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Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board Cocopah Tribe Regional Partnership Council Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

The meeting of the First Things First – Cocopah Tribe Regional Partnership Council was held on May 7, 2014, at 3:00 p.m. at the Cocopah Community Center, 14251 S. Centre Avenue, Somerton, AZ.

Chair McCormick called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

Members Present:

Chair H. Jill McCormick
Vice Chair Rev. Deal Begay
Council Member Dr. Michael Reed
Council Member Elizabeth Renaud
Council Member Patricia R. Weissenberg
Council Member Paul Soto

Members Present Via Conference Call:

Council Member Ines Pampara

Members Absent:

Council Member Christie Stevens
Council Member Cristina Solorzano
Council Member Gina Nierenhausen

Approval of April 1, 2014 Regional Partnership Council Meeting Minutes

Member Soto moved to approve the minutes of the April 1, 2014, Regional Council meeting, seconded by Dr. Reed, and the motion carried by a unanimous vote by all members present.

Discussion on FY2015 Grantee Renewals

The following action was taken by the Regional Council on the FY2015 Grantee Renewals:

- Cocopah Indian Tribe: GRA-RC031-13-0488-01-Y2 and Yuma Community Food Bank: GRA-RC031-14-0604-01

Member Soto moved to approve the renewal recommendation of the Home Visitation Strategy with the Cocopah Indian Tribe and renewal of the Food Security Strategy with Yuma Community Food Bank, seconded by Vice Chair Rev. Begay, and the motion carried by a unanimous vote by all members present.

Discussion on Election of Officers for FY2015

A motion was made by Member Soto to retain the current Chair and Vice Chair in their leadership role in the Council. The motion was seconded by Dr. Reed, and the motion carried by a unanimous vote by all members present.

First Read: Annual Review of Governance Policies

The Regional Council will review the Governance Policy Manual. A second reading of the manual will take place at the June 4, 2014 meeting at which time the Regional Council will take action on the document.

Update on Early Steps Program

A brief update on the Early Steps Program was provided by Early Steps Program Specialist, Lupi Rojas.

Discussion on Needs & Assets

Senior Director Gary P. Arnold provided a brief update on the Needs and Assets Report which included feedback provided by the Regional Council on areas of concern in the document. A Monthly Progress Report submitted by the vendor was provided to the Regional Council.

Regional Director's Report

- a) Regional Council & State Regional Forum: September 29-30, Yuma, AZ, Location TBD
- b) 2014 Needs and Assets Update: See Discussion on Needs and Assets above.
- c) Council Seat Update: Two additional interviews scheduled on May 12, 2014. This will conclude all interviews for council membership.
- d) Financial Update: Items included in the report were total monies allotted and awarded as well as the year to date expenses of the First Things First programs funded in the Cocopah region.
A brief review of the proposed State Board fiscal policies was shared by.
- e) Cocopah Tribe School Readiness Indicator Report: An overview of the School Readiness Benchmarks for the Cocopah Tribe was provided.

Update on Regional Council Chair and Vice Chair Leadership Forum

Chair McCormick and Vice Chair Begay shared their thoughts on the Chair and Vice Chair Leadership Forum attended on May 1, 2014 in Phoenix, AZ. It was stated that tobacco revenue had declined by 23% over the past five years. The proposal is that each region's allocation be adjusted such that the region's carry forward is part of the allocation not in addition to it. Concerns over how this recommendation affects smaller tribal regions was expressed by Regional Council members from other regions that attended the forum. The recommendations would allow First Things First to maintain its program spending at a consistent level for an estimated 9-15 years. The Board will take action on the recommendations at the June 9-10, 2014 Board Meeting.

Announcements

Upcoming Events:

- Empowerment Fair, May 12, 2014, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Cocopah Community Center
- Youth Mental Health Certification on May 20-21, 2014, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Cocopah Casino and Resort River Room.
- Vacation Bible School, June 23-27, 2014, 6 p.m.-8 p.m., Vice Chair Begay's Home
- Music Event on June 28, 2014, 12 p.m.-7 p.m., Cocopah Community Center

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting will occur on Wednesday, June 4, 2014, 3:00 p.m., Cocopah Community Center, 14251 S. Centre Avenue, Somerton, AZ.

Adjournment

Chair McCormick adjourned the meeting at 4:36 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

Marie Megui, Administrative Assistant III

APPROVED BY

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