



Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health
Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
Regional Partnership Council

Meeting Minutes – September 17, 2013 Regional Council Meeting

Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC) was held on September 17, 2013. The meeting was held at the Two Waters Building A, Wi:Hom Conference Room, 10061 East Osborn Road, Scottsdale, Arizona 85256.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Loring at approximately 11:45 a.m.

Members Present

Chair Virginia Loring, Vice Chair Chris McIntier, Lance Silverhorn, Toni Harvier, Joyce Helmuth, Michelle Jameson, and Deana Washington.

Members Absent

Ron Ransom, Caroline Sekaquaptewa

Members of the Public

Eight members of the public attended.

Invocation

Invocation was conducted by Council Member Silverhorn.

Call to the Public

Nuemi Largo shared information about a children's love language book and its benefits for parents and children. She asked the Council to consider a formal presentation at a later date for further discussion.

Janet Fraantz of the Southwest Human Development Smart Support Program introduced herself and the new Mental Health Consultant, Marcel Nivena, who was assigned to work with the Tribe's Early Childhood Education Center.

Carla Sahr, TEACH Program Specialist from the Association of Supportive Child Care shared information about the program during agenda item #5 Narrative and Data Reports.

Consent Agenda

Council Member McIntier moved to approve the meeting minutes of July 16, 2013. Council Member Washington seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously 7-0.

Chair Loring recessed the meeting for lunch at 11:55 am. Council Member Harvier left the meeting and did not return.

The meeting reconvened at 12:05 pm.

**Narrative and Data Reports**

Director Vinarskai reviewed the narrative reports with the Council and highlighted activities that took place in the Parent Education Community Based Training strategy, Pre-Kindergarten Scholarship strategy and the Summer Transition to Kindergarten strategy. In addition, Director Vinarskai reviewed the data reports for the following strategies: Food Security, Mental Health Consultation, Parent Education Community Based Training, Pre-Kindergarten Scholarships, Summer Transition to Kindergarten, and Reach Out and Read. Carla Sahr, Teach Program Specialist, shared data on the TEACH program which included three individuals that obtained their Child Development Credential and one individual that obtained an Associate's Degree.

Council Member Jameson brought up a concern regarding children in the Summer Transition to Kindergarten program that were being dropped from the program for behavioral issues.

A subcommittee was established by the Council to work with the Early Childhood Education program and discuss possible services and protocols to effectively deal with children exhibiting behavioral problems in the Summer Transition to Kindergarten program. The Subcommittee members identified include Vice Chair McIntier, Council Member Jameson, Council Member Washington and Council Member Helmuth.

2014 Needs and Assets Family and Community Survey

Chair Loring led a discussion to review the Family and Community Survey and provided ideas to the Needs and Assets vendor on how to implement the Family and Community Survey in the Community. The following feedback was provided by the Council:

- No opinion about the three optional questions suggested by the vendor
- Did not recommend adding the First Things First demographics questions
- Felt that in person interviews were best and advised against going door to door and phone calls
- The Council identified upcoming community events that may be a venue to administer the survey
- Suggested that the vendor approach the three First Things First funded parenting classes to conduct interviews with the participants
- Recommended the following individuals as possible surveyors: Bonnie Tucker, Roberta Seepie, and Hazel Thomas
- Strongly recommended that the vendor provide incentives for participation such as books, pens, mugs, gift cards, etc. and a raffle ticket for a drawing for any type of electronic item or desired gift.
- Council believes that the vendor can reach the goal of conducting 191 surveys.

Governance Policy Review

Director Vinarskai led the Council through an overview of the SRPMIC Governance Policy and highlighted areas for possible discussion and or recommended changes.

- Section 1-103 – Suggestion made to change number of days to transmit the agenda items to Council from ten to five days.
- Section 1-105.2 - The amount of time given for the Call to the Public in the Governance Policy is different from the actual Call to the Public form. Therefore a change must be made so that they match.
- Section 1-107 – Last paragraph concerning the Executive Committee. Senior Director Sabatini will discuss with the Executive Team to determine if it is applicable to the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Regional Partnership Council.
- Section 1-109 – Suggestion made to change the written report to Tribal Council from four times a year to two times a year.
- Section 1-111 – This section is under review by First Things First legal counsel to determine whether Regional Councils need to keep this in their Governance Policy.



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Regional Director's Updates

- Council will be developing the FY2015 Funding Plan in October and November.
- Beverly Russell, Senior Director of Tribal Affairs, will be sending a letter to the Tribe to discuss developing a five year data agreement with the Tribe to obtain information on the Community for the First Things First School Readiness Indicators.
- 2014 Community Awareness Budget was approved.
- Reminder that all meeting notices and minutes are on the Regional website.
- Important for Council Members to complete all the required documents and trainings.

Regional Partnership Council Member Updates

- Council Member Jameson shared information about a new strategy idea called Preschool on Wheels.

Adjournment

Chair Loring adjourned the meeting at 1:30 pm.

SUBMITTED BY:

Patty Morris, Administrative Assistant II

Approved by: _____
Virginia Loring, Chair