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Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board Cochise Regional Partnership Council

Meeting Minutes April 17, 2014

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Introductions

The Regular Meeting of the First Things First Cochise Regional Partnership Council was held on Thursday, April 17, 2014, at the Clyde's Room Murr Community Center, Building 51301 Cushing Street, Fort Huachuca, Arizona, 85613.

Council Members Present:

Danielle Brownrigg, Marge Dailey, Chuck Hoyack, Dr. Stephen Poling, Melanie Rottweiler, Pastor Tommy Simpson, Jane Strain, and Kathleen Vedock (arrived at 1:18p.m.)

Council Members Absent: Rev. Shawn Buckhanan, Nancy-Jean Welker and Michael Vetter

Chair Rottweiler welcomed everyone, and called the meeting to order at approximately 1:10 p.m. Chair Rottweiler did not lead the Regional Council Members and those present in the Pledge of Allegiance because no flag was present.

Chair Rottweiler introduced members of the public.

Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

Chair Rottweiler explained to the Regional Council Members that they could declare their Conflicts of Interests at this time or wait until the specified agenda item. No conflicts were declared.

Call to the Public

Chair Rottweiler made a Call to the Public. There were no Calls to Public at this time.

Discussion and Possible Approval of Minutes

Chair Rottweiler asked the Regional Council Members for a discussion and possible approval of the February 20, 2014 Regular Meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Member Simpson to approve the February 20, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes; seconded by Member Hoyack. Motion carried (7-0-0).

Discussion and Possible Approval of Communications Budget Community Awareness Line Items for SFY 2015

Chair Rottweiler recognized Melissa Avant, Regional Director who gave a brief overview of the Community Awareness Budget information provided in the Regional Council members packets.

Vice Chair Poling arrived in person and ceases phone attendance at 1:17p.m.
Member Vedock arrived at 1:18p.m.

A brief discussion between Ms. Avant and the Regional Council Members regarding the ordering of children's reading books and the First Things First Resource Guide occurred.

Chair Rottweiler asked the Regional Council members for a discussion and possible approval of the communications budget as presented.

A motion was made by Member Dailey to approve the communications budget as presented; seconded by Member Simpson. Motion carried (8-0-0).

Discussion and Possible Approval of Grantee

Renewal Home Visitation for SFY 2015

Chair Rottweiler recognized Ms. Avant who introduced Marjorie Bennett, Fiscal Specialist First Things First. Ms. Avant gave a brief overview of the Home Visitation grantee data reports and asked Ms. Bennett to speak briefly about the clarifications. A discussion between the Regional Council members and the Grantee, Charlotte Taylor, Easter Seals Blake Foundation representative regarding the grant renewal occurred.

Chair Rottweiler asked the Regional Council Members for a discussion and possible approval of the Grantee Renewal #GRA-RC002-13-0385-03-Y2 to Easter Seals Blake Foundation in the amount of \$600,000 for SFY2015.

A motion was made by Member Hoyack to approve the Grantee Renewal #GRA-RC002-13-0385-03-Y2 to Easter Seals Blake Foundation in the amount of \$600,000 for SFY2015; seconded by Member Dailey. Motion carried (8-0-0).

Discussion and Possible Approval of Grantee

Renewal Oral Health for SFY 2015

Chair Rottweiler recognized Ms. Avant who gave an overview of the Oral Health grantee data reports. A discussion facilitated by Ms. Avant with the Regional Council members regarding a ten percent increase in funding for Oral Health occurred. Ms. Avant read the Oral Health Clarification questions aloud to the Regional Council Members.

Chair Rottweiler asked the Regional Council Members for a discussion and possible approval of the Grantee Renewal #GRA-RC002-14-0619-01-Y1 to U of A Cooperative Extension in the amount of \$209,000 for SFY2015.

A motion was made by Member Hoyack to approve the Grantee Renewal #GRA-RC002-14-0619-01-Y1 to U of A Cooperative Extension in the amount of \$209,000 for SFY2015; seconded by Member Dailey. Motion carried (6-2-0).

Discussion and Approval of Public Vetted Benchmarks

Chair Rottweiler recognized Ms. Avant who gave a brief overview the public vetted benchmarks. A brief discussion facilitated by Ms. Avant with the Regional Council members regarding the process of public vetting occurred.

