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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 July 2, 2014, at 12:00 p.m. at the Cocopah Indian Housing and Development Office, 10488 Steamboat Street, Somerton, AZ.

Chair McCormick called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

Members Present:

Chair H. Jill McCormick

Vice Chair Rev. Deal Begay

Council Member Dr. Michael Reed

Hon. Amanda Mahon (left the meeting at approximately 1:22 p.m. Quorum was not affected.)

Council Member Ines Pampara (left the meeting at approximately 1:26 p.m. The meeting was adjourned due to no quorum.)

Council Member Patricia R. Weissenberg

Council Member Paul Soto

Members Absent:

Council Member Elizabeth Renaud

Council Member Christie Stevens

Council Member Cristina Solorzano

Council Member River Twist

Introduction of New Council Members

Two new members have been added to the Regional Council. The Hon. Amanda Mahon was introduced and welcomed to the Regional Council. Her role on the Council will be in the At-Large capacity for the term July 1, 2014 thru June 30 2018. New Member River Twist was not present.

Approval of May 7, 2014 Regional Partnership Council Meeting Minutes

Dr. Reed moved to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2014, Regional Council meeting, seconded by Member Soto. Motion carried.

Discussion on SFY2014 Quarter 3 Data Reporting and SFY2014 Financial Report

The Home Visitation Early Steps Program surpassed the contracted service units of 15 and served 46 families according to the SFY2014 Quarter 3 report. Other areas included in the report were number of children newly enrolled during the quarter, number of children served and number of families who received community referrals.

It was reported the 30 food vouchers (contracted service units for the Yuma Community Food Bank) had been distributed, however not all food boxes had been collected by the families. It was noted food vouchers not collected will be carried over into SFY15.

Second Read: Governance Policies

Dr. Reed moved to approve the Cocopah Tribe Regional Partnership Council Governance Policies, seconded by Member Soto. Motion carried.

Proposed SFY2015 Cocopah Regional Partnership Council Meeting Schedule

Dr. Reed moved to approve the Cocopah Tribe Regional Partnership Council meeting schedule as proposed by First Things First staff, seconded by Member Soto. Motion carried.

Update on Food Security Strategy

President/CEO of the Yuma Community Food Bank, Mike Ivers and Anita Maude, Program Director and Agency Coordinator for the food bank presented an update on Food Security for the region. Mr. Ivers stated not all food vouchers had been redeemed however, with the assistance of the Early Steps Specialist were able to redeem a total of 25 of the 30 food vouchers. Transportation seems to be biggest barrier for delivery/distribution of these services. He also reported that aside from the Food Security Strategy, 100 food boxes were delivered to the Cocopah Community Center along with an additional 160 food kits for children.

Ms. Maude stated quarterly cooking sessions introducing preparation of vegetables is currently being planned as part of the strategy by the Yuma Community Food Bank.

Update on Early Steps Program

The update included home visits completed and events attended. The Back to School event is scheduled on August 1, 2014, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. First Smiles program will be present at this event.

Discussion on Needs & Assets

Violeta Dominguez and Michelle Walsh of the University of Arizona Norton School, shared the process/sources of the data collected for the Needs and Assets Report. The Regional Council concerned about the depth of information contained in the report adding that research/steps need to be taken to ensure that the information and data in the report is *reflective* of the Cocopah community. The geographic boundaries of the region aren't accurately reflected in the report and need to be revised. The Regional Council will forward edits/comments of the report to Regional Director Roselia V. Ramirez. Ms. Ramirez will then forward all edits/comments to the University of Arizona Norton School research team for continuum of the report.

Member Pampara left the meeting at approximately 1:26 p.m. at which time quorum was lost.

Adjournment

Quorum was lost and Chair McCormick adjourned the meeting at 1:26 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

Marie Megui, Administrative Assistant III

APPROVED BY

H. Jill McCormick, Chair, Cocopah Tribe Regional Partnership Council

September 3, 2014



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Call to Order

The Special Meeting of the First Things First – Cocopah Tribe Regional Partnership Council was held on August 22, 2014, at 1:00 p.m. at the Yuma First Things First Regional Office, 233 S. 2nd Ave., Yuma, AZ. Members of the Regional Council attended via conference call.

Chair McCormick called the meeting to order at 1:14 p.m.

