopa Regional Partnership Council allot \$50,000.00 in State Fiscal Year 15 for strategy Community Awareness. Motion was seconded by Vice Chair Flowers and carried out by unanimous vote.

Council Member Contrades made a motion that the Northwest Maricopa Regional Partnership Council allot \$83,000.00 in State Fiscal Year 15 for strategy Community Outreach. Motion was seconded by Vice Chair Flowers and carried out by unanimous vote.

Council Member Contrades made a motion that the Northwest Maricopa Regional Partnership Council allot \$875,000.00 in State Fiscal Year 15 for strategy Family Resource Centers. Motion was seconded by Council Member Johnson. Council Member Pischke abstained. Motion was carried.

Council Member Contrades made a motion that the Northwest Maricopa Regional Partnership Council allot \$200,000.00 in State Fiscal Year 15 for strategy Family Support – Children w/Special Needs. Motion was seconded by Council Member Vescio. Vice Chair Flowers and Council Member Radoccia abstained. Motion was carried.

Council Member Contrades made a motion that the Northwest Maricopa Regional Partnership Council allot \$110,000.00 in State Fiscal Year 15 for strategy Food Security. Motion was seconded by Council Member Johnson and carried out by unanimous vote.

Council Member Contrades made a motion that the Northwest Maricopa Regional Partnership Council allot \$500,000.00 in State Fiscal Year 15 for strategy Home Visitation. Motion was seconded by Vice Chair Flowers and carried out by unanimous vote.

Council Member Contrades made a motion that the Northwest Maricopa Regional Partnership Council allot \$200,000.00 in State Fiscal Year 15 for strategy Media. Motion was seconded by Vice Chair Flowers and carried out by unanimous vote.

Council Member Contrades made a motion that the Northwest Maricopa Regional Partnership Council allot \$492,000.00 in State Fiscal Year 15 for strategy Mental Health Consultation. Motion was seconded by Vice Chair Flowers and carried out by unanimous vote.

Council Member Contrades made a motion that the Northwest Maricopa Regional Partnership Council allot \$650,000.00 in State Fiscal Year 15 for strategy Physical Activity/Nutrition/Obesity Prevention (SNACK). Motion was seconded by Vice Chair Flowers and carried out by unanimous vote.

Council Member Contrades made a motion that the Northwest Maricopa Regional Partnership Council allot \$400,000.00 in State Fiscal Year 15 for strategy Oral Health. Motion was seconded by Vice Chair Flowers and carried out by unanimous vote.

Council Member Contrades made a motion that the Northwest Maricopa Regional Partnership Council allot \$300,000.00 in State Fiscal Year 15 for strategy Parent Education – Community Based Training. Motion was seconded by Vice Chair Flowers and carried out by unanimous vote.

Council Member Contrades made a motion that the Northwest Maricopa Regional Partnership Council approve the Quality First Strategy package for 60 centers and 7 homes, with estimated funding allotments as presented in today's State Fiscal Year 15 Funding Plan document. The Quality First package includes the following strategies for enrolled providers: Quality First Academy; Warmline Triage and the Warmlines for Child Care Health Consultation, Inclusion, Mental Health Consultation; Quality First Coaching and Incentives. Further, the Quality First package includes an estimate of 765 Quality First Child Care Scholarships for estimated budget allotment of \$5,814,152.00-The estimated amounts included in this motion will be updated and finalized according to the Quality First model and the Quality Ratings of the enrolled sites and brought back to the Regional Council at a future meeting. Motion was seconded by Council Member Johnson. Chair Dr. Pischke and Council Member Cassidy abstained. Motion was carried.

Council Member Contrades made a motion that the Northwest Maricopa Regional Partnership Council allot \$85,800.00 in State Fiscal Year 15 for strategy Quality First Pre-K Mentoring. Motion was seconded by Council Member Johnson. Chair Dr. Pischke and Council Member Cassidy abstained. Motion was carried.

Council Member Contrades made a motion that the Northwest Maricopa Regional Partnership Council allot \$560,000.00 in State Fiscal Year 15 for strategy Recruitment into the Field. Motion was seconded by Council Member Johnson. Council Member Radoccia opposed. Chair Dr. Pischke abstained. Motion was carried.

Council Member Contrades made a motion that the Northwest Maricopa Regional Partnership Council allot \$45,945.00 in State Fiscal Year 15 for strategy Scholarships – Non TEACH. Motion was seconded by Vice Chair Flowers and carried out by unanimous vote.

Council Member Contrades made a motion that the Northwest Maricopa Regional Partnership Council allot \$31,091.00 in State Fiscal Year 15 for strategy Scholarships – TEACH. Motion was seconded by Vice Chair Flowers and carried out by unanimous vote.

Council Member Contrades made a motion that the Northwest Maricopa Regional Partnership Council allot \$50,000.00 in State Fiscal Year 15 for strategy Service Coordination Motion was seconded by Vice Chair Flowers. Council Member Radocchia abstained. Motion was carried.

