



Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board

Southwest Maricopa Regional Partnership Council

June 17, 2014 – *Draft* Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the First Things First Southwest Maricopa Regional Partnership Council was held on Tuesday, June 17, 2014 at Avondale City Hall, 11465 West Civic Center, Avondale, Arizona 85323.

Chair Dr. Dawson welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at approximately 5:35 p.m.

Members Present:

Patty Avery-Schuster, Dora Barrio, Kelli Cordova Wright, Dr. Carlian Dawson, Colleen Day Mach, Kimberly Flack, Wendy Krisik, Amanda Reyes and David Schwake

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

Members Absent:

Kelli Cordova Wright and Marithe Denys Sandoval

Call to the Public:

None.

Review and Approval of April 15, 2014 Meeting Minutes:

Council Member Schwake made a motion to approve the April 15, 2014 meeting minutes as written. Motion was seconded by Council Member Krisik and carried out by unanimous vote.

3rd Quarter Narrative and Data Reports Updates Report and Possible Discussion:

Regional Director Santiago updated Council on the 3rd Quarter Narrative and Data Reports. Director Santiago emailed the reports to Council in advance for review and shared some highlights of the reports. Former Council Member Debra Fonville-Williams was mentioned in one of the Narrative Reports and is collaborating with providers of First Things First. Most of the providers seem to be on target. Through strategic planning and financial updates much attention is being given to Quality First in terms of the cost. Many of the providers seem to be exceeding in their activities and demands and the ones that have not exceeded are right on target and within range of their targeted numbers. New developments are starting to show up in terms of housing and preschools in neighborhoods. Duets held their annual conference in March and had about 40 in attendance and was very successful.

Council Member Barrio suggested sharing rotating pictures of the providers activities and events prior to the Council Meetings.

Directors Updates Report and Possible Discussion:

- Board Fiscal Policy Updates

Regional Director Santiago provided Council with a copy of a Summary of Discussion from the Regional Council Chair and Vice Chair Leadership Forum/Fiscal Policy Updates that was held on May 1, 2014 and shared some highlights of the Forum. The common strategic planning is going to come into play depending on what the Boards final decision is in terms of some of the fiscal policies that were previously shared by Chief Regional Officer, Michelle Katona as to what the reallocation of funding will be for the regions. Director Santiago highlighted and talked about some of the discussions that are taking place in the Regions and shared some of the Survey Results from the Policy and Program Committee Members done in May of 2014. One comment shared was that First Things First needs to organize the Councils ideas into a systems building effort. There is a strong desire to continue looking at Quality First and maintaining access to Quality care. Currently Quality First takes up about 46% of the budget and includes scholarships and support to Child Care Centers.

Chair Dr. Dawson provided some feedback from the Chair/Vice Chair meeting.

- Strategic Planning

Regional Director Santiago updated Council on the Strategic Planning Proposed Process and provided a draft of the timeline. At the next Council meeting the Needs and Assets Vendor will be doing a report on the things that they are doing with the funding plan. Regional Director Santiago is talking about putting together or convening an advisory group to give input on the Community input from partners/stakeholders. The Council will need to look at the strategic planning and main steps. Regional Director Santiago is putting together a list of things to guide Council in the process. At the July meeting Council will discuss a setting to have these discussions and be mindful of the Open Meeting Laws. Director Santiago will send Council an email on the options prior to the next meeting.

Vice Chair Flack suggested rotating meetings in the Southwest Region.

- Needs and Asset Report Update

Regional Director Santiago – The Needs and Assets Report is still in review but the vendor will do a presentation of the draft at the July meeting.

Chair/Vice Chair Appointments Discussion and Possible Action:

Regional Director Santiago informed the Council that it is time to elect a new Chair and Vice Chair in accordance with the governance policy for the Southwest Maricopa Regional Partnership Council FY2015.

Regional Director Santiago called for nominations for the Council Chair for FY2015.

Council Member Barrio made a motion to nominate Dr. Carlian Dawson to continue as Council Chair. Motion was seconded by Council Member Schwake and carried out by unanimous vote. Chair Dr. Dawson will continue as the Council Chair.

Regional Director Santiago called for nominations for the Council Vice Chair for FY2015.

Council Member Reyes made a motion to nominate Kimberly Flack to continue as Council Vice Chair. Motion was seconded by Council Member Barrio and carried out by unanimous vote. Vice Chair Flack will continue as the Council Vice Chair.

Please Note: Council Chair Dr. Dawson moved the order of the agenda to Agenda Item #8 due to Community Outreach Coordinator Bray not yet at the meeting.

Council Member Updates:

Council Member Schwake informed Council that the Summer Food Feeding Program has started in the Southwest Community and has been very successful. Member Schwake mentioned that they have reached out to partners in the Community such as McDonalds and Food City. Member Schwake provided a flyer with free movies by Dickinsons Theatres incorporating the Free Summer Meals program on the back of the flyer. The Summer Feeding Program teaches nutrition at most of their meals. The Dinner meals have been very successful.

Council Member Barrio will be sending Council her new email addresses. Council Member Barrio was retired and doing a part time job but took a new part time position as the Executive Director for the Arizona School Administrators Association a Non-Profit organization. Member Barrio also took a full time position as Chief Academic Officer of the Pendergast School District. Council Member Barrio stated that she now has two jobs, is no longer retired but will continue her Appointment as Council Member for the Southwest Maricopa Region as this is one of her passions.

Council Member Avery-Schuster mentioned that she reapplied for the Health Services Provider for the Southwest Maricopa Regional Partnership Council and was not chosen but thanked all the Council for the last six years as a Council Member. Member Avery-Schuster shared a letter that she wrote to all the Council Members, Regional Director Santiago and Senior Director, Wendy Sabatini.

Regional Director Santiago gave Council Member Avery-Schuster a plaque award and a book for her more than 5 years of service as a Council Member.

- Summit Registration – Administrative Assistant Gandara mentioned that she will be taking care of all registrations for the Summit for Council Members. An email will be sent out with details and information.

Please Note: Council Member Barrio left the meeting at 6:31 p.m.

Community Outreach Update:

Community Outreach Coordinator Bray provided Council with a copy of the Community Outreach Report – May – June 2014 and updated Council on a Summary of her Activities.

- Summary of Activities: The Google Map is completed but there are problems with the internet so as soon as the problems have been resolved will be able to share the map.
- 5 Presentations – Early Child Education EMCC (90+students), Avondale ESD Student Services & Social Worker Students EMCC (10 students), 3 Networking Meetings , 3 Media, 8 One on One Meetings and 1 Site Tour
- Upcoming Outreach Opportunities: Invitation to TOPS 2nd Annual Parenting Celebration
*Wednesday July 23rd 5pm – 5:30 pm at Fry’s Mercado Community Room, 4230 W. McDowell Road, Phoenix, AZ 85009
- Outreach Opportunities: Attend an Event! Avondale Family Resource Center Back to School Event on Thursday, July 24 from 3-6PM.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Chair Dr. Dawson adjourned the meeting at 6:47 p.m.