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COLORADO RIVER INDIAN TRIBES REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL

March 24, 2015

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

The meeting of the First Things First – Colorado River Indian Tribes Regional Partnership Council was held on March 24, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at the Family Activity Center at 1321 S. Mohave Avenue in Parker, Arizona, 85344.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Homer at 10:08 a.m.

Members Present

Brad Sale, Hannah Harper, Vikki Olson, Veronica Homer, Deniese Perez, Gloria Flores-Lopez, Jackie Flores (telephonically)

Members Absent

Monica Rosnagle, Dru Waggoner, Amelia Flores

Conflicts of Interest

There were no members needing to declare a Conflict of Interest.

Call to the Public

There was no response to the Call to the Public.

Approval of Meeting Minutes (Attachment 01)

A motion was made by Member Olson to approve the February 24, 2014 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Member Perez. The motion passed unanimously by Members present.

Financial Report (Attachment 02)

Referring to Attachment 02, Interim Regional Director Arnold provided the Regional Council with the financial expenditures report for the second quarter of Fiscal Year 2015. Chair Homer asked if CRIT DHSS was contacted regarding them not having made any expenditure, and Senior Director Pascual noted that she had met with the new DHSS Director and the program coordinator for the grant. Regional Director Arnold stated that it is anticipated that they will have expenditures in the third quarter since the new program coordinator was hired in January.

Chair Homer asked if they are allowed to carryover funds, and Regional Director Arnold stated the program is not allowed to keep the unexpended funds but it will stay within the Regional Council's budget for future use.

Member Flores-Lopez arrived at 10:15am.

Grantee Data Reports (Attachment 03)

Referring to Attachment 03, Interim Regional Director Arnold provided the Regional Council with the Grantee Data report for the second quarter of Fiscal Year 2015.



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Update on Regional Grants

Interim Regional Director Gary Arnold announced that grant agreements were sent out in the beginning of March and the due dates were April 16, 2015. Interim Regional Director Arnold has been making contact with Grantees to request an April 1, 2015 deadline. The earlier timeframe would allow for staff to conduct a review and make recommendations for the Regional Council's approval at the April 28, 2015, regional council meeting.

Governance Policy – Second Read (Attachment 04)

Interim Regional Director Gary Arnold presented to the Regional Council Members a draft copy of the Governance Policy with changes proposed during the first read.

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Sale to approve the Governance Policy as presented. The motion was seconded by Member Flores - Lopez. The motion passed unanimously by Members present.

Champions for Children Award

Community Outreach Coordinator Taylor informed the Regional Council that an email went out March 23, 2015 asking for nominations with a deadline of April 3, 2015. Ms. Taylor would like to work with a group of Regional Council Members from CRIT, Hualapai and La Paz/Mohave to choose a winner. The Regional Council agreed with this option. Chair Homer and Member Olson announced they were interested in being part of the group.

Community Outreach and Awareness Update

Community Outreach Coordinator, Erin Taylor, provided the Regional Council with the Lanna's Libraries: A Legacy of Literacy article that was printed in the Parker Pioneer, Manataba Messenger, and was posted on the Parker Live site. Coordinator Taylor informed the Regional Council of a few upcoming events:

- April 22, 2015- Kith and Kin workshop being held at the Family Activity Center. The topic will be Fathers in the family with presenter Enrique Feldman.
- March 28, 2015- La Paz County Health and Wellness Expo being held at Western Park.

Senior Director's Report

Senior Director Pascual informed the Regional Council Member present of the following items:

- State Board meeting will be held in Yuma on April 13 & 14, 2015. On the 14th the Regional Council will have an opportunity to have an open discussion with State board members.
- FTF Summit is scheduled for August 24 & 25, 2015 at the Phoenix Convention Center.
- Chair/Vice-Chairs Leadership forum will be held in Phoenix on April 24, 2015.

Announcements

CRIT Head start is accepting applications for the upcoming school year.

Member Sale informed the Regional Council Kindergarten registration is underway. Member Sale also informed the Regional Council that Le Pera is having a Literacy Night on April 3, 2015 from 5:00 pm – 8:00 p.m.