Members Present:

Chair H. Jill McCormick
Amanda Mahon (Honorable)
Council Member Ines Pampara
Council Member Paul Soto
Council Member Cristina Solorzano
Council Member River Twist

Members Absent:

Vice Chair Rev. Deal Begay
Council Member Dr. Michael Reed
Council Member Patricia R. Weissenberg
Council Member Elizabeth Renaud
Council Member Christie Stevens

Discussion and Possible Action on 2014 Regional Needs and Assets Assessment

The 2014 Regional Needs and Assets Assessment was up for consideration by the Regional Council. Regional Director Roselia V. Ramirez stated the Executive Summary document is a summary of the content included in the Needs and Assets and that it was not included in the draft reviewed by the Regional Council but will be submitted by the University of Arizona Norton School of Family & Consumer Sciences by Tuesday, August 26 but no later than Wednesday, August 27, 2014 to allow time for review and approval by the Cocopah Tribal Council. Director Ramirez will review content of the Executive Summary to ensure all information requested by the Regional Council is included and accurate in the summary.

Member Soto moved to approve the final draft of the 2014 Regional Needs and Assets Assessment with the inclusion of the Executive Summary and with permission to allow for staff to continue working with the contracted vendor to conduct minor editing prior to submitting to the State Board for approval, seconded by the Member Mahon. Motion carried.

Discussion and Possible Action on 2015 Community Outreach and Awareness Budget

Member Soto moved to approve the 2015 Parent Outreach and Awareness Budget, seconded by the Member Solorzano. Motion carried. Total allotment for the budget is \$1,700.00.

Adjournment

Chair McCormick adjourned the meeting at 1:22 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

Marie Megui, Administrative Assistant III

APPROVED BY

H. Jill McCormick, Chair, Cocopah Tribe Regional Partnership Council

September 3, 2014

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FY 2014 Cocopah Tribe Contract Detail

Grantee Name	Contract Number	Contract Period	Allotment		YTD Expense	Expense Variance	Award Expended	Allotment Expended	Reimbursement Activity	
			Total Allotment	Awarded			% of Award Expended	% of Allotment Expended	Pending	Paid (Last 30 Days)
Community Awareness										
Community Awareness Strategy			Strategy Subtotal:		\$0	-	-	0.0%	0.0%	
First Things First (FTF-Directed)	PSC-STATE-14-0651-01	To Be Determined			-	-	-	0.0%		
Community Outreach Strategy			Strategy Subtotal:		\$0	-	\$122	(\$122)	0.0%	0.0%
First Things First (FTF-Directed)	PSC-STATE-14-0652-01	To Be Determined			-	\$122	(\$122)	0.0%		
Goal Area Subtotal:			\$0	-	\$122	(\$122)	0.0%	0.0%		
Evaluation										
Statewide Evaluation Strategy			Strategy Subtotal:		\$1,065	\$1,065	\$1,065	-	100.0%	100.0%
First Things First (FTF-Directed)	PSC-STATE-14-0669-01	07/01/2013-06/30/2014			\$1,065	\$1,065	-	100.0%		
Goal Area Subtotal:			\$1,065	\$1,065	\$1,065	-	100.0%	100.0%		
Family Support										
Food Security Strategy			Strategy Subtotal:		\$750	\$750	\$650	\$100	86.7%	86.7%
Yuma Community Food Bank	GRA-RC031-14-0604-01	07/01/2013-06/30/2014			\$750	\$650	\$100	86.7%		
Home Visitation Strategy			Strategy Subtotal:		\$79,182	\$79,182	\$79,182	-	100.0%	100.0%
Cocopah Indian Tribe	GRA-RC031-13-0488-01-Y2	07/01/2013-06/30/2014			\$79,182	\$79,182	-	100.0%		
Parent Outreach and Awareness Strategy			Strategy Subtotal:		\$1,700	\$1,700	-	\$1,700	0.0%	0.0%
First Things First (FTF-Directed)	PSC-STATE-14-0664-01	07/01/2013-06/30/2014			\$1,700	-	\$1,700	0.0%		
Goal Area Subtotal:			\$81,632	\$81,632	\$79,832	\$1,800	97.8%	97.8%		
Quality and Access										
Quality First Strategy			Strategy Subtotal:		\$0	-	-	-	0.0%	0.0%
									0.0%	
Quality First Assessment Strategy			Strategy Subtotal:		\$6,600	\$6,600	\$5,955	\$645	90.2%	90.2%
Southwest Human Development	FTF-STATE-13-0347-01-Y2	07/01/2013-06/30/2014			\$6,600	\$5,955	\$645	90.2%		
Quality First Coaching & Incentives Strategy			Strategy Subtotal:		\$1,932	\$1,932	\$1,053	\$879	54.5%	54.5%
Valley of the Sun United Way	FTF-STATE-14-0427-02	07/01/2013-06/30/2014			\$1,932	\$1,053	\$879	54.5%		
Goal Area Subtotal:			\$8,532	\$8,532	\$7,008	\$1,524	82.1%	82.1%		
Overall Total:			\$91,229	\$91,229	\$88,028	\$3,201	96.5%	96.5%		

Instructions for interpreting data report fields:

*Quarterly Data Submission Status

Quarterly Data Submission Status is not a strategy-specific data field. This is a FTF designated field in a report that indicates within a quarter the number of months of data that were submitted for a single contract out of the three mandatory months for the quarter.

