



# FIRST THINGS FIRST

*Ready for School. Set for Life.*

## Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board

### Yuma Regional Partnership Council Meeting

#### Meeting Minutes

#### **Welcome/Introductions/Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the First Things First Yuma Regional Partnership Council was held on February 20, 2014, 4:30 p.m. at the Sierra Vista Presbyterian Church, 150 W. 28<sup>th</sup> Street, Yuma, Arizona 85364.

Chair Hawkins called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m.

#### **Members Present:**

Chair Darren Hawkins  
Vice Chair Irene Garza  
Member Judy Watkinson  
Member Kim Fanning  
Member Laurie Gail Senko  
Member Pilar Moreno (left the meeting at approximately 6:25 p.m. however quorum was maintained)  
Member Rebecca Ramirez

#### **Members Absent:**

Member Gloria Cisneros  
Member Dr. Mario Ybarra  
Member Mary Beth Turner Member Ricardo Perez  
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#### **Conflict of Interest**

Chair Hawkins provided the Regional Council with an opportunity to declare any conflict of interest regarding items on the agenda. There were no conflicts declared at this time.

#### **Consent Agenda**

The items on the consent agenda included the minutes of the January 16, 2014, Yuma Regional Partnership Council regular meeting. A motion was made by Member Watkinson to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Member Fanning, and the motion carried by a unanimous vote by all members present.

#### **Regional Director's Report**

The Report included an update on:

- System Building
- Early Childhood System Collaboration meeting (February 10, 2014)
- Upcoming local events

**Discussion on FY2014 Financial Expenditures Report**

First Things Fiscal Specialists for the West Region, Kristen Martin and Perla Renteria, provided an update on the financial expenditures for FY2014. It was further stated that expenditures are at approximately 50% expended for all programs. The Finance Team is available to assist grantees with any questions/issues they may be experiencing in reporting expenditures.

**Discussion on Family Support**

Family Support and Literacy Sr. Director, Dr. Aaliyah Samuel, provided an update on statewide family support and literacy efforts. She highlighted the partnership with Read On Arizona and the role of First Things First in the creation of the literacy framework. Recruitment efforts continue to recruit the Tribal Community to be part of the "Read On Community". Dr. Samuel's update also included statewide efforts to build a strong collaborating/coordinated system for home visitation and how to best infuse early literacy in each strategy.

**Call to the Public**

There was no request to address the council at this time.

**Announcements**

Read Across America Day, March 3, 2014. Reach Out and Read Arizona in collaboration with Harvest Preparatory Academy will be presenting a skit of Dr. Seuss Birthday, March 3, 2014, 9 a.m., Harvest Preparatory Academy, 350 E. 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Yuma, AZ 85364.

**Next Meeting**

The next regular meeting of the Yuma Regional Partnership Council is scheduled on March 20, 2014, 4:30 p.m., Yuma County Public Health Services District, 2200 W. 28<sup>th</sup> Street, Yuma, Arizona 85364.

**Adjourn**

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

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Marie Megui, Administrative Assistant III

APPROVED BY:

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Rev. Dr. Darren C. Hawkins, Yuma Regional Partnership Council Chair

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March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014