Chair Rottweiler asked the Regional Council Members for a discussion and possible approval of the regional benchmarks set for Indicators 2, 3 and 4 for State Board Consideration.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Poling to approve the regional benchmarks set for Indicators 2, 3 and 4 for State Board Consideration; seconded by Member Vedock. Motion carried (8-0-0).

Discussion and Presentation of Military Programs

Chair Rottweiler recognized Audrey Peterson-Hosto, Army Community Services, Fort Huachuca and Lois R. Sagmoe, Army Community Services, Fort Huachuca who gave a presentation about the Fort Huachuca Army Exceptional Family Member Program. Chair Rottweiler recognized public member Tom Reardon, Sierra Vista City Council Member who had a question regarding the presentation. A discussion between Ms. Peterson-Hosto, Ms. Sagmoe, Mr. Reardon and the Regional Council members regarding possible ways to partner or work together occurred.

Discussion and Presentation of the Online Developmental Screening Tool

Chair Rottweiler recognized Hazel Chandler, Gila Regional Director, First Things First and Aimee Kempton, Pinal Regional Director, First Things First who gave a presentation on the Online Developmental Screening Tool to the Regional Council members. A brief discussion occurred between Ms. Chandler, Ms. Kempton, and the Regional Council members.

Regional Director's Report

Chair Rottweiler recognized Ms. Avant who gave a brief overview on the following topics: The Regional Expenditure Report, the Finance Committee Update regarding the Sustaining Arizona's Commitment to Young Kids handout. Ms. Avant recognized Cindi Alva, Senior Director who provided information about the sustainability plan for First Things First.

Ms. Avant informed the Regional Council members the First Things First 2014 Summit will take place on August 18 and 19, 2014 at the Phoenix Convention Center.

Ms. Avant provided an update on the Regional Council Recruitment for the region. Ms. Avant reminded the Regional Council members the Regional Presentations to the State Board will be held on April 22, 2014 in Safford, Arizona.

Ms. Avant thanked Member Strain, Mr. Joel Spurlock, and Sarah Furnas, Cochise Regional Council Administrative Assistant II for working at the Month of the Military Child Booth and the Easter Eggstravaganza Booth. Ms. Avant presented a painting that was made for the First Things First Regional Council Members by the Easter Seals Blake Foundation for sponsoring the Committee for the Prevention of Child Abuse conference.

General Discussion

Member Simpson – mentioned that he hopes everyone has a wonderful resurrection weekend.

Member Strain – mentioned that she is a member of the Communications and Government Advocacy Committee and that she will be attending a meeting Thursday April 24, 2014. Member Strain mentioned that she will be asking about the Kindergarten Developmental Inventory at the meeting.

Member Hoyack – mentioned that the Developmental Screening Tool presentation was important, that he wishes something like it was in place when his son was younger and that he hopes it becomes a First Things First priority. Member Hoyack congratulated Vice Chair Poling for his goal to run in the Boston Marathon.

Vice Chair Poling – mentioned that he would be leaving on Monday April 21, 2014 to run in the Boston Marathon and that he was excited. Vice Chair Poling shared that he attended the Easter Eggstravaganza, that it was a very well ran event, that he thought it was a good investment for the First Things First council to sponsor and that the First Things First booth was very popular.

Chair Rottweiler – informed the Regional Council that the Chair and Vice Chair meeting is being held on May 1, 2014 and that neither Chair nor Vice Chair will be able to attend. Chair Rottweiler asked the Regional Council Members if any of them would like to go in there places and if so to let Ms. Avant know. Chair Rottweiler mentioned an email from Ms. Avant which included a link to a wonderful digital library and that everyone should check it out.

Announcements

Chair Rottweiler announced cancellation of the May 15, 2014 meeting. The next Regular Meeting will be held June 19, 2014, in Bisbee, Arizona. The Regional Presentation to State Board will be held April 22, 2014, in Safford, Arizona from 11am to 1pm.

Adjournment

With no further business before the Regional Council, Chair Rottweiler adjourned the meeting at 3:14 p.m.

Dated this 19 day of June, 2014.

Submitted By: Sarah Furnas
Administrative Assistant II

Approved By: 
Chair, Melanie Rottweiler