0 = 0 months out of 3 months of data for this quarter were submitted.

Note:

No strategy-specific data fields will be displayed for a contract with a "0" Quarterly Data Submission Status

1 = 1 month out of 3 months of data for this quarter were submitted

2 = 2 months out of 3 months of data for this quarter were submitted

3 = 3 months out of 3 months of data for this quarter were submitted

Note:

A Quarterly Data Submission Status of "0" may be assigned in the following scenarios:

- (a) The grantee did not set their PGMS data submission status to "complete" or did not submit data via other acceptable file transfer protocols
- (b) The grantee signed their contract only one month prior to the end of the quarter and data submission is not applicable until the following quarter
- (c) The contract's strategy-specific data reporting requirements may not be available and/or no training on data submission has taken place

**Contracted Service Units

Contracted Service Units only appear for a contract's lead strategy

Instructions for reading null and zero as data field values:

Blank data field = A null data field appears if the grantee selected "NA (Not Applicable)" when given a YES/NA option on their data reporting template indicating the specific data field(s) are not a part of their contract

0 = Grantee selected "No" in a YES/NO option on their data reporting template indicating the specific data field(s) were not collected for the quarter

0 = Grantee reported "0" on their data reporting template indicating the specific data field(s) were not collected for the quarter

Data Reports by Regional Partnership Council

Council: Cocopah Tribe

Fiscal Year: 2014

Developmental and Sensory Screening

Contract Number/ Grantee Name	Data Field	Contracted Service Units**	First Fiscal Quarter (July-Sept)	Second Fiscal Quarter (Oct-Dec)	Third Fiscal Quarter (Jan-Mar)	Fourth Fiscal Quarter (Apr-Jun)	Fiscal YTD Total
GRA-RC031-13-0488-01-Y2 / Cocopah Indian Tribe	Quarterly Data Submission Status*			3	3	3	
	Number of hearing screenings conducted			0	0	0	
	Number of hearing results forwarded to medical home			0	0	0	
	Number of families referred and having received an additional evaluation			0	0	0	
	Number of children received hearing screening			0	0	0	
	Number of vision screenings conducted			0	0	0	
	Number of vision results forwarded to medical home (physician of record) for evaluation and services			0	0	0	
	Number of families that report being referred and having received an additional evaluation			0	0	0	
	Number of children received vision screening			0	0	0	
	Number of developmental screenings conducted			3	3	2	
	Number of developmental screening results forwarded to AZEIP, Part B or a medical home			1	0	1	
	Number of children referred for developmental delay follow-up			0	0	0	
	Number of children received developmental screening			3	3	2	
	Number of children receiving screening (children may have received 1-3 types of screenings)			0	3	2	

Data Reports by Regional Partnership Council

Council: Cocopah Tribe

Fiscal Year: 2014

Food Security

Contract Number/ Grantee Name	Data Field	Contracted Service Units**	First Fiscal Quarter (July-Sept)	Second Fiscal Quarter (Oct-Dec)	Third Fiscal Quarter (Jan-Mar)	Fourth Fiscal Quarter (Apr-Jun)	Fiscal YTD Total
GRA-RC031-14-0604-01 / Yuma Community Food Bank	Quarterly Data Submission Status*		3	3	3	3	
	Number of food boxes distributed	30				25	25
	Number of families who received food boxes					25	
	Number of children (0-5 yrs) in families who received food boxes					51	
	Number of families who received other items					25	
	Number of children (0-5 yrs) in families who received other items					51	

Data Reports by Regional Partnership Council

Council: Cocopah Tribe

Fiscal Year: 2014

Health Insurance Enrollment

Contract Number/ Grantee Name	Data Field	Contracted Service Units**	First Fiscal Quarter (July-Sept)	Second Fiscal Quarter (Oct-Dec)	Third Fiscal Quarter (Jan-Mar)	Fourth Fiscal Quarter (Apr-Jun)	Fiscal YTD Total
GRA-RC031-13-0488-01-Y2 / Cocopah Indian Tribe	Quarterly Data Submission Status*				3	3	
	Number of families reporting they are un-insured				0	0	
	Number of families who received enrollment assistance for AHCCCS and/or Kids Care (new enrollment)				0	0	
	Number of families served requesting assistance with re-enrollment into AHCCCS or KidsCare				0	0	
	Number of families served				0	0	
	Number of families served requesting assistance that enrolled into AHCCCS				0	0	
	Number of families served requesting assistance that enrolled into Kids Care (KidsCare I or II)				0	0	
	Number of families not eligible for -AHCCS, KidsCare or IHS- public insurance referred to low-cost health care services				0	0	

Home Visitation

A data field is flagged in grey for a SFY quarter:

Home visitor caseload for the quarter – when the ratio of home visitors to families served is above 1:20.

