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Yavapai Regional Partnership Council

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Call to Order

A regular meeting of the First Things First – Yavapai Regional Partnership Council (RPC) was held on May 6, 2009 at Beaver Creek Elementary School – Administration Building, Superintendent’s Office, 4810 E. Beaver Creek Road, Rimrock, AZ.

Marcia Jacobson, Regional Coordinator, called the meeting to order at approximately 9:05 a.m.

Members Present: Karin Ward, Becky Ruffner, Tammy Linn (by phone), Kelly McCreedy, Margie Beach and Mica Williams.

Excused Absenses: Anne Babinsky, Barbara Jorgensen, and Ann Sult,

Appoint Acting Chair

Council member, Becky Ruffner made a motion that Karin Ward serve as Acting Chair for today’s meeting. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Introduction of New Council Member

Acting Chair, Karin Ward introduced Mica Williams as the parent representative on the Regional Partnership Council. Mica was appointed by the State Board on May 1, 2009.

Election of FY 2010 Chair and Vice Chair

Acting Chair, Karin Ward announced that Anne Babinsky and Barbara Jorgensen, although not present, had given their consent to serving another year as Chair and Vice Chair, respectively.

Council member, Margie Beach nominated Anne Babinsky as Chair of the Yavapai Regional Partnership Council for fiscal year 2010. The motion was seconded. Council members voted by ballot. The motion passed unanimously.

Council member, Becky Ruffner nominated Barbara Jorgensen as Vice Chair of the Yavapai Regional Partnership Council for fiscal year 2010. The motion was seconded. Council members voted by ballot. The motion passed unanimously.

Approve March 25, 2009 RPC Meeting Minutes

Council member, Becky Ruffner made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2009 Regional Partnership Council meeting as presented. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Copies of the minutes for the March 25, 2009 Executive Session were provided to Council members who were present in the meeting room. Approval of the March 25, 2009 Executive Session minutes was postponed to the next meeting as a quorum of members did not have access to a copy for review.

Award of Grant(s) for Strategy 2b: Nurse Home Visitation for Infants and Toddlers in Foster Care

Council member Margie Beach made a motion to move into Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A) (2) for purposes of discussing agenda item 6 – discussion of confidential information regarding grant awards. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

The Regional Partnership Council went into Executive Session at 9:15 a.m.

Council member Kelly McCready made a motion to close the Executive Session. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. The Executive Session ended at 9:30 a.m.

Council member Becky Ruffner made a motion that the Yavapai Regional Partnership Council approve the review committee recommendation of grant award for Nurse Home Visiting for Infants and Toddlers in Foster Care and present it for consideration of award to the First Things First Board. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Statewide Initiatives Update

Regional Coordinator, Marcia Jacobson provided an update on Statewide Initiatives (attachment #2).

Regional Strategies Update

- Resource Directory: Cindy Pemberton, Administrative Assistant/Outreach Coordinator, reviewed the progress she has made on developing a resource directory. It was suggested that the final draft be reviewed by several people prior to it being finalized. The west Yavapai resource directory will be completed and sent to the printer in June.
- Family Support Collaborative: Marcia Jacobson, Regional Coordinator, reported on an opportunity for the Regional Office to apply for a VISTA volunteer, at a cost of slightly more than \$5,000 per year, to support the work of the community coalitions and the Family Support Collaborative. Council members discussed the pros and cons of having a VISTA volunteer.

Council member Becky Ruffner made a motion that the Yavapai Regional Coordinator apply for a VISTA worker to assist with implementing the Family Support Collaborative strategy, pending approval by First Things First administration. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Regional Coordinator, Marcia Jacobson described changes in the Home Visiting sub-committee membership.

Council member Kelly McCready made a motion that Home Visiting sub-committee member Lance Spears be replaced by Robin Matteo and that Sherie Gifford be added to the sub-committee. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

- Chino Valley Head Start: Regional Coordinator, Marcia Jacobson reported that the State Board approved the Regional Partnership Council's strategy to provide up to \$250,000 to NACOG – Head Start for the purchase of a building in Chino Valley, contingent upon NACOG's provision of 50% of the funding.

- Expedited Home Visiting: Regional Coordinator, Marcia Jacobson reported that of the three home visiting programs approved for funding none have received contracts. Yavapai Regional Medical Center is providing services because the hospital is providing funding for program continuation until July 1. Both Verde Valley Medical Center and Arizona's Children Association are delaying service initiation pending receipt of a First Things First contract.
- Expedited Emergency Food Awards: Regional Coordinator, Marcia Jacobson reported that the Review Committee recommended awarding \$21,857 to Yavapai Food Bank, \$22,000 to Central Arizona Food Bank and \$2,500 to Old Town Mission. Contracts are pending clarifications that are currently being requested from award recipients.
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Home Visiting Sub-Committee Report

Council member Becky Ruffner reported on the progress of the home visiting sub-committee. A copy of the draft Service System Matrix was provided as attachment #4.

Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Regional Partnership Council is May 27, 2009. It was determined that today's meeting could replace the May 27, 2009 meeting. Therefore, the next regular Yavapai Regional Partnership Council meeting will be June 24, 2009 in the Prescott area.

Coordinator's Report

Marcia Jacobson, Regional Coordinator, provided a legislative, state budget and FTF lawsuit update.

Call to the Public

No members of the public addressed the Regional Partnership Council during Call to the Public.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Marcia M. Jacobson

Marcia M. Jacobson, Regional Coordinator

Approved:

Anne Babinsky, Chair

June 24, 2009