



Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board

Southwest Maricopa Regional Partnership Council

February 18, 2014 – *Draft* Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the First Things First Southwest Maricopa Regional Partnership Council was held on Tuesday, December 17, 2013 at Avondale City Hall, 11465 West Civic Center, Avondale, Arizona 85323.

Chair Dr. Dawson welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at approximately 5:31 p.m.

Members Present:

Patty Avery-Schuster, Dora Barrio, Kelli Cordova Wright, Dr. Carlian Dawson, Wendy Krisik, Denys Sandoval, David Schwake

Please Note: Council Member Sandoval entered the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

Members Absent:

Colleen Day Mach, Kimberly Flack, Amanda Reyes

Call to the Public:

None.

Review and Approval of December 17, 2013 Meeting Minutes:

Council Member Barrio made a motion to approve the December 17, 2013 meeting minutes as written. Motion was seconded by Council Member Schwake and carried out by unanimous vote.

Benchmarking Committee Update, Discussion and Possible Approve of Recommendations:

Regional Director Santiago – Vice Chair Flack has been the Council Member representing the Southwest Maricopa Regional Partnership at the Benchmarking meetings. Regional Director Santiago forwarded an email with information on some of the work that has been taking place at these meetings. At the last meeting the main topic and conversation that took place was about Indicators #2 and #10. The Subcommittees recommendation is to allow the proposed benchmarks for #2 and #10 to go forward to public vetting before they come back to Council for final approval. Regional Director Santiago asked Council for possible approval of the recommendation from the Subcommittee to move this forward to the public vetting.

Council Member Avery-Schuster made a motion to move this recommendations forward for the vetting process. Motion was seconded by Council Member Krisik and carried out by unanimous vote.

2nd Quarter Narrative Reports Update:

Regional Director Santiago provided Council with an update on the 2nd Quarter Narrative Reports. A handout with Data, comments and information was given to Council to review. Regional Director Santiago talked about each program listed in the report and provided information on current outreach, recruitment and retention activities and successes and challenges as applicable. Regional Director Santiago will provide Council with the Data Report at the March meeting.

System Building Update:

a. Comprehensive System Approach

i. Strategy Implementation

Regional Director Santiago provided Council with the System Building Update around Strategy Implementation. One main indicator that First Things First will be looking at is how the strategies will reflect a more enhanced way of continuing the system building approach in the regions. The Southwest Maricopa Regional Partnership Council recently approved two new strategies; Care Coordination Medical Home and the Family-Children with Special Needs. One of the caviats included in the language of the scope of work was the need for these two providers to work in coordination with one another. First Things First will be looking at how the Region is assessing and monitoring the development of children and one of the main indicators is developmental screenings. There are quite a few providers in the Southwest Region performing this task. Regional Director Santiago will be contacting providers to find out if they will be conducting these screenings and to see if they can come up with a tool to provide information and data such as an online data base that could be developed in terms of hubs. The intent is that there would be some kind of database or report that would provide Council with a good picture of the state of development in the Southwest Region among children ages 0-5.

ii. Strategic Direction

When the Councils come back with their funding plans in the next three years the Board will be looking at when at the approach doing an inventory of strategies to see which ones are conducive in the impact of the movement of a system building approach and which ones are not. The intent of the system approach is to bring others to the table to leverage the resources.

Directors Updates:

- SY15 Grant Agreements and Renewals

Regional Director Santiago updated Council on SY15 Grant Agreements and Renewals and provided a handout with key dates. Finance is preparing all the packages that will be going out to all the providers to request information that is required for renewals. Regional Directors will be reviewing the renewals before they are brought back to the Council. Regional Director Santiago will provide Council with a data report at the March meeting to go through the process. There is only one provider that requires a new agreement, the Gila Bend Resource Center.

- Buckeye Family Resource Center Update

Regional Director Santiago introduced the newest member of the Buckeye Resource Center, Joyce Gross and the Grand Opening is on Thursday, February 20, 2014. A handout with pictures of the new Buckeye Resource Center was provided to Council.

- Discretionary Funding Subcommittee Update

Regional Director Santiago provided Council with notes from the Discretionary Funding Subcommittee. They are working on an update with a formal proposal to the Board. Council Schwake participated in some of the meetings representing the Southwest Region.

Council Member Schwake provided Council with highlights from some of the meetings that he attended.

Community Outreach Update: Community Outreach Coordinator Bray provided Council with a copy of the Community Outreach Report – January –February 2014.

- Summary of Activities: 1 Presentation – Litchfield Park Branch Library – Youth Librarian, 1 Event – Avondale FRC Family Resource Fair (142), 5 Network Meetings – Avondale FRC Networking, Goodyear Faith Roundtable and Mom’s of Goodyear – New Member.
- Upcoming Outreach Opportunities: Speaker’s Trainings, Training Part 1: Early Childhood, Every Day. Mrs. Bray encourages Council Members to attend these trainings.
- Outreach Opportunities: Provided Core Message of the Month and talked about a new tool called Google Map which allows Council to see outreach activity. Ms. Bray displayed samples of branding materials. Ms. Bray sent out an email asking for help with some future events that will be coming up and provided information on the Outreach Report. If anyone from Council is willing to table any of these events please contact Mrs. Bray. Ms. Bray talked about the challenge of getting people to come tour one of the sites. Set up a site tour – Contact Ms. Bray if you know of any group or individual who would benefit from a site tour. Ms. Bray provided Council with the Community Outreach and Awareness Suggestions form. The Glendale office has moved to Peoria and anyone interested in coming out to see the new office is welcome.

Council Member Updates:

Regional Director Santiago – Administrative Assistant Gandara sent out an email with information about the upcoming Northwest/Southwest Area Regional Forum being held on Wednesday, February 26, 2014 at the Avondale City Hall. Chair Dr. Dawson will be taking the lead for both regions at this meeting. Regional Director will be emailing out an agenda for the meeting.

Council Member Cordova Wright shared that her daughter turns one tomorrow.

Council Member Schwake shared that the Summer Food Program is coming up. First Teeth First will be on all four sites throughout the summer. City of Avondale will also be coming out.

Chair Dr. Dawson shared that Jennifer Avendano Sandate gave birth to Edwardo Jose on January 17, 2014 and is doing well. Classes will be starting for Nurturing Parents and Dr. Dawson provided Council with a Flyer with dates and locations of classes.

Council Member Sandoval shared that they are in the process of expanding the Avondale Brighter Angels Learning Center Location.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Chair Dr. Dawson adjourned the meeting at 7:04 p.m.