Staff turnover for the quarter – when the staff turnover is above 20% (from one quarter to the next).

Client turnover for the quarter - when the client turnover is above 20% (from one quarter to the next).

Clients disenrolled due to moving - when the percent of clients disenrolled due to “moving” is above 20%.

Clients disenrolled due to unable to locate - when the percent of clients disenrolled due to "unable to locate" is above 10%.

Contract Number/ Grantee Name	Data Field	Contracted Service Units**	First Fiscal Quarter (July-Sept)	Second Fiscal Quarter (Oct-Dec)	Third Fiscal Quarter (Jan-Mar)	Fourth Fiscal Quarter (Apr-Jun)	Fiscal YTD Total
GRA-RC031-13-0488-01-Y2 / Cocopah Indian Tribe	Quarterly Data Submission Status*		3	3	3	3	
	Number of families newly enrolled during the quarter		10	3	3	1	
	Number of families served	15	40	43	46	47	47
	Number of families at the end of the quarter (subtracting disenrolled)		40	39	42	42	
	Number of families continuing to receive services who have moved out of the region during the quarter		0	0	0	0	
	Number of families disenrolled during the quarter		0	4	0	1	
	Number of full time equivalent (FTE) home visitors at the end of the quarter		1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	
	Homevisitor caseload for the quarter		40.0	39.0	42.0	42.0	
	Staff turnover for the quarter		0	0	0	0	
	Family turnover for the quarter		0	2.5%	0	0	
	Families disenrolled due to moving		0	0	0	0	
	Families disenrolled due to unable to locate		0	0	0	0	
	Number of children newly enrolled during the quarter		24	2	5	1	

Data Reports by Regional Partnership Council

Council: Cocopah Tribe

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Number of children served		67	69	74	75
Number of families who received community based referrals		19	9	25	35

Data Reports by Regional Partnership Council

Council: Cocopah Tribe

Fiscal Year: 2014

Parent Kits - statewide

Contract Number/ Grantee Name	Data Field	Contracted Service Units**	First Fiscal Quarter (July-Sept)	Second Fiscal Quarter (Oct-Dec)	Third Fiscal Quarter (Jan-Mar)	Fourth Fiscal Quarter (Apr-Jun)	Fiscal YTD Total
FTF-STATE-12-0334-03-Y3 / SPF Consulting, LLC	Number of English cases distributed						
	Number of Spanish cases distributed						
	Number of cases distributed						
	Number of parent kits distributed						

Data Reports by Regional Partnership Council

Council: Cocopah Tribe

Fiscal Year: 2014

Quality First - Regional

Contract Number/ Grantee Name	Data Field	Contracted Service Units**	First Fiscal Quarter (July-Sept)	Second Fiscal Quarter (Oct-Dec)	Third Fiscal Quarter (Jan-Mar)	Fourth Fiscal Quarter (Apr-Jun)	Fiscal YTD Total
	Number of Centers	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Number of Homes	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Number of Rating Only Centers	1	1	1	1	1	1

Data Reports by Regional Partnership Council

Council: Cocopah Tribe

Fiscal Year: 2014

Quality First Assessment - Regional Funding

Contract Number/ Grantee Name	Data Field	Contracted Service Units**	First Fiscal Quarter (July-Sept)	Second Fiscal Quarter (Oct-Dec)	Third Fiscal Quarter (Jan-Mar)	Fourth Fiscal Quarter (Apr-Jun)	Fiscal YTD Total
	Number of Centers	0	0	0	0	0	
	Number of Homes	0	0	0	0	0	
	Number of Rating Only Centers	1	1	1	1	0	

Data Reports by Regional Partnership Council

Council: Cocopah Tribe

Fiscal Year: 2014

Quality First Coaching & Incentives - Regional Funding

Contract Number/ Grantee Name	Data Field	Contracted Service Units**	First Fiscal Quarter (July-Sept)	Second Fiscal Quarter (Oct-Dec)	Third Fiscal Quarter (Jan-Mar)	Fourth Fiscal Quarter (Apr-Jun)	Fiscal YTD Total
	Number of Centers	0	0	0	0	0	
	Number of Homes	0	0	0	0	0	
	Number of Rating Only Centers	1	1	1	1	0	

Data Reports by Regional Partnership Council

Council: Cocopah Tribe

Fiscal Year: 2014

Scholarships TEACH - All

A data field is flagged in grey for a SFY quarter:

T.E.A.C.H. Scholar Turnover – when the student turnover (sum of AA withdrawn, BA withdrawn and CDA withdrawn) is above 15% of the total Scholars Currently Receiving T.E.A.C.H. Scholarship.

