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Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board

Yuma Regional Partnership Council Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Welcome/Introductions/Call to Order

The regular meeting of the First Things First – Yuma Regional Partnership Council was held on November 21, 2013, 4:30 p.m. at the Sierra Vista Presbyterian Church, 150 W. 28th Street, Yuma, Arizona 85364.

Chair Garza called the meeting to order at 4:39 p.m.

Members Present:

Chair Darren Hawkins
Vice Chair Irene Garza
Member Judy Watkinson
Member Kim Fanning
Member Mary Beth Turner
Member Rebecca Ramirez
Member Ricardo Perez
Member Gloria Cisneros

Members Present Via Conference Call:

Member Pilar Moreno (communication was lost early on in the meeting at approximately 4:45 p.m. however quorum was maintained and proceeded with the meeting)

Members Absent:

Member Laurie Gail Senko
Member Dr. Mario Ybarra

Conflict of Interest

Chair Hawkins provided the Regional Council with an opportunity to declare any conflict of interest regarding items on the agenda. The following members declared a conflict of interest with agenda item #6: Discussion and Possible Action on FY2015 Funding Plan. The voting process for the funding plan was divided into Goal Areas listing the designated strategies for each goal area: Vice Chair Garza declared a conflict of interest with agenda item #6 in reference to the Reach Out and Read Strategy under the Family Support Goal Area of the FY2015 Funding Plan due to present employment with Reach Out and Read and recused herself from participation in the discussion and voting process for this portion of the discussion.

Member Fanning declared a conflict of interest with agenda item #6 in reference to the Scholarships TEACH Strategy under the Professional Development Goal Area of the FY2015 Funding Plan; Quality First Package (package includes strategies: Quality First Academy; Warmline Triage and the Warmlines for Child Care Health Consultation; Inclusion; Mental Health Consultation; Quality First Coaching and Incentives; Quality First Child Care Scholarships and Child Care Health Consultation) of the Quality and Access Goal Area of FY2015 Funding Plan; Oral Health Strategy and Mental Health Consultation Strategy under the Health Goal Area of the FY2015 Funding Plan due to substantial interest in funding from these strategies and recused herself from participation in the discussion and voting process for this portion of the discussion.

Consent Agenda

The items on the consent agenda included the minutes of the October 17, 2013, Yuma Regional Partnership Council regular meeting. A motion was made by Member Turner to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Member Perez, and the motion carried by a unanimous vote by all members present.

Discussion on Arizona Town Hall

Member Turner shared her thoughts/feedback on the Arizona Town Hall attended earlier this month of November 2013. Further stating a lot of what was discussed/strategic planning at the town hall was reflective of the work the Regional Council has accomplished and adding the Regional Council was ahead in many of the prioritized needs and process in making a strong start/difference in Early Education in Arizona.

Discussion on Funding Plan Workgroup Recommendations

A final review of the workgroup recommendations was made prior to the Regional Council taking action on the FY2015 Funding Plan. Regional Director Ortiz provided an updated financial report on Quality First. The Funding Plan will be up for consideration by the State Board in January 2013 for final approval.

Discussion on FY2015 Funding Plan

The following action was taken by the Regional Council on the Goal Areas/Strategies for the FY2015 Funding Plan:

Goal Area: Health

- **Oral Health Strategy**
- **Mental Health Consultation Strategy**

A motion was made by Vice Chair Garza to approve all strategies and target service units included in each strategy designated under the Health Goal Area of the FY2015 Funding Plan, seconded by Member Turner, and the motion carried by a unanimous vote by all members present eligible to vote.

Goal Area: Professional Development

- **Scholarships TEACH Strategy**
- **Scholarships non-TEACH Strategy**
- **Community Based Professional Development Early Care and Education Professionals Strategy**

A motion was made by Member Watkinson to approve all strategies and target service units included in each strategy designated under the Professional Development Goal Area of the FY2015 Funding Plan, seconded by Member Perez, and the motion carried by a unanimous vote by all members present eligible to vote.

Quality First Package

A motion was made by Member Ramirez to approve the Quality First Package for 21 centers and 20 homes, with estimated funding allotments as presented by First Things First Staff in today's review of the Funding Plan Summary. The Quality First Package includes the following strategies for enrolled providers:

- Quality First Academy
- Quality First Warmline Triage
- Quality First Child Care Health Consultation Warmline
- Quality First Inclusion Warmline
- Quality First Mental Health Consultation Warmline
- Quality First Coaching and Incentives

Further, the Quality First Package includes an estimate of 386 Quality First Child Care Scholarships for an estimated budget allotment of \$2,657,167.

And finally, the Quality First Package includes Child Care Health Consultation for a budget allotment of \$83,980. The estimated amounts included in this motion will be updated and finalized according to the Quality First model and the Quality Ratings of the enrolled sites and brought back to the Regional Council at a future meeting, seconded by Member Watkinson, and the motion carried by a unanimous vote by all members present eligible to vote.

Goal Area: Quality and Access

- Inclusion of Children with Special Needs Strategy
- Family, Friends and Neighbors Strategy
- Expansion: Increase slots and/or capital expense Strategy

A motion was made by Member Perez to approve all strategies and target service units included in each strategy designated under the Quality and Access Goal Area of the FY2015 Funding Plan, seconded by Member Fanning, and the motion carried by a unanimous vote by all members present.

Goal Area: Family Support

- Family Support – Children with Special Needs Strategy
- Home Visitation Strategy
- Food Security Strategy
- Parent Education Community – Based Training Strategy
- Reach Out and Read Strategy
- Parent Outreach and Awareness Strategy

A motion was made by Member Fanning to approve all strategies and target service units included in each strategy designated under the Family Support Goal Area of the FY2015 Funding Plan, seconded by Member Cisneros, and the motion carried by a unanimous vote by all members present eligible to vote.

Goal Area: Community Awareness

- Community Awareness Strategy
- Community Outreach Strategy
- Media Strategy

A motion was made by Member Turner to approve all strategies and target service units included in each strategy designated under the Community Awareness Goal Area of the FY2015 Funding Plan, seconded by Member Watkinson, and the motion carried by a unanimous vote by all members present.

Goal Area: Evaluation

- Statewide Evaluation Strategy

A motion was made by Member Cisneros to approve all strategies designated under the Evaluation Goal Area of the FY2015 Funding Plan, seconded by Member Turner, and the motion carried by a unanimous vote by all members present.

Awards and Recognition

Awards and Recognition was given to local child care providers for their commitment to providing a quality program to the children and families in the region. Child Care providers are participants of the Quality First program funded by First Things First. Member Watkinson received the first annual Champions for Children Award presented by the Yuma Regional Partnership Council

Call to the Public

Angelina Oudeif provided a brief update on the TEACH (Teacher Education And Compensation Helps) program .

Announcements

The December 5th, 2013 meeting has been cancelled instead the Regional Council will attend a Regional Council Retreat on December 12, 2013, in Yuma, AZ.

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Yuma Regional Partnership Council is scheduled on January 16, 2014, 4:30 p.m., Senior Citizen Center, 790 E. Juan Sanchez Blvd, San Luis, Arizona 85349.

Adjourn

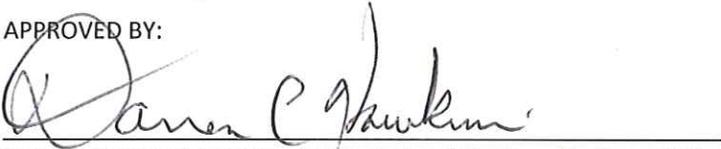
There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:



Marie Megui, Administrative Assistant III

APPROVED BY:



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

January 16th, 2014