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Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board
Cochise Regional Partnership Council

Meeting Minutes
June 20, 2013

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Introductions

The Regular Meeting of the First Things First Cochise Regional Partnership Council was held on Thursday, June 20, 2013, at the Benson City Hall, 120 West 6th Street, Benson, Arizona, 85602.

Council Members Present:
Marge Dailey, Chuck Hoyack, Dr. Stephen Poling, Pastor Tommy Simpson (Via Phone), Jane Strain, Kathleen Vedock, and Nancy-Jean Welker

Council Members Absent: Shawn Buckhanan, Melanie Rottweiler, and Michael Vetter

Others Present:
Melissa Avant, Sarah Furnas, Lela Messick, Mary Lamm, Joanne Basta, Angie Donelson, Toni Lopez Krause, Marginne Humes, Lorena Nevarez, Roxana Washington, Nicole Sanchez, Joyce Flieger, Charlotte Taylor, Evelyn Whitmer, Marilyn Godfrey, Sonia Millet, Mary Jane Wagner, and Kavita Bernstein (via phone)

Vice Chair Poling welcomed everyone, and called the meeting to order at approximately 3:01 p.m. Vice Chair Poling led the Regional Council Members and those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

Vice Chair Poling explained to the Regional Council Members that they could declare their Conflicts of Interests at this time or wait until the specified agenda item. No Regional Council Members declared a Conflict of Interest at this time.

Call to the Public

Vice Chair Poling made a Call to the Public. There was no response to the Call to Public.

Discussion and Presentation on Quality Assurance

A. Oral Health

Vice Chair Poling recognized Kavita Bernstein, Quality Assurance Specialist, First Things First, who gave a brief description of the Grantee selection process. Ms. Bernstein explained the Quality Assurance process along with the Quality Assurance Site Visit process. Ms. Bernstein gave a description of the handout provided in the Regional Council Members packets and discussed what is on the agenda to be discussed at a Quality Assurance Site Visit. Ms. Bernstein explained that the Grantee University of Arizona Cooperative Extension is doing a great job and was well prepared for their Site Visit.
Member Strain arrived at 3:12pm

Discussion and Presentation of Needs and Assets

Vice Chair Poling recognized Angie Donelson, Donelson Consulting, who introduced Joanne Basta, Donelson Consulting. Ms. Donelson gave a walkthrough of the proposal provided to the Regional Council in there packets. Ms. Donelson proceeded to explain the Major Data Elements such as the updating of the Zip Code Fact Boxes, the Table of all County and State totals for the indicators, and the Table of County and State totals for the Arizona Department of Health Services birth characteristics data for the most recent years. Ms. Basta gave an overview of the state Data Tasks to be accomplished to complete the 2014 report. A brief discussion took place between the Regional Council Members and Donelson Consulting regarding the timeline and the Basic Format of the 2014 Needs and Assets report.

Discussion and Presentation of Year End Grantee Reports

A. Quality First and Child Care Health Consultant

Vice Chair Poling recognized Lela Messick, Program Manager for Quality First Easter Seals Blake Foundation, who introduced Toni Lopez Krause, Quality First Coach and Marginne Humes, Quality First Coach. Ms. Messick gave an overview of the Quality First program including information about Sites and Slots available, the Three Assessment Phases, the Star Rating Scores, and Assessments across the state. Ms. Messick spoke highly of the Quality First Coaching and Coaches who make the Quality First program as successful as it has been and the Quality First Centers scores improve. Ms. Messick invited Ms. Krause and Ms. Humes to give a brief presentation of their own personal coaching success stories to the Regional Council Members.

Vice Chair Poling recognized Nicole Sanchez, Registered Nurse Child Care Health Consultant for Cochise County, who gave a brief presentation regarding health and safety issues, what the Child Care Health Consultants role is within the county regarding trainings, facility visits, health information, and being available for child care provider's phone calls regarding health care questions. Ms. Sanchez shared two letters from providers praising the Child Care Health Consultant program and staff.