Member Harper informed the Regional Council that Le Pera is holding a Kindergarten enrollment night March 25, 2015 at 6:00 pm.

Interim Regional Director Arnold informed the Regional Council his last day with First Things First is April 10, 2015.



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Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for April 28, 2015, at 10:00 a.m.

Adjournment

Vice-Chair Sale made a motion to adjourn at 10:51 a.m. The motion was seconded by Member Olson. The motion passed unanimously by members present.

Veronica Homer-Chair
Colorado River Indian Tribes Regional Partnership Council

Bylli Esquerra, Administrative Assistant II

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FY 2015 Colorado River Indian Tribes Regional Partnership Council

	Grantee Name	Total Allotment	Awarded	YTD Expense	Expense Variance	% of Award Expended	Pending	Paid (Last 30 Days)
Evaluation	Statewide Evaluation Strategy	\$18,979	\$18,979	\$18,979	-	100.0%		
	First Things First (FTF-Directed)		\$18,979	\$18,979	-	100.0%		
Family Support	Parent Outreach and Awareness Strategy	\$106,500	\$106,500	\$38,250	\$68,250	35.9%		
	Colorado River Indian Tribes-DHSS (FFN Workshops)		\$60,000	\$15,000	\$45,000	25.0%		
	Colorado River Indian Tribes - Library (Literacy)		\$46,500	\$23,250	\$23,250	50.0%		
Health	Child Care Health Consultation Strategy	\$4,940	\$4,940	\$2,943	\$1,997	59.6%	\$10	\$1,143
	First Things First (FTF-Directed)		\$308	\$308	-	100.0%		
	Maricopa County Department of Public Health		\$106	\$52	\$54	48.9%		\$37
	Pima County Health Department		\$192	\$93	\$99	48.7%	\$10	\$7
	The U of A, Mohave Cooperative Extension		\$4,334	\$2,490	\$1,844	57.5%		\$1,099
	Nutrition/Obesity/Physical Activity Strategy	\$49,054	\$49,054	\$12,264	\$36,791	25.0%		
	Colorado River Indian Tribes - DHSS (NOPA)		\$49,054	\$12,264	\$36,791	25.0%		
Quality and Access	Quality First Academy Strategy	\$1,880	\$1,880	\$834	\$1,046	44.3%		\$65
	Southwest Human Development		\$1,880	\$834	\$1,046	44.3%		\$65
	Quality First Child Care Health Consultation Warmline	\$94	\$67	\$25	\$41	37.7%		
	University of Arizona Cooperative Extension		\$67	\$25	\$41	37.7%		
	Quality First Coaching & Incentives Strategy	\$43,026	\$40,966	\$30,289	\$10,677	73.9%		
	Valley of the Sun United Way		\$40,966	\$30,289	\$10,677	73.9%		
	Quality First Inclusion Warmline Strategy	\$420	\$371	\$204	\$167	55.1%		\$24
	Southwest Human Development		\$371	\$204	\$167	55.1%		\$24
	Quality First Mental Health Consultation Warmline	\$432	\$432	\$265	\$167	61.3%		\$29
	Southwest Human Development		\$432	\$265	\$167	61.3%		\$29
	Quality First Scholarships Strategy	\$171,318	\$171,318	\$127,989	\$43,329	74.7%	-	
	First Things First (FTF-Directed)		\$1,537	\$1,537	-	100.0%		
	Valley of the Sun United Way		\$169,781	\$126,452	\$43,329	74.5%	-	
	Quality First Warmline Triage Strategy	\$152	\$152	\$98	\$54	64.3%		\$11
	Southwest Human Development		\$152	\$98	\$54	64.3%		\$11
Overall Total:		\$396,795	\$394,658	\$232,139	\$162,519	58.8%	\$10	\$1,272

Colorado River Indian Tribes Regional Partnership Council - Recommendations for FY2016 Grant Agreements

Nutrition, Obesity Prevention, Physical Activity (NOPA)

Summary: It is proposed that First Things First enter into a grant agreement with the Colorado River Indian Tribes Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) to promote healthy eating and physical activity to reduce the prevalence of obesity and diabetes in children and their families.