Contract Number/ Grantee Name	Data Field	Contracted Service Units**	First Fiscal Quarter (July-Sept)	Second Fiscal Quarter (Oct-Dec)	Third Fiscal Quarter (Jan-Mar)	Fourth Fiscal Quarter (Apr-Jun)	Fiscal YTD Total
FTF-STATE-13-0350-01-Y2 / Association for Supportive Child Care	AA Degrees Completed Contract to Date		0	0	0	0	
	CDA Credentials Completed Contract to Date		0	0	0	0	
	BA Degrees Completed Contract to Date		0	0	0	0	
	AA Degrees Completed		0	0	0	0	
	CDA Credentials Completed		0	0	0	0	
	BA Degrees Completed		0	0	0	0	
	AA Credits Completed		0	0	0	0	
	AA Contracts Completed		0	0	0	0	
	AA Withdrawn		0	0	0	0	
	AA Contracts Initiated		0	0	0	0	
	AA Scholarships Awarded		0	0	0	0	
	BA Credits Completed		0	0	0	0	
	BA Contracts Completed		0	0	0	0	
	BA Withdrawn		0	0	0	0	
	BA Contracts Initiated		0	0	0	0	
	BA Scholarships Awarded		0	0	0	0	

Data Reports by Regional Partnership Council

Council: Cocopah Tribe

Fiscal Year: 2014

CDA Scholarships Withdrawn		0	0	0	0
CDA Contracts Initiated		0	0	0	0
CDA Scholarships Currently Awarded		0	0	0	0
Scholars Currently Receiving T.E.A.C.H. Scholarship		0	0	0	0

Data Reports by Regional Partnership Council

Council: Cocopah Tribe

Fiscal Year: 2014

Scholarships TEACH - Regional

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T.E.A.C.H. Scholar Turnover – when the student turnover (sum of AA withdrawn, BA withdrawn and CDA withdrawn) is above 15% of the total Scholars Currently Receiving T.E.A.C.H. Scholarship.

Contract Number/ Grantee Name	Data Field	Contracted Service Units**	First Fiscal Quarter (July-Sept)	Second Fiscal Quarter (Oct-Dec)	Third Fiscal Quarter (Jan-Mar)	Fourth Fiscal Quarter (Apr-Jun)	Fiscal YTD Total
FTF-STATE-13-0350-01-Y2 / Association for Supportive Child Care	AA Degrees Completed Contract to Date		0	0	0	0	
	CDA Credentials Completed Contract to Date		0	0	0	0	
	BA Degrees Completed Contract to Date		0	0	0	0	
	AA Degrees Completed		0	0	0	0	
	CDA Credentials Completed		0	0	0	0	
	BA Degrees Completed		0	0	0	0	
	AA Credits Completed		0	0	0	0	
	AA Contracts Completed		0	0	0	0	
	AA Withdrawn		0	0	0	0	
	AA Contracts Initiated		0	0	0	0	
	AA Scholarships Awarded		0	0	0	0	
	BA Credits Completed		0	0	0	0	
	BA Contracts Completed		0	0	0	0	
	BA Withdrawn		0	0	0	0	
	BA Contracts Initiated		0	0	0	0	
	BA Scholarships Awarded		0	0	0	0	

Data Reports by Regional Partnership Council

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Fiscal Year: 2014

CDA Scholarships Withdrawn		0	0	0	0
CDA Contracts Initiated		0	0	0	0
CDA Scholarships Currently Awarded		0	0	0	0
Scholars Currently Receiving T.E.A.C.H. Scholarship		0	0	0	0

Data Reports by Regional Partnership Council

Council: Cocopah Tribe

Fiscal Year: 2014

Scholarships TEACH - Statewide

A data field is flagged in grey for a SFY quarter:

T.E.A.C.H. Scholar Turnover – when the student turnover (sum of AA withdrawn, BA withdrawn and CDA withdrawn) is above 15% of the total Scholars Currently Receiving T.E.A.C.H. Scholarship.