B. Home Visitation – Parents as Teachers

Vice Chair Poling recognized Charlotte Taylor, Associate Director Easter Seals Blake Foundation Sierra Vista, who introduced Mary Lamm, Associate Director Easter Seals Blake Foundation Tucson, Lorena Nevarez, Quality First Supervisor Easter Seals Blake Foundation Sierra Vista, Mary Jane Wagner, Parents as Teachers Coach Easter Seals Blake Foundation Sierra Vista, and Marilyn Godfrey, Supervisor Parents as Teachers Cochise Health and Social Services. Ms. Taylor gave a presentation and slide show about the Parents as Teachers program. The presentation described the services Parents as Teachers provide, what the Parents as Teachers coaches do, Community events Parents as Teachers are involved in, Group Connections and information on the Five Protective factors, which are Parental Resilience, Social Connections, Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development, Concrete Support in times of Need, and Social and Emotional Competence of Children. Ms. Taylor introduced Roxana Washington, Educator Parents as Teachers Easter Seals Blake Foundation Sierra Vista, who gave a brief personal success story, and Sonia Millet, Educator Parents as Teachers Easter Seals Blake Foundation Northern Cochise County, who also gave a brief personal success story.

Member Strain left at 4:40pm.

Discussion and Possible Approval of Minutes

Vice Chair Poling asked the Regional Council Members for a discussion and possible approval of the May 16, 2013 Regular Meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Member Hoyack to approve the May 16, 2013 Regular Meeting minutes; Member Dailey seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous vote by those members present (6-0-0).

Discussion and Presentation of Year End Grantee Reports (Continued)

C. Oral Health – First Smiles

Vice Chair Poling recognized Evelyn Whitmer, University of Arizona Cooperative Extension, who gave a brief mention of the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension programs. Ms. Whitmer spoke very highly of the First Smiles program and informed the Regional Council Members that they are duplicating the First Smiles program in other counties. Ms. Whitmer introduced Joyce Flieger, First Smiles University of Arizona Cooperative Extension. Ms. Whitmer handed out and explained a couple of charts showing the numbers of children and childcare centers participating in the First Smiles Program and the predicted cumulative costs of the preventive visits. Ms. Whitmer gave a slide show presentation pertaining to tooth decay, the number of children that have experienced tooth decay, and ways to prevent tooth decay. The presentation gave statistics on the numbers of children and centers that have been visited by the First Smiles Program.

Discussion and Possible Approval of Newspaper Insertion

Vice Chair Poling tabled this agenda item due to Melissa Avant, Regional Director, is consulting with First Things First External Affairs Division regarding the newspaper insertion as an approved tactic for the Cochise Region.

Discussion and Activity on System Building

Vice Chair Poling recognized Melissa Avant, Regional Director, who spoke briefly of bringing back ideas to the Regional Council Members at the next council meeting regarding System Building.

Regional Director's Report

Vice Chair Poling recognized Regional Director Avant who gave an update on the following topics:

A. Regional Bench Marking – Dr. Amy Kemp, Independent Consultant, will be present at the next Regional Council Meeting to discuss Benchmarking and Indicators two, three, four, eight, and will be working on setting Regional Benchmarks within the next two Regional Council Meetings.

B. Cochise County Resource Guide Update – Work is being done on updating the Cochise County Resource guide with the suggestions from the community forum. The Final draft should go to the graphic designer on July 1, 2013 and will hopefully be out for printing in August of 2013. The Cochise County Sheriff's office is requesting 80 copies to put in all there sheriffs vehicles.

Ms. Avant gave a brief reminder to the Regional Council Members to get any missing paperwork turned in.

Announcements

A. Next Regular Meeting – August 15, 2013 , Location TBD
B. Community and Council Updates

Member Welker – Bowie is looking for a new school superintendent, preferably one with experience. Bowie Chamber of Commerce has a new summer library reading program that Bowie and San Simon is excited about.

C. Ribbon Cutting at New Office: June 14, 2013 at 11:00a.m. – Vice Chair Poling spoke of the nice ribbon cutting ceremony at the New First Things First Regional Office with the Sierra Vista Chamber of Commerce.

D. Back to School Fair: July 13, 2013 10:00a.m. to 1:00p.m. – Mall of Sierra Vista – Vice Chair Poling gave a brief mention of the Back to School Fair and what a great event this is to be involved in.

Adjournment

With no further business before the Regional Council, Vice Chair Poling adjourned the meeting at 5:02 p.m.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Submitted By: Sarah Furnas
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Approved By: _____
Chair, Melanie Rottweiler