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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 February 20, 2014, 4:30 p.m. at the Sierra Vista Presbyterian Church, 150 W. 28th Street, Yuma, Arizona 85364.

Chair Hawkins called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m.

Members Present:

Chair Darren Hawkins
Vice Chair Irene Garza
Member Judy Watkinson
Member Kim Fanning
Member Laurie Gail Senko
Member Pilar Moreno (left the meeting at approximately 6:25 p.m. however quorum was maintained)
Member Rebecca Ramirez

Members Absent:
Member Gloria Cisneros
Member Dr. Mario Ybarra
Member Mary Beth Turner Member Ricardo Perez
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Conflict of Interest
Chair Hawkins provided the Regional Council with an opportunity to declare any conflict of interest regarding items on the agenda. There were no conflicts declared at this time.

Consent Agenda
The items on the consent agenda included the minutes of the January 16, 2014, Yuma Regional Partnership Council regular meeting. A motion was made by Member Watkinson to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Member Fanning, and the motion carried by a unanimous vote by all members present.

Regional Director's Report
The Report included an update on:

- System Building
- Early Childhood System Collaboration meeting (February 10, 2014)
- Upcoming local events

Discussion on FY2014 Financial Expenditures Report
First Things Fiscal Specialists for the West Region, Kristen Martin and Perla Renteria, provided an update on the financial expenditures for FY2014. It was further stated that expenditures are at approximately 50% expended for all programs. The Finance Team is available to assist grantees with any questions/issues they may be experiencing in reporting expenditures.

Discussion on Family Support
Family Support and Literacy Sr. Director, Dr. Aaliyah Samuel, provided an update on statewide family support and literacy efforts. She highlighted the partnership with Read On Arizona and the role of First Things First in the creation of the literacy framework. Recruitment efforts continue to recruit the Tribal Community to be part of the "Read On Community".
Dr. Samuel's update also included statewide efforts to build a strong collaborating/coordinated system for home visitation and how to best infuse early literacy in each strategy.

Call to the Public
There was no request to address the council at this time.

Announcements
Read Across America Day, March 3, 2014. Reach Out and Read Arizona in collaboration with Harvest Preparatory Academy will be presenting a skit of Dr. Seuss Birthday, March 3, 2014, 9 a.m., Harvest Preparatory Academy, 350 E. 18th Street, Yuma, AZ 85364.

Next Meeting
The next regular meeting of the Yuma Regional Partnership Council is scheduled on March 20, 2014, 4:30 p.m., Yuma County Public Health Services District, 2200 W. 28th Street, Yuma, Arizona 85364.

Adjourn
There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

Marie Megui, Administrative Assistant III

APPROVED BY:

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

March 20th, 2014