Contract Number/ Grantee Name	Data Field	Contracted Service Units**	First Fiscal Quarter (July-Sept)	Second Fiscal Quarter (Oct-Dec)	Third Fiscal Quarter (Jan-Mar)	Fourth Fiscal Quarter (Apr-Jun)	Fiscal YTD Total
FTF-STATE-13-0350-01-Y2 / Association for Supportive Child Care	AA Degrees Completed Contract to Date		0	0	0	0	
	CDA Credentials Completed Contract to Date		0	0	0	0	
	BA Degrees Completed Contract to Date		0	0	0	0	
	AA Degrees Completed		0	0	0	0	
	CDA Credentials Completed		0	0	0	0	
	BA Degrees Completed		0	0	0	0	
	AA Credits Completed		0	0	0	0	
	AA Contracts Completed		0	0	0	0	
	AA Withdrawn		0	0	0	0	
	AA Contracts Initiated		0	0	0	0	
	AA Scholarships Awarded		0	0	0	0	
	BA Credits Completed		0	0	0	0	
	BA Contracts Completed		0	0	0	0	
	BA Withdrawn		0	0	0	0	
	BA Contracts Initiated		0	0	0	0	
	BA Scholarships Awarded		0	0	0	0	

Data Reports by Regional Partnership Council

Council: Cocopah Tribe

Fiscal Year: 2014

CDA Scholarships Withdrawn		0	0	0	0
CDA Contracts Initiated		0	0	0	0
CDA Scholarships Currently Awarded		0	0	0	0
Scholars Currently Receiving T.E.A.C.H. Scholarship		0	0	0	0



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4th Quarter Data (April 1,- June 30, 2014)



Food Security: Yuma
Community Food Bank
Contracted Units- 30
Distributed- 25

Home Visitation: Cocopah Indian Tribe
Contracted Units- 15
Number of families served- 47
Number of children newly enrolled during
the quarter- 1
Number of children served- 75
Number of families who received
Community referrals- 35
Home visitor caseload- **42**



Narrative Report Highlights

Yuma Community Food Bank

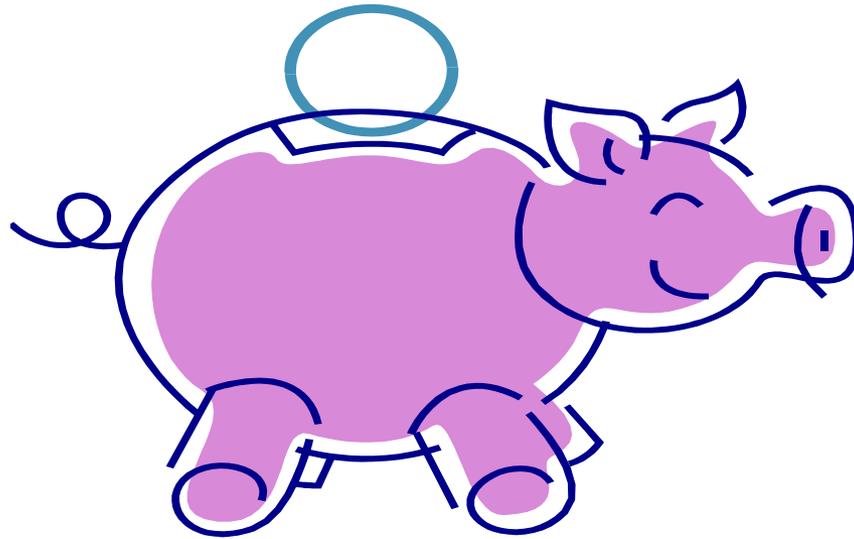
- Collaboration to present nutrition education to children and families, at least two events.
- All 30 vouchers were issued only 25 redeemed.
- Communication and collaboration have been mended.

Narrative Report Highlights

Early Steps Program

- Increased inquiries from grandparents and elders
- Core group of families being served regularly
- Many collaborations in place to support families
- Regular participation in professional development

Financial Report





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Regional Director's Report

General Updates:

Cocopah Regional Partnership Council

- ① Regional Council and State Board Forum- September 29-30, 2014
- ② Needs and Assets Report Update
- ③ FTF State Board Fiscal Policy Decisions
- ④ Strategic Planning and System Building



Strategic Planning Framework



- Needs & Assets Reports
- SFY13-15 Strategic Direction & Implementation
- Data & Discussion from Benchmarking
- Reports/Data from partners
- Visioning/Big Picture
- System building levers: quality, partnerships, infrastructure & capacity, scope & scale
- Engagement of partners

- Define areas of need
- Prioritize— where should we focus our efforts

- Alignment of needs with SRI and benchmarks
- Alignment of needs to FTF priority roles

- Determine approaches to take (funded/unfunded) to address the prioritized needs and advance the early childhood system in the region

