



FIRST THINGS FIRST
The right system for bright futures



Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health
Salt River Pima- Maricopa Indian Community

Meeting Minutes June 19 2008 Council Meeting

Regional Council members in attendance

Alecia Jackson
Chris McIntier
Dr. Joyce Helmuth (Joined meeting @ 6:45 PM)
Lori Calderon, Chair
Martina Ashley
René Murphy
Ron Ransom (Joined meeting @ 5:45)

First Things First Staff

Yolanda Y. Adams Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Regional Coordinator
Ana Garcia Region C Administrative Assistant
Dr. DJangi Regional Manager Region C
Alicia Smith Procedures Specialist

Consultant

Aleena M. Hernandez

Public

5 members of the public were present

Call to order

Meeting called to order by Chair Lori Calderon at 5:45 PM.

Brief welcome to everyone

Invocation by Regional Council Member Alecia Jackson

No Public Comment.

Approval of Minutes of May 29th Meeting

Regional Council member Helmuth motioned to approve the minutes. Member Ransom seconded.
Motion carried.

Early Enrichment Program Presentation

Linda McCabe gave brief description of program's background and introduced her staff: Rose Vicente, Tori Paukgana, and Erin Achin. Everyone in her staff participated in the presentation that included information regarding The Early Enrichment Program:

- Statement of Purpose
- Philosophy
- Curriculum and Learning
- Field Trips
- Outdoor Play
- Monthly Parent Activities
- Nutrition and Fitness
- Culture Program that included the native culture and language

At the present time they only have 12 children in the program with a waiting list of approx. 12 children. Their program is limited to just 12 children at this time because of location space and transportation issues. The program is partnering with the Day care of Boys and Girls Club and they will have a new location shortly. They outreach to the community through "word of mouth" they accept children at age 3 and the children have to be potty trained to approved into the program.

Update by First things First Regional Coordinator Yolanda Adams

Regional Coordinator Yolanda Adams reported that meeting with President Enos and Vice President Harvier was very successful and positive.

Regional Coordinator Adams gave a brief description of the Tribal Consultation Meeting scheduled for June 20th and she indicated who had accepted the invitation and would be there.

Regional Coordinator Adams attended the Quarterly Tribal Council Meeting. She was able to gather a lot of information which will be forwarded to the Regional Consultant Aleena Hernandez, so she can assess if any of the information can be applied to the Needs and Assets report.

In need of names of programs servicing children 0-5

Regional Council Chair Calderon indicated that she would like more programs invited to the Regional Council Meetings to present their respective programs in order for the Council to acquire more knowledge to bridge what is available now with what is needed. Everyone is encouraged to send Yolanda the names of the representatives of the programs that the Council would like to see.

Regional Coordinator Adams also suggested that if the Council knows of any conferences or meetings that she can attend or people that they might want to be involved with FTF to let her know by forwarding their names to her.

Ms. Adams is still working on the Council's vacancies and feels confident that by the August State Board meeting the Board will approve the applications that will be submitted.

Discussion on the Needs and Assets data Collection

Funding Plan Presentation and a matrix included in the Council's packet.

Regional Consultant Aleena Hernandez spoke on the Needs and Assets Indicators and Sources, Key informant interview questions and data collection methods.

The key informant survey provided is pretty close to what will be used all responses will be anonymous. Interviews are being set up now so as soon as the request form submitted to the Office of General Information is approved the interviews will be conducted.

Ms. Adams asked the members of the Council if they know the identified informants to please call them and let them know that they will be contacted as soon as the approval comes in.

Regional Council Member Helmuth asked about the dead line date. Ms. Hernandez responded that the extension will be approximately 2 weeks. July 15th will likely be the updated dead line. She further assured the Council that the consulting firm is already working on the report so that as soon as the information and data are provided the report will be ready.

Council Member Jackson asked about the time frame. Ms. Adams informed the Regional Council that everything was submitted on Tuesday June 17th and that she would call on Friday June 20th to find out if the approval would be done by next week.

Ms Hernandez added that even if the data came in a little late it would not take long to get back on track.

Regional Council Member Helmuth asked how many people are on the list to be interviewed.

Ms. Hernandez responded that there are several and that no more are needed. Council Member Helmuth would like to add a name to the list and she will e-mail the name to Ms Hernandez.

Regional Consultant Hernandez left the meeting at 6:40 PM.

Regional Council Member McIntier joined the meeting in progress at 6:45 PM

Regional Coordinator Adams gave presentation which included:

- The Right System for Bright Futures
- Building Blocks to a Funding Plan
- The Funding Process is a Marathon Not a Sprint
- The Foundation Needs and Assets
- The framework Goals
- How We Achieve Success Strategies
- Regional Priorities: The Funding Plan
- Determining Progress: System Measures
- Pulling it all together
- Road Ahead: Our Time Line

Regional Council member Jackson asked at what point are they going to know how much they are going to receive. Regional Council member Helmuth if in another year they would do another Needs and Assets?

Dr Djangi was recognized by the Regional Chair Calderon and he addressed the questions. The report will be done by September 1st Funds will be released by the end of the year. Web site gives hypothetical numbers, these numbers fluctuate according to the census and the amount that will be received will be based on population numbers.

Governance Policy

Changes read into the record by Regional Chair Lori Calderon

First Things First Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRP-MIC) Regional Partnership Council believes that maintaining open communication and trust between the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Tribal Council is very important. The SRP-MIC Regional Partnership Council is committed to submitting a written report to Tribal Council on a quarterly basis and is willing to make an appearance upon request. SRP-MIC Regional Partnership Council Chair, Vice Chair or any Council Member designated by the Chair will attend Tribal Council meetings as requested by the Tribal Council.

SRP-MIC Regional Partnership Council will communicate with all community entities, including the Education Board, the ECEC Policy Council and community members. To ensure communication SRP-MIC Regional Partnership Council will post meeting notices at:

- First Things First web-site and at the regional office
- And any other sites as designated by the Council

The SRP-MIC Regional Council meetings will provide community members and programs/services an update on what we are doing to improve services for the community youngest member's children 0-5 years old in the areas of health and development.

Regional Council member Ashley requested to have Community Members capitalized. Regional Council member Murphy added an "s" to the First Things First line.

Regional Council member McIntier motioned to approve the Governance Policy with the changes that were read into the record plus the additional corrections. Regional Council member Ashley seconded. Motion carried. No objections

Action Items and next meeting

The next SRP-MIC Regional Partnership Council Meeting will be held on July 22nd, 2008 @ 5:30 PM Location TBD.

Motioned by Regional Council member Ashley. Regional Council member Helmuth seconded. Motion carried.

Regional Council member Ransom inquired about getting funds so that staff can continue training and education.

Dr DJangi was recognized by the chair and he suggested that Ms Alicia Smith come to a Council Meeting and give a presentation on the subject since that is her field of specialty.

Ms. Adams will coordinate with Ms. Adams and she will be placed on the agenda for a future meeting. Ms. Adams asked for recommendations concerning guests to present to the Regional Council for the August and September meetings. All suggestions and recommendations should be sent to Ms. Adams.

Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 7:16 PM.

SUBMITTED BY:

Ana Garcia AA III

Approved:

Lori Calderon, Regional Council Chair