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AGENDA ITEM: Meeting Minutes

BACKGROUND: Meeting minutes of the September 15, 2014 Special Meeting are included for review and possible approval.

RECOMMENDATION: The Regional Director recommends review and approval of the September 15, 2014 Special Meeting Minutes.



**Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board
San Carlos Apache Regional Partnership Council
Special Meeting Minutes of September 15, 2014**

Welcome/Call to Order

A Special Meeting of the First Things First San Carlos Apache Regional Partnership Council was held on Monday, September 15, 2014 at the San Carlos Apache Tribe Education Department, San Carlos Avenue, San Carlos, Arizona 85550.

Chair Poncho called the meeting to order at approximately 9:45 a.m. and completed a roll call.

Members Present:

Teri Gallenstein, Mary Bendle, Louis Lorenzo, April Noline, Delphine Rodriguez, Flora Talas and Pastor Vernon Poncho

Members Absent:

Michelle Antonio (excused), Elliot Talgo (excused)

Call to the Public

Chair Poncho announced the Call to the Public. There was no response.

Declarations of Conflict of Interest

Chair Poncho requested Regional Council members review the agenda items and declare any possible conflicts of interest at this time. There were no conflicts of interest declared.

Meeting Minutes

Chair Poncho presented the minutes from the August 14, 2014 Regular Meeting.

A motion was made by Member Gallenstein to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes as presented, seconded by Member Noline. Motion carried 6-0.

Gila Regional Partnership Council

Hazel Chandler, Gila Regional Director provided information on the strategies the Gila Regional Council is currently funding. She also offered a comparison of strategies of the Gila and San Carlos Apache Regions. Ms. Chandler led the Regional Council in a discussion about how the two Regional Councils could look for opportunities to work together. Examples of building the early childhood system between the two Regional Councils included looking at the Gila Region's Care Coordination strategy that has Developmental and Sensory Screenings as a secondary strategy and discussing how San Carlos Apache region children are screened through this strategy and what is done with the data collected. The Regional Council members want to know how tribal grantees or tribal departments can access the on-line screening data. Another area of interest was the Parent Education Community-Based Training strategy and how the regions can work together in this area.

Chair Poncho requested an invitation be sent to the Regional Director of the Graham/Greenlee Regional Council for a presentation on what that Regional Council is currently funding.

Member Bendle arrived at 9:53 a.m.

Community Outreach Strategy

LaToya Beatty led the group in a discussion about the difficulty in hiring a very-part time Community Outreach Consultant and presented an option to amend the SFY15 Funding Plan to increase the Community Outreach Strategy from \$15,000 to \$60,000 to pursue a full-time Community Outreach Consultant for the San Carlos Apache Region. This staff person could also support some additional outreach efforts in the Globe/Miami part of the Gila Region which could also benefit the San Carlos Apache Region.

A motion was made by Member Noline to amend the SFY15 Funding Plan to increase the Community Outreach Strategy from \$15,000 to \$60,000 to pursue a full-time Community Outreach Consultant for the San Carlos Apache Region, seconded by Member Rodriguez. Motion carried 5-1-1. Member Gallenstein abstained due to being recently appointed to the Regional Council and her lack of background information.

SFY2014 Grantee Data and Narrative Reports- Quarter 4

Ms. Beatty led the group in a discussion about the 4th Quarter and Year to Date data presented in the reports.

Vice Chair Talas and Members Gallenstein, Lorenzo and Noline expressed concerns regarding the reports. Ms. Beatty will look further into the concerns and provide follow up with the Members.

Strategic Planning SFY2016-2018

Ms. Beatty led the group in a discussion to reflect on the information they received in the SFY14 Regional Needs & Assets Report. The council talked about strengths and gaps and talked about what they would like to see for young children in the San Carlos Apache Region in the next 10 years.

Quorum was lost at 11:00 a.m. due to a Member stepping out to get extra markers. Quorum was regained at 11:01 a.m.

Regional Director's Report

Chair Poncho requested that Regional Council Members review the Regional Director's Report at their convenience, preferably prior to meetings to discuss any questions at the meeting.

Ms. Beatty also discussed the option of having a Workgroup before the October Regular Meeting. Several members of the Regional Council volunteered to participate in the Workgroup.

