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Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board
Cocopah Tribe Regional Partnership Council
Meeting Minutes

Call to Order
The Special Meeting of the First Things First – Cocopah Tribe Regional Partnership Council was held on September 6, 2012, at 12:30 p.m. at the Yuma First Things First Regional Office, 100 E. 24th Street, Yuma AZ 85364. Members of the Regional Council participated via conference call.

Chair McCormick called the meeting to order at 12:39 p.m.

Roll call attendance was taken by Marie Megui, Administrative Assistant III West Region.

Members Present: H. Jill McCormick, Chair; Dr. Michael Reed, Vice Chair; Paul Soto; Patricia R. Weissenberg; Rev. Deal Begay; Christie Stevens; Ines Pampara

Members Excused: Cristina Solorzano and Gina Nierenhausen

Discussion on Increasing Funds to SFY2013 Home Visitation Tribal Grant Agreement
Regional Director Ashley Pascual reminded the Regional Council that one of the noted challenges in recruiting and retaining qualified applicants for the Early Steps Program was the salary offered for the position.

The Regional Council discussed an increase of funds to the SFY2013 Home Visitation Strategy, and subsequently amending the Tribal Grant Agreement with the Cocopah Indian Tribe. It was recommended the strategy allotment and agreement amount be increased by $10, 000. Dr. Reed moved to increase the current amount by $10,000 to support the Home Visitation strategy. The motion was seconded by Member Soto, and the motion carried by a unanimous vote by all members present. The recommendation will be considered by State Board for approval at the October 1-2, 2012 Board meeting.

Next Meeting
The next regular meeting is scheduled for 3:00pm, October 23, 2012, at the Cocopah Community Center.

Adjournment
Chair McCormick adjourned the meeting at 12:43 p.m.

Marie Megui

Marie Megui, Administrative Assistant III

H. Jill McCormick

H. Jill McCormick, Chair, Cocopah Tribe Regional Partnership Council