Applicant	Recommended	Program Description & Rationale for Recommendations
Colorado River Indian Tribes – DHSS	<p>Funding Amount: \$31,822</p> <p>Funding Period: July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendation: Staff recommends the award of this grant agreement. • Brief Description: The Colorado River Indian Tribes Department of Health and Social Services is committed to providing the community with family friendly events and activities that are geared toward encouraging the proper development of children ages birth to five through physical activity and nutrition. All activities will be geared toward promoting physical activity and healthy eating with the goal of reducing the rate of obesity in young children. Events and activities will be used to highlight a variety of kid-friendly exercises, as well as provide quick and healthy meal ideas and demonstrations to caregivers. • Anticipated Outcomes: The program will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Host regularly scheduled Fitness for Kids events: at least 30 minutes of physical activity, healthy snack, language and literacy • Collaborate with other stakeholders: WIC, Food Distribution, SDP, Social Services, Behavioral Health, Library, IHS, and schools • Link to Key Community Resources: provide information and connect participants to resources, including breastfeeding support • Monitor program effectiveness through evaluation: using participant surveys, enrollment data, and sign-in sheets; reports will be submitted to FTF, Tribal Council, and the Tribal Health Board. • Impacts: The target service number is 221 children and 145 participating adults.

Court Teams

Summary: It is proposed that First Things First enter into a multi-regional grant agreement with Mohave County Superior Court to improve outcomes for infants, toddlers and their families involved in the child welfare system in order to reduce or prevent future court involvement. This is accomplished through training, shared planning and regular consultation of those agencies working with a child and family.

Applicant	Recommended	Program Description & Rationale for Recommendations
Mohave County Superior Court (Infant and Toddler Mental Health Team)	<p>Funding Amount: \$370,500 (includes \$20,500 from CRIT Regional Council funding)</p> <p>Funding Period: July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendation: Staff recommends the award of this grant agreement. • Brief Description: The Court Team provides training to everyone involved in the child welfare system to assist in the cooperation and collaboration for the best interests of infants and toddlers. The Court Team will put focus on establishing a well-developed, coordinate, court system with an infant and toddler focused practice with the Colorado River Indian Tribes. • Anticipated Outcomes: The main focus of implementation in the CRIT region will be capacity building for a CRIT Court Team. • Implement the 10 components of the evidence-informed Court Team Model: Judicial Leadership, Local Community Coordinator, Community Court Team, Infants/Toddlers in Out-of-Home Care, Monthly Case Reviews, Placement and Concurrent Planning, Frequent Parent-Child Contact, Medical and Mental Health Services, Training/Technical Assistance, and Evaluation. • Quarterly Trainings will be provided in the Parker area, and additional quarterly trainings will be provided in La Paz County. • Five professionals from the CRIT region will be supported through the Infant Toddler Mental Health Endorsement Process. • Impacts: The target service number is 55 children (infants and toddlers) and 55 participating adults in the CRIT region.



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MEMO

TO: Colorado River Indian Tribes Regional Partnership Council
 DATE: April 21, 2015
 RE: Renewal Recommendation for SFY 2016

CRIT Regional Partnership Council Members,

As the Regional Council moves forward with implementation of the strategies approved in the SFY 2016 Regional Funding Plan, **there is one grant agreement eligible for renewal. The staff recommendation is that the grant agreement be renewed for SFY 2016:**

Strategy: Parenting Outreach and Awareness
 Grantee: Colorado River Indian Tribes – Library
 Funding: \$39,500
 Funding Period: July 1, 2015- June 30, 2016

The CRIT Library, implementing this Parenting Outreach and Awareness strategy for increasing literacy, is on track to meet or exceed the number of books distributed (469 books distributed out of a contracted service number of 500), and has already exceeded the service number for number of events (95 events out of a contracted service number of 60). Additionally, the CRIT Library has reported reaching over 200 adults at the events, and distributing books to over 200 children through this grant for Fiscal Year 2015.

