



# FIRST THINGS FIRST

## COLORADO RIVER INDIAN TRIBES REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL Draft Meeting Minutes

### Call to Order

The meeting of the First Things First – Colorado River Indian Tribes Regional Partnership Council was held on June 23, 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 10:07 a.m.

### Members Present:

Veronica Homer, Chair  
Hannah Harper  
Vikki Olson  
Monica Rosnagle  
Isabel DeLeon  
Amelia Flores  
Deniese Perez

### Members Absent:

Dru Waggoner  
Brad Sale, Vice Chair  
Gloria Flores-Lopez  
Jackie Flores

### Conflicts of Interest

Chair Homer asked the Regional Council members if there were conflicts of interest regarding items on this agenda. There were none at this time.

### Call to the Public

There were no members of the public who requested to speak at this time.

### Approval of Meeting Minutes (Attachment #1)

**A motion was made by Member A. Flores to approve the April 28, 2015 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Member Rosnagle. The motion passed unanimously by Members present.**

### SFY2015 Implementation Update (Attachment #2a-2b)

Referring to Attachment 2a, Senior Regional Director Pascual provided the Regional Council with the Quarter 3 Grantee Data Reports. Senior Director Pascual brought the Regional Council's attention to page two, and shared information pertaining to the CRIT DHSS grants. Chair Homer asked if they were advertising the position again. Senior Director Pascual stated that the job is being advertised as a part time person. There were meetings held with the DHSS Director and the CRIT Library Director to discuss the possibility of combining the two part time positions in to one fulltime position, and the Directors decided not to do that. Member DeLeon stated that she had met with DHS Director about the NOPA grant and how it was implemented. Member Perez asked if there is any training module when a person gets hired, or is it that they have to develop the role and plan of action on their own. Senior Director Pascual stated FTF has standards of practice for each strategy, which is explained in the grant, and the grantee creates the job descriptions adhering to the standard, which is also reviewed by FTF. It is up to the grantee to train the employee. FTF has set up meetings with Grantees to go over grant agreements and Members are encouraged to attend.

C.R.I.T. Library has distributed 496 books and held 95 events under the Parenting Outreach and Awareness strategy. Chair Homer invited C.R.I.T. Library Director, Gilford Harper, to speak on the implementation of the grant. Mr. Harper introduced the new Literacy Coordinator Daris Laffoon. Mr. Harper stated they were working with grants and contracts to make sure funds are expended.

Senior Director Pascual reviewed the reported use of child care scholarships at the Sonshine Center, which is below the target service unit. Member Rosnagle asked about changing the name of the scholarships to make it more understandable. She also asked for a flyer to hand out to families at Head Start.



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Referring to Attachment 2b, Senior Director Pascual presented the financial expenditures report ending June 10, 2015. Senior Director Pascual stated the end of the Fiscal year is June 30, 2015 and grantees have a few weeks to report their final spending. Member Harper asked if monies rollover to the program, Senior Director Pascual stated funding does not stay with the Grantee, but they do stay with the Regional Council. In Fiscal Year 2016, the “rollover” or “carry forward” funds are not in addition to the set allocation to the region.

### **SFY2016 Regional Grant Agreement (Attachment #3)**

Referring to Attachments 3, Senior Director Pascual informed the Regional Council that the SFY 2016 Grant Agreements were in place and ready to go on July 1, 2015.

### **Community Outreach and Awareness Update (Attachment #4)**

Community Outreach Coordinator, Erin Taylor, provided the Regional Council members present with the community outreach and media activities occurring in the region over the last month. Ms. Taylor also informed the Regional Council she is working with the Sonshine Center to host a site visit and showcase a family who has benefited from the program in September.

### **SFY2016 Chair and Vice Chair Elections**

Chair Homer opened the floor for nominations for Chairperson for Fiscal Year 2016.

Chair Homer nominated Member Sale.  
Member A. Flores nominated Chair Homer.  
No further nominations were made.

**Motion made by Member A. Flores to close nominations for Chair for Fiscal Year 2016. Motion seconded by Member De Leon. Motion passed unanimously by members present.**

**Chair Homer called for the vote. Member Homer was elected as the Chair for Fiscal Year 2016 by majority vote**

Chair Homer opened up nominations for Vice-Chair for Fiscal Year 2016.