Announcements

- A. Next Regular Meeting: October 9, 2014 – 9:00—11:00 a.m. –Tribal Education Department
- B. Collaborative Meeting: November 26, 2014 –10:00—12:00 p.m.— Location: TBD
- C. Community and Regional Council Updates

Adjourn

Chair Poncho adjourned the meeting at 11:37 a.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

**Vernon Poncho, Chair
San Carlos Apache Regional Partnership Council
Dated this 9th day of October 2014**

**LaToya Beatty, Regional Director
San Carlos Apache Regional Partnership Council
Dated this 9th day of October 2014**



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AGENDA ITEM: Work Group Meeting Minutes

BACKGROUND: Meeting minutes of the September 30, 2014 Work Group Meeting are included for review and possible approval.

RECOMMENDATION: The Regional Director recommends review and approval of the September 30, 2014 Work Group Meeting Minutes.



**Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board
San Carlos Apache Regional Partnership Council
Work Group Meeting Minutes of September 30, 2014**

Call to Order

The Work Group Meeting of the First Things First San Carlos Apache Regional Partnership Council was held on Tuesday, September 30, 2014 at the San Carlos Unified School District Alternative School, San Carlos Avenue, San Carlos, Arizona 85550.

Member Delphine Rodriguez called the meeting to order at approximately 8:58 a.m.

Members Present:

Delphine Rodriguez, April Noline and Teri Gallenstein

Members Absent:

Flora Talas

Discussion and Strategic Direction of SFY2016-2018

LaToya Beatty, Regional Director, informed the Work Group Members that regional priorities from the last three year strategic planning cycle needed to be revisited and that Members should consider the most recent data collection and conversation around that information in order to set regional priorities for SFY2016-2018. The Work Group was asked to determine if any changes to the regional priorities were needed.

After in depth discussion regarding regional challenges and needs, the Members will recommend the following list as the SFY2016 - 2018 regional priorities to the Regional Council:

- Access to quality early care and education
- Access to health care, specifically appropriate and timely developmental and sensory screenings and oral health
- Knowledge and information about the importance of prenatal care and early childhood development and health
- Recruitment into the early childhood field and continuum of early childhood education into the bachelor's degree
- High percentage of families in the region are living in poverty
- Language and literacy skills and access to books for children arriving to school
- Family support as it relates to home-based child care, parenting skills and cultural identity
- Awareness of services available and continued partnerships among programs for children and families

Adjourn

Ms. Beatty adjourned the Work Group at 10:40 a.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

**LaToya Beatty, Regional Director
San Carlos Apache Regional Partnership Council
Dated this 9th day of October 2014**



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- AGENDA ITEM:** Graham/Greenlee Regional Partnership Council
- BACKGROUND:** The Regional Council has been working with Gila and White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Councils. In order to continue to work cross-regionally and be aware of each other's Chair Poncho extended an invitation to the Graham/Greenlee Regional Director to present information on what's going on in the Graham/Greenlee Region.
- RECOMMENDATION:** The Regional Director is providing this attachment for information purposes only.



Strategy Participation by Goal Area

Priority Area	Strategies	San Carlos Apache SFY15	Graham/Greenlee SFY15
Quality & Access	Quality First	X	X
	Family, Friend and Neighbor	X	
Professional Development	REWARD\$	X	X
	Scholarships TEACH		
Health	Developmental and Sensory Screening	X	
	Nutrition/Obesity/Physical Activity	X	
	Oral Health		X
	Child Care Health Consultation	X	X
Family Support	Parent Education – Community Based Training	X	
	Curriculum Development – Parent Education	X	
	Food Security	X	X
	Parent Outreach & Awareness	X	X
	Native Language Preservation	X	
	Home Visitation		X
	Reach Out and Read		X
Coordination	Service Coordination	X	
Community Awareness	Community Awareness	X	X
	Community Outreach	X	X
	Media	X	X



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AGENDA ITEM: SFY2015 Meeting Calendar

BACKGROUND: The Regional Council reviews its meeting calendar on an annual basis to ensure that meeting dates and times work for all Members.

RECOMMENDATION: The Regional Director is providing this attachment for review and possible approval.



**San Carlos Apache Regional Partnership Council
SFY2015 Meeting Calendar**

Date	Time/Location
January 8	9:00am – 11:00am / TBD
February 12	9:00am – 11:00am / TBD
March 12	9:00am – 11:00am / TBD
April 9	9:00am – 11:00am / TBD
May 14	9:00am – 11:00am / TBD
June 11	9:00am – 11:00am / TBD

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AGENDA ITEM: Strategic Planning SFY2016-2018

BACKGROUND: The Regional Director will present updates since the last Regular Meeting and on upcoming events.

RECOMMENDATION: The Regional Director is providing this attachment for information purposes only.