Regional Councils should examine grant performance in considering whether to recommend renewal of a grant agreement. If a Regional Council determines that grant performance does not meet the Regional Council's needs based upon factual evidence under the provisions of the grant, the Regional Council may decide to not renew.

If grantee performance is satisfactory under the grant agreement, and if no other changes occur to the scope of work or financial value of the grant that would require rebid or renegotiation, the Regional Council should renew the grant. Regional Councils may also renew programs based on findings that there are reasonable causes for delays in implementation, or other issues that have been or will be overcome by the grantee in the coming year.

The recommendation from the Regional Council will be forwarded to the Board for State Fiscal Year 2016. The Board will consider approval of the recommendation at the First Things First Board meeting June 8 and 9, 2015.

Sincerely,

Ashley Pascual,
 Senior Director
 Colorado River Indian Tribes Regional Partnership Council

COMMUNITY OUTREACH REPORT

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Summary of Activities (March-April 2015)

Week of the Young Child at CRIT Head Start

Activities ran April 13-16 and included parent and community participation from groups such as Parker Apostolic Church and the CRIT Kids Fit program. FTF led (hard-boiled) egg races and a bowling activity.



The work of engagement begins by connecting with key stakeholders and motivating them to take action on behalf of young kids. Through continual training and tools, Community Outreach recruits Friends, Supporters and Champions. This three-tiered engagement process offers stakeholders an opportunity to be involved at whatever level they feel most comfortable.

Our Regional Partnership Council members are involved in the community on multiple levels, from schools to business to faith groups. Do you know someone we should be connecting with?

La Paz County Health EXPO Saturday, March 28



University of Arizona Oral Health Coordinator Maggie Wilcox teaches kids the proper way to brush using her model Rex the Dinosaur at the La Paz County Health Expo Saturday, March 30. Wilcox emphasized prevention and education to parents.



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NEWS

Meet your local First Things First council

PARKER — First Things First considers its Regional Partnership Council members its biggest champions for young children. Through their volunteer service, members of the Colorado River Indian Tribes Regional Partnership Council directly impact the education, health and family support programs available to kids five and younger in the community.

Approved by Arapahoe voters, First Things First works to expand and enhance early childhood development and health services for children from birth to age five.

The CRT regional council has direct responsibility to collect information on the strengths and needs of the Colorado River Indian Tribes community; prioritize the specific needs of children from birth through age five; plan how to address those needs; choose who to partner and collaborate with to ensure success for the children in their area; and make funding decisions necessary to carry out their plan.

Want to be a part of those efforts?

The CRT Regional Partnership Council currently has a vacancy for a community member who lives or works in the region (Member At-Large).

Applicants are required to live or work in the region and must be willing to serve a four-year term on the regional council. The position will require a commitment of at least 10 hours per month. Previous experience on local decision-making boards is a plus.

Individuals interested in applying should visit www.crtff.gov/serve to review the position description and obtain the online application. You may also schedule an appointment with the Administrative Assistant, Byll Esquerria, at 928-689-2473 if you would like assistance with completing the application.

As part of this year's National Week of the Young Child celebration April 12-18, First Things First would like to recognize the following Regional Partnership Council members who volunteer their time and expertise on behalf of young children in the Colorado River Indian Tribes region:

Vernica Homer, Chair—Homer is an active member of the Colorado River Indian Tribes who sits on many community committees and believes success can be achieved through grassroot level efforts.

Brad Sale, PUSD Administrator—Sale is currently the Assistant Superintendent for the Parker Unified School District.

Amelia Flores, Tribal At-Large seat—Flores currently serves as a member of the Colorado River Indian Tribes Council and serves on multiple community boards and councils.

Hannah Harper, Parent—Harper and her husband are the parents of four children. She said her vision for Arapahoe's children is "to raise them to be successful individuals through secure home environments, education in academics and life skills, community and extracurricular involvement and access to cultural/spiritual mentorship."