Member Perez nominated Member Sale.

**Motion made by Member Rosnagle to close nominations for Vice-Chair for Fiscal Year 2016. Motion seconded by Member A. Flores. Motion passed unanimously by members present.**

**Motion made by Member Rosnagle to elect Member Sale for Vice- Chair for Fiscal Year 2016. Motion seconded by Member A. Flores. Motion passed unanimously by members present.**

### **Senior Director’s Report**

Senior Director Pascual informed the Regional Council of Statewide FTF updates:

- Regional Council Member survey was sent out to all members, deadline was extended to June 30, 2015. Members can request a paper form of the survey by contacting Administrative Assistant Bylli Esquerra.
- FTF is expanding the distribution activities of the Arizona Parent kits to agencies working with pregnant women.



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Senior Director Pascual introduced Candida Hunter, Senior Director of Tribal Affairs to the Regional Council Members present. Senior Director Hunter informed the Regional Council Members present that she has been meeting with Tribal Councils; she has already met with nine across the State. Senior Director Hunter informed the Regional Council about the First Things First Summit which will be held in Phoenix on August 24 – 25, 2015. The Tribal Gathering will be held on Monday, August 24, from 1pm -3pm , the speaker will be Dr. Hillary Weaver. There will be four Tribal specific sessions throughout the Summit. The First Things First Tribal Consultation is scheduled for September 17, 2015 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Phoenix, and one of the main topics to be discussed is Public Policy engagement.

Senior Director Pascual informed the Regional Council Members present that Beatriz Jaime was hired as the Regional Director for the CRIT and Hualapai Regions; she has been on board since June 3, 2015.

Senior Director Pascual informed the Regional Council members present that the Tribal home visiting program from the Riverside San Bernardino County Indian Health organization is no longer serving the CRIT region. They did provide participants with other resources as part of their transition out of the community. Senior Director Pascual also let the Regional Council Members know that the Arizona Department of Health Services is holding a Tribal Consultation concerning the Federal Maternal, Infant, Early Childhood Home Visiting grants on June 24, 2015 in Flagstaff. The Tribal Consultation will be primarily focused on expanding the Parents As Teachers Home Visiting Model in Tribal communities through Government to Government agreements.

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

Senior Director Pascual asked the Regional Council Members present if they were planning on attending the Summit to inform Administrative Assistant Esquerra. Senior Director Pascual reminded the Regional Council members present about the Eddie Basha Regional Partnership Council Excellence award. One Regional Council will be awarded the Eddie Basha award which is a workshop of their choice to be held in the Region. The winner will be announced at the Summit.

### **Announcements**

Member Rosnagle informed the Regional Council the CRIT Head Start will be having Health Screenings at the end of July.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will occur July 28, 2015, 10:00 am at the Family Activity Center.

### **Adjournment**

**Member A. Flores made a motion to adjourn at 11:42 a.m. The motion was seconded by Member Rosnagle. The motion passed unanimously by members present.**

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Veronica Homer, Chair  
Colorado River Indian Tribes Regional Partnership Council

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Bylli Esquerra, Administrative Assistant II

**Colorado River Indian Tribes Regional Partnership Council**

Strategy	Strategy Description	Total Funds Available	Service Provider (FTF Contractor)	Awarded Amount
		<b>\$146,627</b>		
Quality First Scholarships	Provides scholarships to children to attend quality early care and education programs. Helps low-income families afford a better educational beginning for their children.		Valley of the Sun United Way	\$110,435
Quality First Coaching & Incentives	Expands the number of children who have access to high quality care and education, including learning materials that are developmentally appropriate, a curriculum focused on early literacy and teachers trained to work with infants, toddlers and preschoolers. Supports provided to early care and education centers and homes to improve the quality of programs, including: on-site coaching; program assessment; financial resources; teacher education scholarships; and consultants specializing in health and safety practices.		Valley of the Sun United Way	\$33,796
Quality First Academy	Provides professional development to enhance high quality coaching, consultation and technical assistance practices across the early childhood system.		Southwest Human Development	\$1,880
		<b>\$36,762</b>		
Nutrition/Obesity/Physical Activity	Provides health education focused on obesity prevention to children, families and early care and education professionals. Improves the health and safety of young children by providing community-based health education on a variety of topics including: healthy food choices and appropriate physical activity.		Colorado River Indian Tribes Department Health and Social Services	\$31,822
Child Care Health Consultation	Provides qualified health professionals who assist child care providers in achieving high standards related to health and safety for the children in their care. Improves the health and safety of children in a variety of child care settings.		First Things First (FTF-Directed)	\$405
			Maricopa County Department of Public Health	\$99
			Pima County Health Department	\$99
			The Arizona Board of Regents	\$4,337
		<b>\$39,500</b>		