- Set three year budget based on approaches
- Implementation plans for unfunded approaches— system building efforts





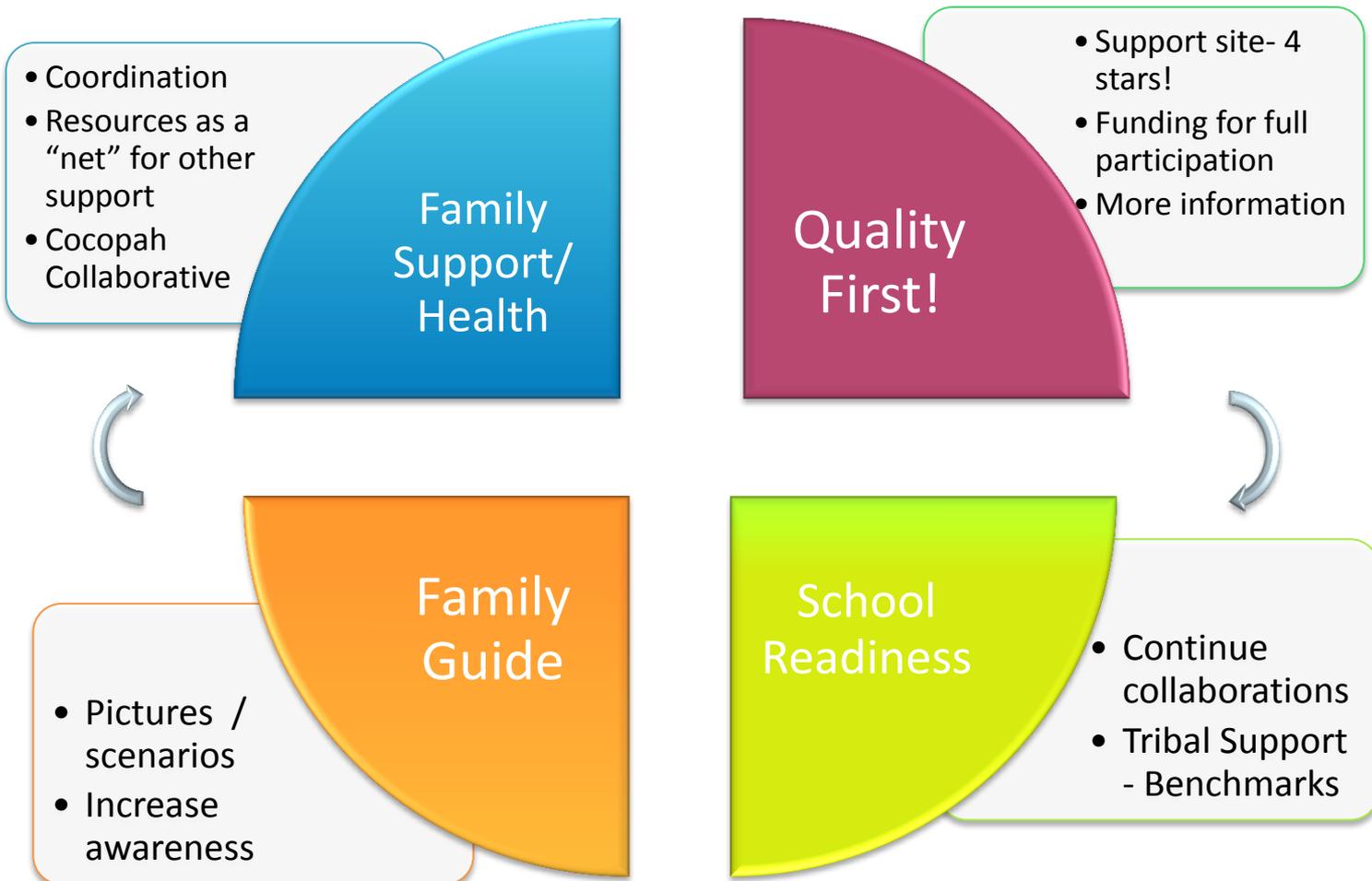
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SFY15 Funding Plan Regional Priorities, Selected FTF Indicators and Priority Roles, and Strategies to Achieve Outcomes