Council Member Contrades made a motion that the Northwest Maricopa Regional Partnership Council allot \$718,754.00 in State Fiscal Year 15 for strategy Statewide Evaluation. Motion was seconded by Vice Chair Flowers and carried out by unanimous vote.

**Directors Update:**

**a. Phoenix/Maricopa Benchmark Committee Update**

Regional Director Lyons - The next Benchmarking Committee meeting will be held in January 2014. Recommendations will be brought back to the Council for approval at the February of 2014 meeting and will go out for public vetting in March 2014 then they will go to the Board.

**Return to Agenda Item #6: Discussion and Possible Action on SFY15 Funding Plan Development:**

Regional Director Lyons – A clarifying motion is required for Agenda Item #6 Discussion and Possible Action on SFY15 Funding Plan Development.

Council Member Contrades made a motion that the Northwest Maricopa Regional Partnership Council approve for the State FY15 the TSU’s – Target Service Units for all strategies as reflected in the council meeting documents. Motion was seconded by Vice Chair Flowers and carried out by unanimous vote.

**Council Member Updates and Announcements:**

Council Member Brengi shared that she and Chair Dr. Pischke had the opportunity to participate in Town Hall in the Grand Canyon earlier this month. It was overwhelming having 170 people all focused on Early Education. The report is online on the Town hall website. There were people from all walks of life in attendance and it was a great experience.

Dr. Pischke shared that it was amazing and a fascinating process and encourages all to go onto the Arizona Town hall website to take a look at the report.

Council Member Vescio informed Council that she may not be attending the December 20, 2013 Council Meeting due to surgery.

Council Member Brengi - The State Finance Committee met earlier this week and one of the things that is coming down the pipeline that the Board has asked the committee to address with recommendations is whether to continue the balanced budgeting for the funding plans due to the large carryovers. The Board would like to see these Carryovers being used.

Council Member Contrades mentioned that Friday, January 30, 2014 there is going to be a second year of the Arizona K-12 Business Education Partnership Symposium. It is being convened by the Governor’s Office of Education Innovation, Department of Education and the Small Business Association. The Focus is K-12 education partnerships and they are creating different strands focused on early literacy. Member Contrades will send email to Administrative Assistant Gandara to share with Council.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business, Chair Dr. Pischke adjourned the meeting at 11:47 a.m.



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## ATTACHMENT 2

**Arizona Early Childhood Development and Health Board**

**Northwest Maricopa Regional Partnership Council**

**Deer Valley Unified School District – Grantee Agreement Summary**

**Northwest Maricopa Regional Partnership Councils -  
SFY14 Grant Agreement Summary  
Deer Valley Unified School District - Family Resource Center**

**Grant Agreement (Amendment) between First Things First – North Phoenix and Northwest Maricopa Regional Partnership Councils and:**

Deer Valley Unified School District (Contract # IGA-RC012-12-0453-01-Y3)

**Funding Increase:**

\$100,000

**Target Service Units / audience:**

Family Resource Center = 300 Families Served

Parent Education = 100 Participating Adults

**Grant Cycle:**

February 1, 2014 – June 30, 2014

**Program Summary/Overview:**

Deer Valley Unified School District (DVUSD) will be expanding Family Resource Center Services into Northwest Maricopa by opening a new Family Resource Center Site at Desert Sage School in Glendale Arizona. It is anticipated that the new site will be open and servicing families by March of 2014.

The purpose of the DVUSD Family Resource Center, including the new proposed location at Desert Sage, is to strengthen families living or receiving services in the Deer Valley Unified School District boundaries through awareness and education, while enhancing existing programs and services to meet the needs of families with children ages birth through five.

In support of this mission, the new center will offer a broad range of coordinated services to all families in the Northwest Maricopa Region to include resource and referral services, health insurance enrollment assistance, information on child development and health topics, coffee talks, developmental play groups, parenting skills classes, and other services as appropriate to meet the needs of the families served. All services will be administered in accordance with the established cultural competency objectives and guidelines; including compliances will all First Things First standards of practice.

As far as long term goals, the FRC will:

- Create additional partnerships with service providers; health, school and community resources.
- Provide information and referrals to families in the areas of education, health, employment, finance and related social services.
- Continually research and implement effective programs targeted at the needs of children and their families.
- Increase awareness and support throughout the school district and community to bring about family level change that fosters strong families, educated parents, and healthier children.

Current collaborative partners include: Maricopa County Family Resource Network, Benevilla, Lutheran Social Services, Choices for Families, Parenting Arizona, PBS Early Literacy Project, AZ Science Center, Kith and Kin Partnership, Nurse Family Partnership, United Phoenix Firefighters 493, Maricopa County Dept. of Public Health, Reachout Health America, and Homeward Bound.



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## ATTACHMENT 3

**Arizona Early Childhood Development and Health Board**

**Northwest Maricopa Regional Partnership Council**

**Community Outreach Update**

**HOLD FOR COMMUNITY OUTREACH UPDATE**