Vicki Olson, At-Large seat—Olson is a school psychologist for the Parker Unified School District, where she is responsible for the assessment and evaluation of students in grades Pre-K through 12.

Gloria Flores-Lopez, Business owner—Flores-Lopez is the owner of "Fascinating Things," a florist serving Parker and the surrounding area since 1988.

Deniese Perez, Philanthropy seat—Perez is the Executive Director of the Colorado River Regional Crisis Services, which serves victims of Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse.

Jackie Flores, Child Care Provider—Flores is the Director of the Colorado River Indian Tribes Head Start. She is responsible for the implementation of program plans, supervision of instructional staff and the overall operation of the Head Start Program.

Monica Rosnagle, Health Services Provider—Rosnagle is the Child Health, Mental Health & Disability Coordinator for the Colorado River Indian Tribes Head Start.

Dru Waggoner, Early Childhood Educator—Waggoner has been in the field of elementary education since 1980 and said her vision for Arapahoe's children is that each child is provided opportunities to grow and learn about themselves, their culture, and the ways to be contributing members of society.



Submitted photo

Members of the First Things First Colorado River Indian Tribes Regional Partnership Council pose with First Things First staff for a picture at a recent meeting (from left) front row: Ashley Pascual, Brad Sale, Veronica Homer, Patricia Fritz, Gloria Flores-Lopez; and back row: Hannah Harper, Deniese Perez, Gary Arnold, Dru Waggoner, Amelia Flores, Jackie Flores and Byll Esquerria.

2015 Summit Will Be Awesome

Opening Keynote



- Dr. Dipesh Navsaria
- Topic: Early Brain, Child Development, Toxic Stress & Childhood Adversity

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Featured Speaker

- Dr. Nonie LeSaux
- High Stakes Decision Making & Pitfalls Around Early Literacy



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Featured Speaker

- Dr. Clancy Blair
- Increasing Adult Self Regulation



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Closing Keynote

- Enrique Feldman
- Topic: Inspiring Others to Inspire Themselves



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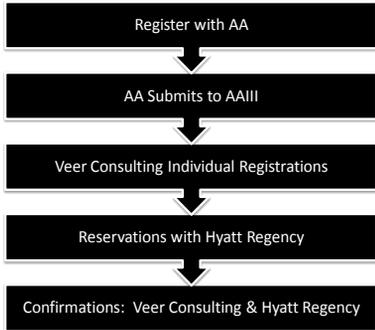
TRIBAL GATHERING



- Monday August 24th, 2015
- 1:00 – 3:00 pm

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REGISTRATION & CONFIRMATIONS



CANCELLATIONS

- Cancel early
- Minimum of 72 hours
- Emergency last minute cancellations
 - Call Dave Ryder
 - 602.568.6722



Travel Guidelines

HOTEL STAYS



Must reside 50+ miles from the Phoenix Convention Center

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HOTEL STAYS

- Summit begins on Monday, 8/24 @ 8:30
- Hotel stay may begin on Sunday, 8/23
- Check out on Tuesday, 8/25



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MEALS

- Per diem rate = \$54
- Per diem covers meals that are not provided
- Lunch on 8/25 is provided the Summit



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- Will register
 - FTF Board
 - Regional Councils
 - FTF Staff

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- Show valid drivers license
- Major credit card
- Do not recommend debit cards



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PARKING



Parking will be paid for the Summit

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HYATT PARKING

- Park at the garage immediately South of the Hyatt (2nd Street & Adams)
- Leave car parked at Hyatt and walk to PCC
- Will reimburse for self parking
- Want to valet park? You pay the difference!

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PHOENIX CONVENTION CENTER PARKING

4 garages noted in registration confirmation email



1. West
2. North
3. East
4. Heritage Square Garage

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- There are over 1,000 people to register
- Bring a sweater



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MONDAY LUNCH OPTIONS

- PCC’s Metro Carche – food court
- Arizona Center
- The Network @ Hyatt Regency
- The District @ Sheraton
- Starbucks



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THANK YOU!