Parenting Outreach and Awareness	Provides families with education, materials and connections to resources and activities that promote healthy development and school readiness. Improves child development by educating parents and connecting them to resources and activities that promote healthy growth and school readiness.	Colorado River Indian Tribes Library	\$39,500
		<b>\$14,570</b>	
Statewide Evaluation	Statewide evaluation includes the studies and evaluation work which inform the FTF Board and the 31 Regional Partnership Councils, examples are baseline Needs and Assets reports, specific focused studies, and statewide research and evaluation on the developing early childhood system. -.	First Things First (FTF-Directed)	\$14,570
		<b>\$20,500</b>	
Court Teams	Assign multidisciplinary teams, led by superior court judges, to monitor case plans and supervise placement when a child 5 or younger is involved with the court system. Promotes children's wellbeing and reduces recurrence of abuse and neglect.	Mohave County Superior Court	\$20,500

# SFY 2016 Colorado River Indian Tribes Regional Partnership Council Financial Report

Grantee Name	Contract Period	Total Allotment	Awarded	Pending	Paid (Last 30 Days)
<b>Court Teams Strategy</b>		<b>Strategy Subtotal:</b>	<b>\$20,500</b>	<b>\$20,500</b>	
Mohave County Superior Court	07/01/2015-06/30/2016		\$20,500		
	<b>Goal Area Subtotal:</b>	<b>\$20,500</b>	<b>\$20,500</b>		
<b>Statewide Evaluation Strategy</b>		<b>Strategy Subtotal:</b>	<b>\$14,570</b>	<b>\$14,570</b>	
First Things First (FTF-Directed)	07/01/2015-06/30/2016		\$14,570		
	<b>Goal Area Subtotal:</b>	<b>\$14,570</b>	<b>\$14,570</b>		
<b>Parenting Outreach and Awareness</b>		<b>Strategy Subtotal:</b>	<b>\$39,500</b>	<b>\$39,500</b>	
Colorado River Indian Tribes - Library	07/01/2015-06/30/2016		\$39,500		
	<b>Goal Area Subtotal:</b>	<b>\$39,500</b>	<b>\$39,500</b>		
<b>Child Care Health Consultation Strategy</b>		<b>Strategy Subtotal:</b>	<b>\$4,940</b>	<b>\$4,940</b>	
First Things First (FTF-Directed)	07/01/2015-06/30/2016		\$405		
Maricopa County Department of Public Health	07/01/2015-06/30/2016		\$99		
Pima County Health Department	07/01/2015-06/30/2016		\$99		
The Arizona Board of Regents University of Arizona, Mohave Cooperative Extension	07/01/2015-06/30/2016		\$4,337		
<b>Nutrition/Obesity/Physical Activity</b>		<b>Strategy Subtotal:</b>	<b>\$31,822</b>	<b>\$31,822</b>	
Colorado River Indian Tribes - DHSS	07/01/2015-06/30/2016		\$31,822		
	<b>Goal Area Subtotal:</b>	<b>\$36,762</b>	<b>\$36,762</b>		
<b>Quality First Specialized Professional</b>		<b>Strategy Subtotal:</b>	<b>\$1,100</b>	<b>-</b>	
	<b>Goal Area Subtotal:</b>	<b>\$1,100</b>	<b>-</b>		
<b>Quality First Academy Strategy</b>		<b>Strategy Subtotal:</b>	<b>\$1,880</b>	<b>\$1,880</b>	
Southwest Human Development	07/01/2015-06/30/2016		\$1,880		
<b>Quality First Coaching &amp; Incentives</b>		<b>Strategy Subtotal:</b>	<b>\$33,796</b>	<b>\$33,796</b>	<b>\$8,474</b>
Valley of the Sun United Way	07/01/2015-06/30/2016		\$33,796	\$8,474	
<b>Quality First Scholarships Strategy</b>		<b>Strategy Subtotal:</b>	<b>\$110,951</b>	<b>\$110,435</b>	
Valley of the Sun United Way	07/01/2015-06/30/2016		\$110,435		
	<b>Goal Area Subtotal:</b>	<b>\$146,627</b>	<b>\$146,111</b>	<b>\$8,474</b>	
<b>Overall Total:</b>		<b>\$259,059</b>	<b>\$257,443</b>	<b>\$8,474</b>	