Setting Regional Priorities

Regional Priorities SFY2013-2015 FROM	Regional Challenges & Needs per draft 2014 Regional Needs and Assets Report, Regional Council discussion and Early Childhood Development and Health Collaborative	Workgroup Recommendations for Regional Priorities SFY2016-2018 TO
<p>High number of children living in poverty</p> <p>Lack of access to health care, specifically appropriate and timely screenings and health care services administered by a pediatrician</p> <p>Limited knowledge and information about the importance of the Physical, Spiritual, Mental and Social aspects of a child</p> <p>Limited knowledge and information about the importance of early childhood development and health</p> <p>Lack of partnerships among programs for children and families</p> <p>Children are arriving at schools with limited language and literacy skills</p> <p>Limited access to quality, early care and education</p> <p>Limited family support as it relates to home-based child care, parenting skills, poverty and cultural identity</p>	<p>A high percentage of families in the region are living in poverty *</p> <p>High unemployment rate</p> <p>High proportion of children with tooth decay and untreated tooth decay #</p> <p>A high rate of children 0-5 who are uninsured #</p> <p>A high infant mortality rate #</p> <p>Low adult educational attainment, including graduation rates lower than state overall</p> <p>Low levels of parent involvement *</p> <p>Need for continued parent education around the services available to families in the region, especially around developmental screenings and early intervention</p> <p>Prenatal care at 53% #</p> <p>Low rates of pregnant women getting early prenatal care #</p> <p>A high rate of births to teenage mothers * #</p> <p>A high rate of preterm births #</p> <p>Low breast feeding rates #</p> <p>Low birth weight babies #</p> <p>Need for more awareness of services available</p> <p>Need for advertising services to families who are not in the working class</p> <p>High dropout rate and low graduation rate *</p> <p>Need for home visiting strategies</p> <p>Need for home based learning</p> <p>Political leaders are not focused on or know about early childhood and these leaders may be also continuing the “crab in a basket” effect</p> <p>May be that we are including politics, crisis instead of focusing on kids</p> <p>Need for recruitment into the early childhood field</p> <p>889-681 were living with grandparents</p> <p>Services for 0-3 really limited</p> <p>Limited services for children birth to five in Bylas</p> <p>Need for community child care center</p> <p>Need for child care licensing for DES assistance</p>	<p>Access to quality early care and education</p> <p>Access to health care, specifically appropriate and timely developmental and sensory screenings and oral health</p> <p>Knowledge and information about the importance of prenatal care and early childhood development and health</p> <p>Recruitment into the early childhood field and continuum of early childhood education into the bachelor’s degree</p> <p>High percentage of families in the region are living in poverty</p> <p>Language and literacy skills and access to books for children arriving to school</p> <p>Family support as it relates to home-based child care, parenting skills and cultural identity</p> <p>Awareness of services available and continued partnerships among programs for children and families</p>



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October 2014 Director's Report

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General Updates

Regional Council Recruitment

- The philanthropy seat and one at-large seat for the San Carlos Apache Regional Partnership Council remain open. Application are still being accepted and can be found at www.aztf.gov/serve

First Things First Welcomes New Senior Director of Tribal Affairs

- Ms. Candida Hunter, “a proud member of the Hualapai Tribe in northwestern Arizona, began work as FTF’s Senior Director for Tribal Affairs on Sept. 8th. She brings a wealth of experience to the role, including: prior service as an elected member of the Hualapai Tribal Council: volunteer service as a chair, vice chair and member of the FTF Hualapai Tribe Regional Council; and, member of the FTF National Evaluation Panel. In addition, Candida brings to FTF experience as a provider of human services, having served her tribe both as Education Coordinator and as the director of a program to help juveniles in detention transition successfully back in to their community.”

First Things First Tribal Consultation

- First Things First ensures that the government-to-government relationships with Arizona’s Indian Tribes and Nation continue to be strengthened and expanded. Therefore tribal leaders met on October 7th for the FTF Tribal Consultation. The specific topic of discussion was: Expanding the Circle and Advance Early Childhood System Building.

Regional Needs & Assets Report

- The University of Arizona Norton School completed the Regional Needs & Assets Report. The report is in final draft form and is awaiting tribal feedback and possible approval for dissemination and publication. A letter of extension for submission to the FTF State Board was submitted by the San Carlos Apache Regional Partnership Council.

San Carlos Apache Regional Partnership Council Regular Meeting



November 13, 2014 at 9:00
a.m. Education Dept. Conf.
Rm.

San Carlos Apache Early Childhood Development & Health Collaborative Meeting



TBD and will be moved to
December

Candida Hunter, FTF Senior Director of Tribal Affairs

