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Arizona Early Childhood Development and Health Board Hualapai Tribe Regional Partnership Council Meeting Minutes

Call to Order/Welcome

The regular meeting of the First Things First Hualapai Tribe Regional Partnership Council was held on March 12, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. at the Hualapai Health Education and Wellness Department in Peach Springs, Arizona, 86434.

Members Present

Reverend Pete Imus, Chair; Candida Hunter, Vice Chair; Omaovensi Coochwytewa; Darren Hudak; Charlene Imus; Sandra Irwin; Dr. Anthony Perkins and Barbara Tinhorn

Members Absent

Joyce Holgate and Lucille Watahomigie

Chair Imus called the meeting to order at 9:18 a.m.

Possible Approval of February 12, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Vice Chair Hunter made a motion to approve the February 12, 2014 meeting minutes. Member Irwin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Call to the Public

There were no responses to the call to the public.

Regional Partnership Council Member Announcements

Chair Imus introduced Loveena Watahomigie, Youth Council Treasurer, who was present at the meeting.

Member Irwin announced submission of the Circles of Care grant application to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMSHA) for Maternal Child Health to coordinate those who work with young children in the community.

Chair Imus announced the Youth Council's Family Fun Night, the Spring Break Carnival, and the Color Run.

Fiscal Year 2014 Implementation Update

Regional Director Ashley Pascual reviewed the second quarter grantee report, and noted that in following up from the last regional council meeting, she connected the TEACH scholarship program with Sheila Halbert, Head Start Director. Director Pascual reviewed the grantee narrative data summary. Senior Director Gary Arnold inquired whether the expansion grantee (Hualapai Day Care Center) was provided ongoing training information, and Director Pascual advised they were. Director Pascual also reviewed the financial expenditures to date.

Hualapai Early Childhood System - Progress and Next Steps

Chair Imus and Director Pascual reviewed the current status of the community vision and partnership, and noted the five focus areas prioritized last year for the building up of the early childhood system. Dr. Perkins provided an update on developmental screening and services, another one of the focus areas. Dr. Perkins noted that Beth Ferry, Special Education Director for the Peach Springs Unified School District, provided training and communicated to parents and Tribal entities how and where to obtain assistance; however, a need still exists and she will continue visits as necessary. Members discussed ideas for additional outreach, and Dr. Perkins will ensure information is provided in the Gamyu. Dr. Perkins also noted some

system building efforts in the community to facilitate a smoother transition for children advancing from Head Start to elementary school, and encouraged members to help get the word out about the Kindergarten Roundup. Chair Imus also highlighted the community vision and partnership efforts of the Youth Partners. Members discussed the effects of domestic violence on children, and trainings that could benefit the community. There was discussion about grantee accountability through data reporting. Other ideas for partnerships were attending Hualapai Health Education and Wellness Department meetings and Head Start Policy Council meetings, possibly using the medicine wheel as a starting point for discussion on what it means to have a system in place. Members commented on the need for better tracking of data, and that a community effort with community involvement is necessary.

National Advisory Panel for Research and Evaluation

Candida Hunter, Vice Chair and National Evaluation Advisory Panel Member, discussed the role of the panel which includes data collection and evaluation, and ensuring First Things First is using the best approaches for data collection, maintenance and analysis for measuring the school readiness indicators.

Discussion on the Fiscal Year 2015 Meeting Schedule

Chair Imus led a discussion about filling vacant regional partnership council seats, and accommodating members' work schedules in order to continue meeting quorum requirements. Members agreed to consider moving the meeting time to 3:00pm in the next fiscal year, and maintaining the second Wednesday of the month. Director Pascual will provide the fiscal year 2015 meeting schedule for possible adoption at the next meeting.

Regional Director's Report

Director Pascual provided an update on the search for a new Chief Executive Officer and several other items. She will bring more information about the BUILD Arizona Initiative to the regional partnership council at a future meeting. Director Pascual reviewed a timeline for strategic planning for fiscal years 2016-2018. Director Pascual shared news of the passing of Beverly Russell.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held April 9, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. at the Hualapai Department of Cultural Resources.

Adjourn

Chair Imus adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

Sandy Smith, Administrative Assistant

Reverend Pete Imus, Chair

**Hualapai Tribe Regional Partnership Council
FY 2014 Financial Expenditures Update**

Grantee Name	Contract Period	Total Allotment	Awarded	YTD Expense	% of Award Expended	Pending	Paid (Last 30 Days)
Home Visitation Strategy	Strategy Subtotal:	\$104,861	\$104,861	\$52,431	50.0%		
Hualapai Tribe Health Education and Wellness	07/01/2013-06/30/2014		\$104,861	\$52,431	<u>50.0%</u>		
Food Security Strategy	Strategy Subtotal:	\$5,831	\$5,831	\$1,229	21.1%		
St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance	07/01/2013-06/30/2014		\$5,831	\$1,229	<u>21.1%</u>		
Scholarships TEACH Strategy	Strategy Subtotal:	\$6,600	\$6,600	\$745	11.3%		
Association for Supportive Child Care	07/01/2013-06/30/2014		\$6,600	\$745	<u>11.3%</u>		
Expansion: Increase slots and/or capital expense Strategy	Strategy Subtotal:	\$30,293	\$30,293	\$20,000	66.0%		
Hualapai Tribe	08/01/2013-02/28/2014		\$30,293	\$20,000	<u>66.0%</u>		
Statewide Evaluation Strategy	Strategy Subtotal:	\$2,633	\$2,633	\$2,633	100.0%		
First Things First (FTF-Directed)	07/01/2013-06/30/2014		\$2,633	\$2,633	<u>100.0%</u>		
	Overall Total:	\$150,218	\$150,218	\$77,038	51.3%		

