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COLORADO RIVER INDIAN TRIBES REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL

January 27, 2015

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

The meeting of the First Things First – Colorado River Indian Tribes Regional Partnership Council was held on January 27, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at the Family Activity Center at 1321 S. Mohave Avenue in Parker, Arizona, 85344.

The meeting was called to order by Vice -Chair Sale at 10:08 a.m.

Members Present

Brad Sale, Hannah Harper, Vikki Olson, Dru Waggoner, Amelia Flores, Denlese Perez, Gloria Flores-Lopez

Members Absent

Monica Rosnagle, Veronica Homer, Jackie Flores

Approval of Meeting Minutes (Attachment 01)

A motion was made by Member J. Flores to approve the November 25, 2014 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Member Harper. The motion passed unanimously by Members present.

Outcome of Funding Plan Presentation to the Board

Regional Council Member Amella Flores informed the Regional Council that she had presented the Funding plan to the State Board on January 20, 2015. She stated the Funding Plan was approved and the Regional Council was provided a copy of the Regional Council's Funding Plan for State Fiscal Year 2016. Member Flores also Thanked Sr. Regional Director Pascual for the opportunity and talking points, she also recommended that other Regional Council Members take the opportunity to attend a board meeting when possible.

First Things First Partner Update on Parent Outreach and Awareness and Nutrition, Obesity Prevention and Physical Activity

Lacle Thomas, Deputy Director, C.R.I.T. Department of Health and Social Services informed the Regional Council that they have hired Tammy Heanes to be the Program Coordinator of the First Things First Parent Outreach and Awareness and Nutrition, Obesity Prevention and Physical Activity grant in January.

Tammy Heanes introduced herself and provided the Regional Council with an update of the Parent Outreach and Awareness grant activities, a flyer was provided for the next workshop being held in February, Ms. Heanes stated that future workshops are planned for the third Wednesday of every month at the Family Activity Center.

Regional Council Member Flores asked Ms. Heanes if the curriculum will be research based. Ms. Heanes stated it would be research based but would also be tailored to the CRIT community.

Regional Council Member Olson asked what topic the workshop will be. Ms. Heanes stated it will cover ages and stages, focused on children birth to 5.

Regional Council Member Perez asked if the workshops were open to everyone. Ms. Heanes stated that the workshops are open to everyone.



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Updates on the Implementation of SFY 2015 Funding Plan (Attachment 02-03)

Referring to Attachments 02 & 03, Interim Regional Director Arnold provided the Regional Council with the financial expenditures report for Fiscal Year 2015.

Discussion on SFY2016 Grant Agreement Scopes of Work

Interim Regional Director Gary Arnold presented to the Regional Council Members that grant agreements are a way to work closely with a government entity to deliver services to the community. The CRIT Regional Council has used grant agreements as the primary method of developing services. Once awarded, the grant agreement can be renewed/extended for an additional two years. Current agreements:

- Nutrition, Obesity and Physical Activity-FY15 is the 3rd year
- Court Team- New Grant Agreement in FY16
- Parent Outreach and Awareness(Early Literacy)-FY15 is the 2nd year

Community Outreach and Awareness – Early Childhood Everyday (Attachment 04)

Community Outreach Coordinator, Erin Taylor, provided a presentation to the Regional Council on Early Childhood Everyday. Ms. Taylor has been giving this presentation to the community and asked if the Regional Council Members knew of any events she could present at or participate in to please fill out the form provided and return to her. Regional Council Member Flores informed her of the upcoming events CRIT Day March 3 and Earth Day, unsure of date, but she could contact the Preserve for information.

Senior Director's Report

Senior Director Pascual informed the Regional Council Member present that they should all be receiving the Legislative updates and if they have any questions, comments or is not receiving them to contact her or Ben. The State Board approved a First Things First Tribal Data policy at the January meeting. Ms. Pascual also informed the Regional Council Members the April State board meeting is scheduled for April 13 and 14, 2015 in Yuma. They are planning to have a forum with Council Members and the Board Members, when the final details are available we will forward them on, and encouraged all to attend.

Sr. Director Pascual also informed the Regional Council that Gary Arnold will be the Interim Director for CRIT and she is acting for Hualapai. The position has not been advertised yet. Merritt Beckett, Regional Director of La Paz/Mohave had resigned and that position is currently being advertised.

The Annual Smart Start Conference is May 4-7, 2015 in North Carolina. Each Region will pick two members to attend. If you are interested in attending please let Gary know, he will also be sending out the information on Conference.

Call to the Public

There was no response to the Call to the Public.

Regional Partnership Council Member Announcements

Member Olson informed the Regional Council Parent Teacher Conference's will be held next week and school will release children early.

Next Meeting



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The next meeting is scheduled for February 24, 2015, at 10:00 a.m.

Adjournment

Member Harper made a motion to adjourn at 11:08 a.m. The motion was seconded by Member Olson. The motion passed unanimously by members present.

Brad Sale, Vice-Chair

Colorado River Indian Tribes Regional Partnership Council

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