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Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board

Yuma Regional Partnership Council Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Welcome/Introductions/Call to Order

The special meeting of the First Things First-Yuma Regional Partnership Council was held on October 6, 2014, 11:00 a.m. at the Yuma First Things First Regional Office, 233 S. 2nd Ave., Yuma AZ 85364.

Chair Hawkins called the meeting to order at 11:06 a.m.

Members Present:

Chair Darren Hawkins
Vice Chair Irene Garza
Council Member Kim Fanning
Council Member Rebecca Ramirez
Council Member Gloria Cisneros
Council Member Janell F. Johnson

Members Absent:

Council Member Pilar Moreno
Council Member Judy Watkinson
Council Member Mary Beth Turner
Council Member Dr. Mario Ybarra
Council Member Ricardo Perez

Conflict of Interest

None declared at this time.

Discussion on FY2016 Funding Plan Priorities

The Regional Council continued their discussion on the FY2016 Funding Plan Priorities from a previous meeting. Regional Director Rudy J. Ortiz stated the allocation approved by the State Board for the Yuma Regional Partnership Council is \$4,945,570 which includes carry forward monies from FY14.

The Regional Council was provided with three potential funding plans which noted various changes in allocated (eliminated/increased/decreased) amounts of the current strategies and how those changes will impact the strategies and the Yuma early childhood system. The allotments in the potential funding plans included the vision and priorities from the last meeting (including those from the Collaborative and Town Hall meetings. The council worked through a strategic planning process to come up with one draft funding plan to present at the next council meeting.

Members stated they would like to see an enhancement to their current draft plan based on Quality First scholarships funded at a 10 month rate if possible.

Any extra monies saved from this formula would be used to enhance the strategies such as Home Visitation, Family Friends and Neighbors, Reach Out and Read, Inclusion of Children with Special Needs, a priority for the Regional Council.

The Regional Council will be provided with a revised draft plan at the October 16, 2014 Regional Council meeting for review and discussion and will possibly be an item of consideration at the November 20, 2014 Regional Council meeting.

Adjourn

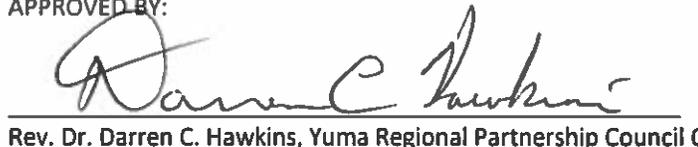
There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 1:47 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:



Marie Megui, Administrative Assistant III

APPROVED BY:



Rev. Dr. Darren C. Hawkins, Yuma Regional Partnership Council Chair

October 16, 2014