Regional Priority to be addressed	School Readiness Indicators Correlated to the needs and priority roles	FTF Priority Roles in the Early Childhood System	SFY13-15 Strategies
<p>Parent education and family support that is culturally sensitive and specific to the needs of families and caregivers.</p> <p>Access to high quality early care and education.</p>	<p>#/% children demonstrating school readiness at kindergarten entry in the development domains of social-emotional, language and literacy, cognitive, and motor and physical</p> <p>% of families who report they are competent and confident about their ability to support their child’s safety, health and well being</p> <p>#/% of children enrolled in an early care and education program with a Quality First rating of 3-5 stars</p>	<p>Supports and Services for Families- Convene partners, provide leadership, provide funding, and advocate for development, enhancement, and sustainability of a variety of high quality, culturally responsive, and affordable services, supports, and community resources for young children and their families. FS&L-2</p> <p>Quality, Access, and Affordability of Regulated Early Care and Education Settings-Convene partners, provide leadership, and provide funding for increased availability of and access to high quality, regulated, culturally responsive and affordable early care and education programs. EL-3</p>	<p>Home Visitation</p> <p>Food Security</p> <p>Parent Outreach and Awareness</p> <p>Quality First (rating only)</p> <p>Statewide Evaluation</p>



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Iceberg....Seeing What's Below the Surface



What do you envision is below the surface?



First Things First State Board Fiscal Policy Decisions Impacting Strategic Planning SFY2016-2018

On July 22, 2014, the Board adopted the following Fiscal Policy Recommendations:

1. Allocate \$126.6 million in revenues to support Program spending beginning in FY16, and keep this amount constant for successive years.

This recommendation was based on the updated tobacco tax revenue projections report provided by the Arizona State University's W.P. Carey School of Business, First Things First could reasonably expect to sustain an expenditure level within the Program budget of \$126.6 million for the next 9 to 15 years.

2. In FY16, adjust total financing available to support regional allotments so that each region's projected fund balance (Carry Forward) is part of the allotment as opposed to being in addition to.

Regional carry forward balances grew significantly through Fiscal Year 2012. Since then, both budgeting and realized expenditures have resulted in the expectation that these dollars are to be fully expended by some point in the next three year Funding Plan cycle (SFY2016-2018). Once these dollars are exhausted at a regional level, Funding Plans will need to be realigned down to equal the annual allocation made available by the Board. While it is projected that regional carry forward balances will be exhausted on average in FY17, each region will hit this "fiscal cliff" at different points in time over the next three years. After examining these regional "fiscal cliffs," the recommendation was that all regions go through the process of realigning budgets to the sustainable expenditure level at the same time (SFY16).

3. Set a minimum regional allocation amount of \$100,000.

Over the last few months the Board gathered feedback on the impact of these finance recommendations, and, a great deal of feedback was received on how relatively small allocations limit programing choices and impact the ability of regions to implement strategies.

4. Continue the distribution of Discretionary dollars using the three-part methodology; with part one being modified to align with the Board action regarding the minimum allocation amount.

The current three-part methodology includes:

- 1) A set-aside (to comply with the minimum regional allocation amount.)
- 2) A set-aside to be proportionately distributed (based on total number of children 0 through 5) between the regions which were classified as "frontier communities" under a federal definition related to populations being geographically isolated.

3) Remaining (and bulk of) funds be proportionately distributed between all regions based on the percent of children 0 through 5 who are in poverty.

5. For population estimates required under FTF statute for FY16-18, utilize the same data as those used for setting of FY15 allocations - 2010 census data and 2010 American Community Survey (ACS).

This recommendation provides for greater stability and predictability in the amount of dollars available to a region year-over-year so programming efforts can be not only sustained but planned on.

First Things First State Board Policy Decisions Impacting Strategic Planning SFY2016-2018

For First Things First to achieve sustainable progress towards its vision and mission, it is important to strategically fund programs and strategies that are most likely to have positive outcomes for the early childhood system, young children, and their families. Critical to this process is the identification of programs and strategies with research evidence suggesting a greater likelihood they will have the intended positive effect. Such an approach will likely yield greater results from our public investments. On July 22, 2014, the Board adopted the following Policy and Program Committee Recommendations:

1. The First Things First Regional Councils will construct strategic funding plans based on an examination of available data to determine local needs; prioritization of needs that also align with the Regional Council's identified School Readiness Indicators; and, selection and development of evidence-based or evidence-informed funded and non-funded approaches that reflect system building to address those needs.
2. First Things First will separate Quality First improvement model costs from scholarship costs, provide no further guidance on number of regional scholarships funded, see no reduction to the number of providers and provide incentives to 3-5 star Quality First programs with First Things First staff to determine the exact amount of those incentives. This recommendation is made with confirmation from the Policy and Program Committee of the importance for low-income children to have increased access to affordable quality early learning programs and the desire that First Things First supports local and state level planning decisions that result in funding for scholarships that provide such access.
3. First Things First will continue to identify approaches that are evidence-based or evidence-informed; realize possible and appropriate cost efficiencies; and, utilize data for continuous quality improvement of programs and strategies.