BUILD Arizona

Healthy Births and Development on Track

Engaged and Supported Families

High Quality Early Education

High Quality Kindergarten

Continuity between ECE and K-3

Effective Teaching and Learning in ECE and K-3

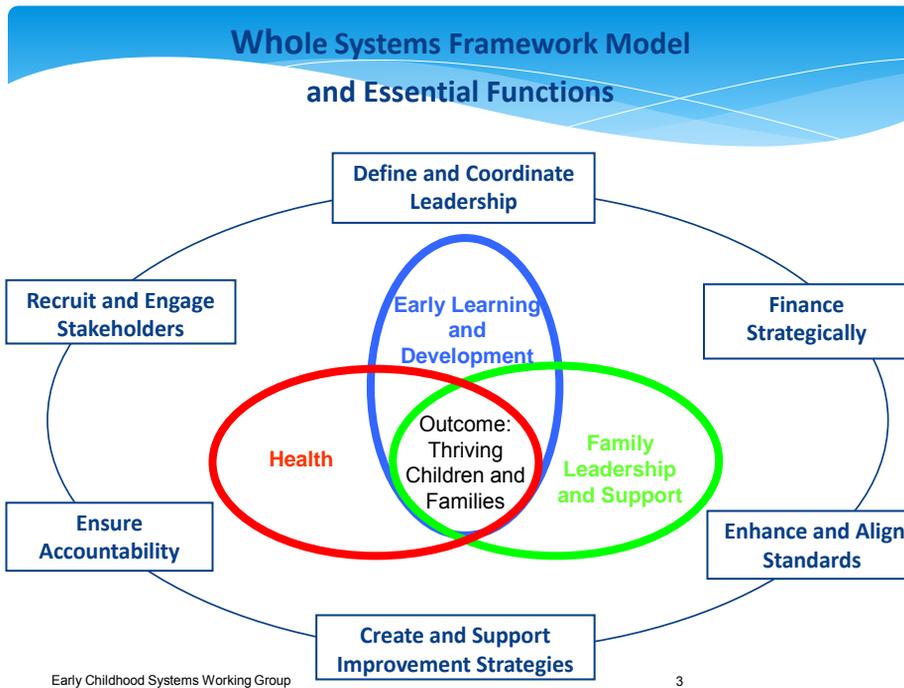
High Quality Early Education

Building the Foundation for Success Through a Strong Birth to 8 System



National Build Initiative

The BUILD Initiative helps state leaders create, coordinate, integrate and scale up their states' programs, policies and services to better promote the well-being of young children.



- **Context:** Improve the political context surrounding a system to produce policy and funding changes to sustain it
- **Components:** Establish high-performance programs and services within a system
- **Connections:** Create strong and effective linkages across components
- **Infrastructure:** Develop the supports systems need to function effectively and with quality
- **Scale:** Ensure a comprehensive system is available to as many people as possible



BUILD Arizona

BUILD Arizona is a coalition of children's champions who are working together to enhance opportunities for all young children in Arizona, so that they can meet our state's increasingly rigorous educational standards and become productive members of the workforce.



We are business leaders, nonprofit executives, public sector representatives, educators, health and other practitioners working toward the shared goal of making and keeping Arizona competitive in the years ahead.