# COMMUNITY OUTREACH REPORT

Colorado River Indian Tribes Regional Partnership Council July 2015



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*Ready for School. Set for Life.*

### Outreach opportunities

**CRIT Head Start screenings, July 21-23, 2015.**

**BlueWater Employee Health Fair, Friday, July 7, 2015.**

**160 employees throughout the day**



### New Early Literacy Coordinator at CRIT Library



Daris Laffoon's favorite book growing up was "Mother Moon." Not because she particularly liked the story or the artwork, neither of which she can hardly remember now as an adult. Instead, it's her favorite book because it was the book her Grandma Triny

read to her and her cousins every night.

"Grandma used to sit in her chair out back and watch the sun set and the moon come out. She loved that book," Laffoon said. "My cousins and I would always make sure to be home by sunset because that was our routine. That was our time together."

As the new Early Literacy Specialist for the CRIT Library, Laffoon wants to remind parents that sharing a book with their children has an impact beyond improving a child's literacy. Reading together creates an emotional bond. It can be a time when parents show off their silly voices, or share a part of their own childhood by reading one of their favorite books.

"Kids can be surprised to learn that their parents were little like them at one time, too," Laffoon said.

In her new role at the library, Laffoon said she hopes to introduce young children, even newborns, to the love of reading. Reading can help build a child's vocabulary, and research shows that the more words a child knows by the age of three, the higher their test scores will be in related subjects at the age of nine.

Laffoon is currently busy planning storytimes and other events. She welcomes the community to stop by the CRIT Library and share their favorite book with her.

*The work of community 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?*

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**Updates**

- **Tribal Consultation:** September 17, 2015 is currently being held as the date for First Things First's formal consultation with tribal governments.
- **Fiscal Year 2015 Expenditures:** Grantees have 45 days (from June 30, 2015) to submit Final Expenditures. Expenditures will be reconciled after August 15, 2015.
- **W.K. Kellogg Foundation Grant:** First Things First has received a grant to enhance the parenting resource information available to parents and families and to develop creative approaches for delivering the information.

**Upcoming Events**

**August 14<sup>th</sup>: CRIT Grantee Orientation, 10:00am – 12:00pm, TBD, Parker**

- Grant partners will be convened to discuss processes in the new fiscal year as well as other First Things First procedural updates. Regional Council Members are also encouraged to attend.

**August 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>: First Things First Early Childhood Summit, Phoenix Convention Center**

- During the first day, August 24<sup>th</sup>, the Tribal Gathering, Lanna Flood Memorial Keynote Address, and State Board Meeting will occur at the Summit.
- The second day, August 25<sup>th</sup>, will include a celebratory luncheon and will be followed by the 2015 Read On Arizona Summit at 2:00pm.

**September 3<sup>rd</sup>: La Paz and Mohave Counties Early Childhood System Coordination Meeting, 9:00am – 12:00pm, TBD, La Paz County**

- All early childhood system partners are invited to participate in this meeting to discuss better coordination and collaboration with services to young children and families. Regional Council Members are also encouraged to attend.

**September 17<sup>th</sup>: First Things First Tribal Consultation, 10:00am – 3:00pm, TBD, Phoenix**

- First Things First's formal consultation with tribal government.
- Tribal grant partners will be invited to meet the following day, September 18<sup>th</sup>, in Phoenix to discuss grant implementation in tribal regions.

**September 29<sup>th</sup>: Colorado River Indian Tribes Regional Partnership Council Meeting, 10:00am, Family Activity Center**

- Possible action items on the agenda will include discussion on the 3-Year Strategic Direction and developing the State Fiscal Year 2017 Funding Plan.