



Arizona Early Childhood Development and Health Board

Family Support and Literacy Cultural Responsivity Sub-Committee

Draft Meeting Minutes

Call to Order/ Welcome and Introduction

The regular meeting of the First Things First – Arizona Early Childhood Development and Health Board, Cultural Responsivity Sub-Committee was held on July 19, 2012 at First Things First, 4000 North Central Avenue, Suite 800, Phoenix, Arizona 85012.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Pamela Powell at approximately 1:40 p.m. A brief welcome and introduction to the members was made by Dr. Aaliyah Samuel, Family Support and Literacy new Senior Director. Everyone in attendance introduced themselves.

Committee Members in Attendance

Jacquelyn Power, Noreen Sakestiwa, Terry Doolan, Peggy Federici, Danielle Gagnier (telephonically), Holly Henley, Dennis Ichikawa, Susan Jacobs, Chris Lanterman (telephonically)

Committee Members Absent

Jeff Smith, Juan Carlos Tarango, Colleen Day Mach, Paula Hale, Kymberlii Tenario

Facilitator

Pamela Powell, Associate Professor, Northern Arizona University

Approval of May 17, 2012 Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Member Power to adopt the May 17, 2012 Meeting Minutes, seconded by Member Jacobs. Motion was approved.

Recap of Initial Meeting

Pamela Powell, Associate Professor, Northern Arizona University, gave a brief recap of the May 17, 2012 meeting. Ms. Powell explained that members of the sub-committee discussed their reasons for participating in the sub-committee and why they felt Cultural Responsivity is an important topic. Ms. Powell also informed the sub-committee that they would continue working on drafting a definition for Cultural Responsivity and reading materials would be sent out to the members to help inform the work of the sub-committee.

Defining Cultural Responsivity

Members of the sub-committee had an open discussion of the articles that were given to them after the May 17, 2012-the materials were sent via email meeting to help inform them and provide guidance for the discussion. Members of the sub-committee also brainstormed words that would help create the definition of Cultural Responsivity. Members of the sub-committee were then broken into two groups and discussed what they thought the meaning of Cultural Responsivity meant and what that definition should look like. Each group drafted a definition that will be merged together to produce one fluid working definition.

Definitions

1. First Things First values the strengths of diversity by creating a (safe) environment of mutual respect.
2. Culture Responsivity is an intentional life long journey to holistically explore, embrace, value and respond to the diversity of the human experience.

Next Steps

Members of the sub-committee will convene to work on the following 3 outcomes:

1. Continue working on drafting a definition of Cultural Responsivity.
2. Identify how First Things First will apply the definition.
3. How will it be measure and how do we hold ourselves accountable.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:24 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

Aisha Muhammad

Aisha Muhammad, Executive Staff Assistant

Approved:

A. Samuel

Aaliyah Samuel, Family Support and Literacy, Senior Director

Committee Approval:

Dr. Pamela Powell, Chair
Cultural Responsivity Sub-Committee

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