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Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board

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Welcome and Call to Order

The regular meeting of the First Things First Southeast Maricopa Regional Partnership Council was held on September 25, 2012 at Family Resource Center, 817 N. Country Club Road, Mesa, AZ 85201.

Chair Tamminen called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m.

Members Present

Chair Dee Tamminen, Vice Chair Jack Dillenberg, Erica Alexander, Maggie Pfaffenberger, Detza Van Bogaert, Julie Sallquist (telephonic), Christine Scarpati, Sherreis Moreland and David Wade

Member Absent

Anna David

Members of the Public

7 members of the public were present.

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of JUNE 5, 2012 AND AUGUST 28, 2012

Vice Chair Dillenberg moved to accept the minutes. Council Member Alexander seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

Call To The Public

None.

Council Member Introductions and Recognition

Chair Tamminen welcomed new Council Members Sherreis Moreland, Maggie Pfaffenberger and Detza Van Bogaert. The Council introduced themselves to the new Members. Chair Tamminen also thanked former Council Member Molzen for her time on the Council.

Benchmark Discussion

Regional Director Terri Duhart discussed with the Council the indicators that were chosen by the Council. The percentage of children demonstrating school readiness at kindergarten entry in the development domains of social-emotional, language and literacy, cognitive, and motor and physical; the percentage of children receiving at least six well child visits within the first 15 months of life; percentage of children age 5 with untreated tooth decay; and the percent of families who report they are competent and confident about their ability to support their child's safety, health and wellbeing. The State Board will be deciding the actual benchmarks, while the Regional Council will discuss and decide their own at a later date.

Quality First Presentation

First Things First Early Learning Senior Director Sandy Foreman presented to the Council a Quality First update concerning ratings, the current waiting list for future participants, the current capacity of the Regions and 3400 children participating in the current program, funded both by the State and by the Southeast Regional Council. Ms. Foreman included data and assessment scoring for Statewide Quality First programs. The Council discussed



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funding and options for future fiscal years including possible outcomes and strategic planning for the future of the program. Ms. Foreman also detailed pre-K scholarships which are handled separately from Quality First at this time.

Financial Data Review

Regional Director Duhart discussed the Regional financial and data review for the Council. Regional Director Duhart reviewed grantee reporting and expenditures through the last Quarter, adding that most of the grantees were on track. Regional Director Duhart updated new grantees and returning grantees, also explaining the reimbursement cycle and year to date totals explaining that since we are ending the first quarter there was not much to present in the form of data.

Regional Directors Report

Regional Director Duhart thanked the Council for their participation in the Regional Council survey. Ms. Duhart said that from the results of the survey, the Regional Councils were happy overall of the First Things First operations, staff and management. Ms. Duhart also reviewed cross regional meetings and the opening of new family resource centers and the importance of coordination and how the Council can raise awareness for these centers. The Council discussed different options and expectations of some of the funded programs in the Region.

First Things First Summit Updates

Chair Tamminen asked the Council for feedback on the First Things First Summit; Members Alexander, Pfaffenberger and Van Bogaert provided positive feedback regarding their experiences at the Summit.

Southeast Maricopa Grantee Updates

A grantee spoke to the Council from the Child Resource Center, thanking the Council for their funding and the fact their "My Child's Ready" program received over 200 new families due to the closing of another facility locally. They have a waiting list but only 10 families remain and they have managed to hand out information to those on the waiting list. Another grantee from "Smart Support" updated the Council on their current work, adding that they have served over 60 teachers and over 1000 students; mentioning that those numbers are probably quite higher due to their sponsored trainings and events that are sponsored by this grantee.

Community Outreach Update

Community Outreach Coordinator John Taylor presented to the Council that he has participated in 9 events, 17 collaboration meetings and trainings for Region Community Outreach. Mr. Taylor also discussed details of events he has participated in, as well as future events he plans on participating in to reach more areas of the region. Mr. Taylor also informed the Council he would be working on an outreach plan to be shared with the Council as well.

Regional Meeting Calendar Discussion

Chair Tamminen discussed with the Council a possible move of the next meeting to the 30th of October at Dobson Ranch Library from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Regional Director Duhart informed the Council they would be discussing strategic planning with more data being available from the State Board. The Council agreed.

Council Member Updates

Chair Tamminen announced the Member Dillenberg received the Man of The Year award.

Next Meeting: October 30, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. at Dobson Ranch Library, 2425 S. Dobson Road, Mesa, AZ 85202



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Adjourn

There being no further business, Chair Tamminen adjourned the meeting at 5:41 p.m.

Submitted by:

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Approved by:

Dee Tamminen, Chair
Southeast Maricopa Regional Partnership Council