



Central Maricopa Regional Partnership Council

Meeting Minutes

October 9, 2013

Call to Order

A regular meeting of the First Things First Central Maricopa Regional Partnership Council was held on October 9, 2013 at the Chandler Christian Community Center, 345 South California Street, Chandler, Arizona 85225.

Chair Duane welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at approximately 3:32 p.m.

Lori Tapia, Director of the Family Resource Center, welcomed everyone to the center and introduced their new Family Resource Coordinator.

Members Present:

Chair Maureen Duane, Vice Chair Genoveva Acosta-Bueno, and Council Members Lyra Contreras, Karen Emery, Beth Haas, Mara de Luca Funke, and Zita Johnson

Members Absent

Council Members Trinity Donovan, Kathy Halter, Frank Narducci, and Tina Wilson

There were 12 members of the public present.

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of September 11, 2013

Council Member Funke moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of September 11, 2013. Council Member Haas seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously, 7-0.

Call to the Public

Megan Miks with Dignity Health presented highlights from their oral health annual report.

Lynette Stonefeld with Tempe Community Council stated that they will be hosting a Parent University on October 19, 2013 at Getz School and they have registered 94 out of the 150 people they have the capacity for to attend the event.

Discussion and Possible Action on Family Resource Collaborative

Regional Director Floth stated that of the \$50,000 previously passed by the Regional Council, at this time she is requesting the Council approve \$37,030 of that amount to cover all of the costs to support common branding of the family resource centers, professional development for staff, and staffing the actual Family Resource Center Collaborative. She stated that a survey was conducted regarding what professional development was desired by family resource center staff members and as a result, a subcommittee is working on a plan. Council Member Emery moved to approve \$37,030 to support the collaborative, Vice Chair Bueno seconded the motion, and it passed 6-0, with Council Member Funke abstaining due to a conflict of interest.

Presentation – Smart Support

Jeanette Manley and Leah Eckley from Southwest Human Development presented their PowerPoint presentation (Attachment 3) and showed a video about the Smart Support program which provides mental health consultation services to childcare providers. It was noted that there is a waiting list in the region; therefore, they have implemented a call line so that everyone who is on the waiting list can have a weekly phone call with a mental health consultant. In response to a question from Chair Duane regarding the role of the parents, Ms. Manley responded that they develop a support plan for the parents once a child is identified and they also, in a preventative way, help the child care professional work more with the parents and get to know the parents. In response to other questions, they stated that the center is usually in the program for a year-and-a-half to two years; and in addition to the Help Line for those centers on the waiting list, there is phone support available to anyone who is participating in Quality First to access Mental Health as well as nurse consultation for any needs that arrive. These are usually short-term, completed within two to three phone calls. For Central Maricopa, the waiting period is a year or less; and centers can go back into the program with many of them requesting Mental Health Consultation as soon as they enter the program due to the waiting list time. In response to a question from Council Member Funke, Ms. Manley stated that they are in the process of developing a modified model for home-based providers with a tiered approach since phone consultation may work better with them.

Update on Regional Transition Plans

Chair Duane and Vice Chair Bueno reported on the joint regional committee meeting and stated that it was very productive. Vice Chair Bueno stated that the Northeast Maricopa Chair and Vice Chair have a vast knowledge of their area. Regional Director Floth reviewed the pyramid model which is part of Attachment 4 and reviewed the strategies funded by both the Central and Northeast Maricopa Regional Partnership Councils. She also reviewed the Quality First summary page as well as the summary sheet of Central and Northeast Maricopa FY14 Strategies and Contracts.

Regional Director Floth reviewed the funding plan summary documents with the Regional Council members. She explained that the Ft. McDowell Yavapai Nation has continued to choose to be part of the Northeast Maricopa region and will be making their next decision in March of 2014. Currently, Dr. Bill Myhr is the Tribal Representative on the Northeast Maricopa Regional Partnership Council.

Regional Director Floth reviewed each of the Central Maricopa strategies with the Council members and asked for any input from them regarding funding for FY 2015. She explained that the Quality First amount has not been solidified as of yet and that the amount of scholarships are tied to the number of Quality First centers and homes enrolled in the program for the region. Chair Duane noted that the joint transition committee is meeting on October 31, however, the Quality First numbers will not be known until November 21. Regional Director Floth stated that Councils can approve strategies based on the targeted service numbers with the estimated dollar amount with final costs to be shared with the Council after November 21. Therefore, the thought is to have the transition committee work on the targeted service numbers, then the Council can vote on the strategies or perhaps even not meet in November and then have a telephonic meeting after November 21 when the actual dollar amounts are known.

Community Outreach Report

Community Outreach Coordinator Lindo highlighted that he is working with the grantees to go over the new FTF core messages with them so that consistent messages are provided to the public. Community Outreach Coordinator Lindo stated that he will be conducting a First Things First presentation to the Chandler Kiwanis on Tuesday, October 12 at noon at Iguana Mack's and asked Council members to let him know if they would like to attend and introduce themselves and co-present to the group. Community Outreach Coordinator Lindo stated that a site tour will be held on November 13 from 10:00 -11:00 a.m. at the Sun Valley Learning Center. Council Member Wilson will be attending the

site tour since it is a faith-based Quality First site. He asked if another Council member would be willing to be a back-up just in case Council Member Wilson is unable to attend at the last moment. He stated that the police and fire chiefs from Tempe as well city council members have been invited to the site tour. He stated that after the first of the year, other Quality First sites will be targeted for tours, to include those in Chandler and Ahwatukee as well as other grantees such as family resource centers.

Director’s Update

- Regional Director Floth stated that the Chair and Vice Chair meeting will be held tomorrow, October 10.
- Regional Director asked Council members to let her know if they have any ideas for meeting locations specifically in Tempe, Ahwatukee and Guadalupe since most meetings have been held in Chandler. Meeting locations are needed for November, January, February, March, April and May.
- Regional Director Floth stated that a meeting will be held with Michelle Walsh from the University of Arizona regarding the combined needs and assets report and what can be done with the cost savings. One idea is perhaps a community presentation and discussion about how best to proceed with the data results.
- Regional Director Floth informed the Council that a grantee meeting will be held on Monday, October 28 at Mercy Gilbert Hospital. This will be a combined meeting with the Southeast Maricopa Regional Partnership Council.
- Regional Director Floth reminded the Council members that they need to take the two trainings required of council members and asked them to let Caitlyn or her know if they have any difficulties getting into the system to use their EIN to take the defensive driving class.
- Regional Director Floth stated that all seats will be vacated on both the Central and Northeast Maricopa Regional Partnership Councils and a new 11 member council will be appointed for the new East Maricopa Council. Interviews will begin in January, and everyone will be asked to re-apply. Seats will be staggered with half being two-year appointments and the other half being for four years.

Regional Council Updates

Council Member Funke stated that Maricopa County WIC is still up and running despite the federal shutdown.

Adjournment

Chair Duane asked for any additional questions or comments from the Council and receiving none, adjourned the meeting at 5:08 p.m.

Submitted By _____
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Approved By _____
Maureen Duane, Chair