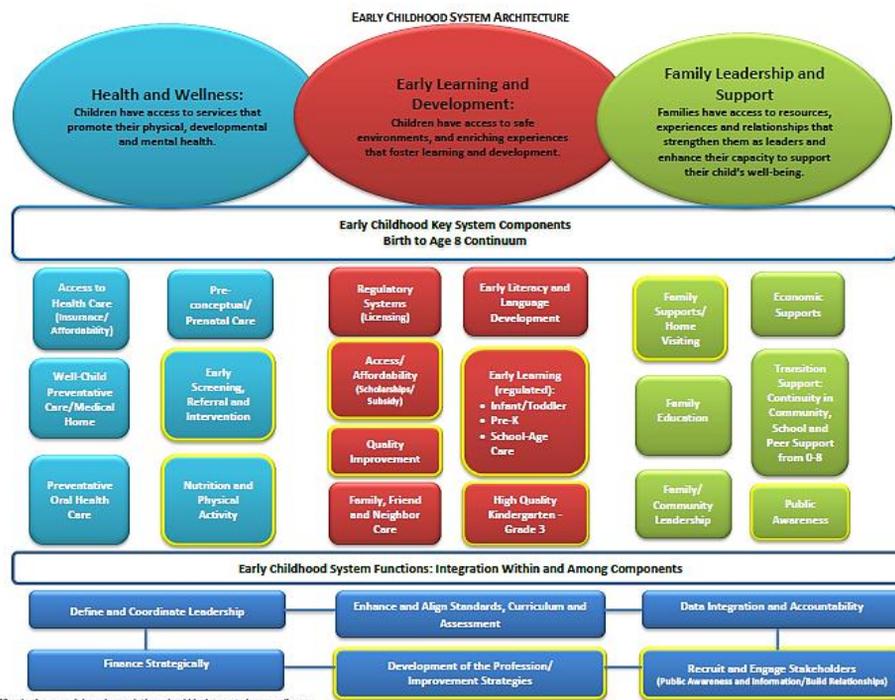
BUILD Arizona: History

- * Significant progress and expansion of early childhood systems development through First Things First
- * Impacts of economy and educational reforms on young children
- * Partnership of Arizona funders engaged BUILD in Arizona to help elevate, support and expand existing early childhood system building efforts

Pathway 1: System Enhancement and Alignment

Steps To Date:

1. Developing a shared picture – *Early Childhood Architecture (0-8)*
2. Identifying Priority Areas and Developing Context
3. Connecting the Dots



Pathway 2: Champion/Leadership Engagement

Steps to Date:

1. Engaged business leaders on Steering Committee/Workgroups
2. Established Communications workgroup to identify current engagement efforts and initial messaging
3. Research on other state level “business roundtable” efforts



For More Information...

- * Link to BUILD AZ page on national site:
 - * <http://www.buildinitiative.org/OurWork/StateandLocal/BUILDStates/Arizona.aspx>
- * Cory Underhill, Build AZ State Coordinator
 - * caunderhillaz@gmail.com



**Hualapai Tribe Regional Partnership Council
Fiscal Year 2015 Meeting Calendar**

FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL

****All meetings will begin at 3:00pm***

July 9th, 2014 – Regional Partnership Council Meeting

August 13th, 2014 – Regional Partnership Council Meeting

August 18th-19th, 2014 – First Things First Summit & Tribal Gathering
Phoenix Convention Center
100 N 3rd Street, Phoenix

September 10th, 2014 – Regional Partnership Council Meeting

October 8th, 2014 – Regional Partnership Council Meeting

November 12th, 2014 – Regional Partnership Council Meeting

December 10th, 2014 – Regional Partnership Council Meeting

No Meeting in January

February 11th, 2015 – Regional Partnership Council Meeting

March 11th, 2015 – Regional Partnership Council Meeting

April 8th, 2015 – Regional Partnership Council Meeting

May 13th, 2015 – Regional Partnership Council Meeting

No Meeting in June



Hualapai Tribe Regional Partnership Council

April 2014 Regional Director's Report

Regional Council Member Recognition

- Happy Anniversary and thank you for your leadership and commitment to young children!
 - Lucille Watahomigie, 6 years
 - Sandra Irwin, 6 years
 - Candida Hunter, 4 years
 - Dr. Anthony Perkins, 1 year
 - Darren Hudak, 1 year

Statewide Update

- At the April meeting, the Board will discuss the Finance Recommendation for Fiscal Year 2016 Regional Allocations and Sustainability. A final decision will be made by the Board at the June meeting.
- The Board is scheduling a special meeting to occur later in April regarding the search for the next CEO.
- This year's Tribal Gathering will occur over an extended afternoon session during the Summit and will include the annual Lanna Lee Flood Memorial Address.

Needs and Assets Assessment Update

- A total of 45 parent surveys and three key informant interviews have been completed so far.
- The Regional Council will receive a first draft for review by June 30th and provide feedback during the July regional council meeting.
- The final draft will be presented for approval at the August regional council meeting.

Upcoming Events

April 6-12: Week of the Young Child events throughout La Paz and Mohave counties

April 11: Hualapai Young Children's Health Fair (screening & resources), 10am-noon, Peach Springs School

April 12: SNAC (Special Needs Advocacy Coalition) Resource Fair, 10am-2pm, KRMC

April 16: CRIT Parent Outreach & Awareness Workshop with Enrique Feldman, 8am-2:30pm, Parker, open to "all Tribes on the River"

May 1: Chairs/Vice Chairs Leadership Forum, 9:30am-2:30pm, Hilton Garden Inn, Phoenix

May 7: FTF Coordination Meeting for grantees and partners throughout La Paz/ Mohave, CRIT and Hualapai, 9am-1pm, Bullhead City

May 14: Hualapai Tribe Regional Partnership Council meeting, 9am, Peach Springs School Board Room

May 22: Regional Forum with Board Members, 12-2pm, Mohave County Administration building, Kingman

SAVE THE DATE!

August 18-19: 2014 First Things First Early Childhood Summit, Phoenix Convention Center, Phoenix