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Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board

Hualapai Tribe Regional Partnership Council

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

The meeting of the First Things First – Hualapai Tribe Regional Partnership Council was held on **March 10th, 2010** at 9:00 a.m. at Peach Springs School, 403 Diamond Creek Road in Peach Springs, AZ.

Chair Imus called the meeting to order at 9:22 a.m.

Members present:

Rev. Pete Imus, Sandra Irwin, Jessica Powskey, Steve Condict, Penny Renfro, Helen J. Watahomigie

Members Excused: Candida Hunter, Lucille Watahomigie

Members Absent: Cheryle Beecher, Carrie Imus

Approval of February 17th, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Vice Chair Irwin moved to approve the February 17th, 2010 meeting minutes. Member Condict provided the second. The motion passed by all members present.

Call to the Public

No members of the public addressed the Regional Council.

Regional Partnership Council Member Announcements

Regional Council Members did not make any announcements.

Regional Funding Plans and Implementation

Coordinator Pascual reviewed the Grantee Financial Summary Report as of February 20th, 2010 with the Regional Council. First Things First Finance Department staff has been communicating with Wanda Easter of the Hualapai Finance Division to expend funds to the Maternal Health Program. The State Board gave authorization to the Regional Councils to allocate the region's unexpended funds toward approved strategies. FTF Finance Team will supply a projection report to Regional Councils to estimate how much funding is available to redistribute to existing strategies. Coordinator Pascual gave a brief review of the SFY 2011 Food Assistance & Nutrition Strategy and asked the Regional Council to decide on the type of funding mechanism for the new strategy. Coordinator Pascual reviewed with the Regional Council three types of funding mechanisms; 1) government to government, 2) Request for Grant Application (RFGA) and 3) Request for Quotes (RFQ). Coordinator Pascual reminded the Regional Council that they required in the strategy description that 30% of the funding for the Food Assistance grantee go directly for infant formula.

Member Powskey made a motion that the Regional Council go through the Request for Quote funding process for the Food Assistance & Nutrition Strategy. Member Condict provided the second. The motion passed by all members present.

2010 Regional Needs and Assets Assessment

Coordinator Pascual introduced Susan Brutschy, President of Applied Survey Research, and stated the Regional Council selected Applied Survey Research for the 2010 Needs and Assets Assessment. Ms. Brutschy summarized last month's conversation and the review of the indicators required by the State, which will guide the information that is included in the Needs and Assets Assessment. Ms. Brutschy acknowledged her pleasure in visiting with Head Start, WIC, the IHS Public Health Nurse, touring the dental facility at the Health Clinic, and learning about the public education perspective from Mr. Condict.

Briefing on the Hualapai Child Care Center

Coordinator Pascual distributed a postcard developed by the Association for Supportive Child Care (ASCC), a La Paz/Mohave Regional Council grantee. ASCC is awarding mini grants to expand the opportunities and access to child care. Coordinator Pascual stated the La Paz/Mohave Regional Council is open to a collaboration with the Hualapai Region and making funding available for the child care center (if it will also serve children living in the surrounding areas of the Hualapai Nation). Chair Imus asked the staff in the audience to share their updates concerning the plans for the Child Care Center. Shelly Bachison, the Hualapai Head Start Director, spoke to the Regional Council about her thoughts on the potential location of the center, and the possibility of combining Head Start and Child Care resources. Member Powskey introduced Child Care Developmental Fund Regional Specialist, Suki Graves. Ms. Graves spoke telephonically with the Regional Council regarding construction, finance, process and procedures for operating a child care center. Ms. Graves spoke of braiding funds, block grants and Early Head Start funds. Member Condict suggested looking outside the box and making the child care, Head Start, and school resources all inclusive.

First Things First Grantee Program Updates

Alyce Crozier, Maternal Child Health Advocate, updated the Regional Council on the monthly progress of the regionally funded program. Ms. Crozier summarized working with Milemarkers Therapy for developmental screenings, Head Start audiology screenings, upcoming events with New Moms on Monday, Toddlers on Tuesdays, a Community Orientation event is scheduled in the afternoon to let the community meet and get information about the programs available through the Hualapai Health Department. Ms. Crozier added that the Maternal Child Health Program has continued monthly meetings with programs and services that support families, she and the WIA assistant attended a suicide intervention skills training, and they have continued home visitation with child development education.

Coordinator Update

Coordinator Pascual reviewed with the Regional Council the scheduled meeting dates and times of the Arizona Early Childhood Task Force. Coordinator Pascual summarized the Press Release that was developed by First Things First in response to the recent activity in the Legislature. Coordinator Pascual mentioned the House and Senate were both meeting today in Special Session and the repeal of First Things First is on their agendas. Gary Arnold, Regional Manager, added that if passed by the Legislature, the Resolutions would go to the voters to sweep all funds from First Things First ending all regional services. Vice Chair Irwin stated she would like to see Indian Health Service provide more Maternal and Child Health services. Coordinator Pascual suggested an orientation to the community programs on the Parent Kit when the delivery of the remaining 50 Kits is made. Chair Imus would like to show the Kits to the Youth Council for the teen mothers. No Board Meeting wrap up was available for the meeting.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. at Peach Spring School on April 14th, 2010.

Chair Imus reminded the Regional Council Members with terms that are ending to look for their replacement and that the application is online.

Adjourn

There being no further business, Chair Imus adjourned the meeting at approximately 10:58 a.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

Della Gray, Administrative Assistant

Approved by:

Pete Imus, Chair

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