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Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board

La Paz/Mohave Regional Partnership Council

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order and Introductions

The regular meeting of the First Things First – La Paz/Mohave Regional Partnership Council was held **October 22, 2009** at 9:00 a.m. at the Fort Mojave Education Center, at 1599 Plantation Road, Mohave Valley, AZ 86440.

Chairman Allsbrooks called the meeting to order at 9:07a.m.

Members present:

William Allsbrooks, Nancy Mongeau, Betsy Lewis, Riley Frei, Jose Garcia, Debra Weger, Terri Holloway, Melissa Howell, Lenore Knudtson

Members absent:

Alisa Burroughs, Vijette Saari

Approval of Agenda

Member Garcia made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Member Mongeau. The motion carried with a unanimous vote by members present.

Call to the Public

No public comments.

Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda included the minutes of the September 24th, 2009. Member Frei made a motion to approve the minutes on the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Member Holloway. The motion carried with a unanimous vote by the members present.

Address Potential Conflicts of Interest Regarding Items on this Agenda

Member Mongeau declared a conflict of interest with item 2a Preventive Health Strategy of the Regional Funding Plan. Member Frei declared a conflict of interest with item 6 possible action of Pre-Kindergarten expansion. Chairman Allsbrooks declared a conflict of interest with item 6 possible action of Pre-Kindergarten expansion. Member Weger declared a conflict of interest with item 6 possible action of Pre-Kindergarten expansion. Chairman Allsbrooks reminded Members with conflicts that they will not be voting and should not make any comments on items of conflict.

Discussion and Possible Action on Pre-Kindergarten Expansion

Coordinator Beckett presented the proposed new strategy to partner with school districts to expand access to Pre-Kindergarten programs and reviewed possible funding mechanisms. Vice Chair Knudtson proposed revising the strategy to prioritize those districts with no Head Start and no regulated child care and to serve new kids over serving the same kids for more hours.

Member Garcia made a motion to approve the Pre-Kindergarten Expansion strategy as discussed and pursue government to government agreements direct with school districts. The motion was seconded by Member Mongeau. The motion carried by a unanimous vote by members present.

Members Holloway and Garcia volunteered to work with Coordinator Beckett on the Scope of Work.

Discussion and Possible Action on SFY 2011 Funding Plan

Coordinator Beckett reviewed the proposed SFY 2011 Funding Plan. The plan will continue the priorities established in SFY 2010. Chairman Allsbrooks stated because of conflicts of interest that each strategy will be voted on separately.

Member Holloway moved to approve the proposed funding levels for strategy 1a – Planning, Access and Quality Grants in fiscal years 2011 and 2012. The motion was seconded by Member Garcia. The motion carried by a unanimous vote by members present.

Vice Chair Knudtson moved to approve the proposed funding levels for strategy 1b – Quality First in fiscal years 2011 and 2012. The motion was seconded by Member Mongeau. The motion carried by a unanimous vote by members present.

Member Mongeau moved to approve the proposed funding levels for strategy 1c –Pre-Kindergarten Expansion for fiscal years 2011 and 2012. The motion was seconded by Member Garcia. Chairman Allsbrooks, Member Weger, and Member Frei abstained from voting. The motion passed by the remaining members (6 yes, 3 not voting).

Vice Chair Knudtson moved to approve the proposed funding levels for strategy 2a – Preventive Health Outreach and Screening in fiscal years 2011 and 2012. The motion was seconded by Member Weger. Member Mongeau abstained from voting. The motion passed by the remaining members (8 yes, 1 not voting).

Member Mongeau moved to approve the proposed funding levels for strategy 2b- Court Teams for Maltreated Infants and Toddlers in fiscal years 2011 and 2012. The motion was seconded by Member Garcia. The motion carried by a unanimous vote by members present.

Member Frei moved to approve the proposed funding levels for strategies 2c-4 (Workforce Support and Readiness, Child Care Health Consultation, T.E.A.C.H., and Professional Development in ECE) and strategies 6-8 (Cross-Regional Education Campaign, Emergency Child Care Scholarships, Emergency Food Assistance, Expedited Home Visitation, and Needs and Assets) in fiscal years 2011 and 2012. The motion was seconded by Member Holloway. The motion carried by a unanimous vote by members present.

Member Holloway moved to approve the proposed funding levels for strategy 5 – Family Support in fiscal years 2011 and 2012. The motion was seconded by Member Howell. Member Weger abstained from voting. The motion passed by the remaining members (8 yes, 1 not voting).

Vice Chair Knudtson motioned to approve Coordinator Beckett to make minor edits and clarifications to the funding plan. The motion was seconded by Member Garcia. The motion carried by a unanimous vote by all members present.

Set Upcoming Council Meeting Dates and Locations

The next meeting is scheduled in Littlefield, December 3, 2009 at 10 a.m.

Member Frei motioned to approve the proposed 2010 meeting dates and locations. The motion was seconded by Member Weger. The motion carried by a unanimous vote by all members present.

Coordinator Report and Possible Discussion

Coordinator Beckett updated the Council on the Grantee Orientation training that was held October 20th in Lake Havasu City. The State Board is meeting in Phoenix next week and will consider the recommendations from the Council on the 2010 Needs and Assets Report and the Grant Agreement with the Mohave County Superior Court. The Communications office has contracted with a marketing and public relations firm, Moses Anshell, for the regional community mobilization campaigns. The Association for Supportive Child Care secured office space in Lake Havasu hired a Program Coordinator. They've requested to present at a future Council Meeting.

Adjourn

Member Garcia made a motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Member Holloway. Motion to adjourn carried with a unanimous vote by the members present.

There being no further business, Chairman Allsbrooks adjourned the meeting at 10:58 a.m.

Minutes NOT approved

SUBMITTED BY:

Della Gray, Administrative Assistant

Approved by:

Williams Allsbrooks, Chair