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Family Resource Network
February 3, 2022
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Mix and Mingle 9:30 AM-10:00 AM
ZOOM Virtual Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Centers in Attendance-18, Attendees-44

Resource Centers in Attendance: AZCEND, Benevilla FRC, Buckeye FRC, Chandler CARE Center, Chicanos por la Causa-Parenting Arizona FRC, Deer Valley FRC, Gila Bend FRC, Glendale Elementary School District FRC, Lutheran Social Services FRC, Marana Schools FRC, Paradise Valley FRC, Pendergast FRC, Phoenix Families First, Peoria Unified FRC, Surprise FRC, Tempe-Thrive to Five, Valleywise Health Family Learning Centers, Washington Resource & Information Center.

Resource Centers not in Attendance:

Arizona Complete Health FRCs, Child Crisis Arizona, Heart of Isaac Community Center, Scottsdale FRC, University of AZ/Roosevelt Early Childhood FRC

FRC Guests in Attendance:

Tucson USD FRC (4FRCs), Molly Pinetop Lakeside FRC-MAMA, Regina Yazzie Navajo Division of Health Services, Santa Cruz FRC, Bob Shogren-Casa Grande Alliance, Family Involvement Center, Jackie Thatcher Mesa Public Schools FRCs, Darlene Stubbs-Cherish Families

FRC Guests invited but not in Attendance: Colorado City Family Engagement,

Decision Points:

FRN Minutes Approval/Call to order

The meeting began at 10 AM. -Rebecca Birr - rebecca.birr@valleywisehealth.org, gave an overview of what the FRN is and what we do and introduced new attendees and guests. Minutes motion to approve Lelie Owen, Creighton FRC (lowen@creightonschools.org). Enriqueta, WRIC enriqueta.disanto@wesdschools.org - seconded the motion, and minutes were approved.

Action Items

The strategic plan will be sent for the vote to FRN members via email Please respond as soon as possible

Professional development for Anti-racist FRN is now open

<http://www.communityallianceaz.com/how-to-create-an-anti-racist-frc-environment.html> (see below)

Kylie Barber Children's Action Alliance Early Childhood Advocate - Legislative Update

kbarber@azchildren.org

Federal-The Build Back Better act has been tabled but there is talk about a trimmed down version that may include child care and Pre-K funding.

State-HB2021 10 Million to Healthy Families, HB2113 Automatically enrolls persons with Down Syndrome into ALTHCS, No current bills supporting online preschool. Reach out to Kylie for a list of all bills currently being followed. Kylie encouraged FRCs to sign up for legislative updates: <https://azchildren.org/>

[Victoria Saylor Common Sense Media](#) vsaylor@commonsensemedia.org Vicky discussed how commonsense media has three areas of emphasis: Commonsense Media parent/educator site, Common Sense Education for teachers to help with digital technology, Common Sense Kids Action legislative advocacy. They have ready to use resources to create awareness of digital citizenship and media balance. She also introduced Tech Balance to access this service text KIDS (or familia) to 21555 to enroll. The slide deck will be shared by the consultant team with all attendees, to review and access resources.

[Kavita Bernstein Candelen. VROOM. kbernstein@candelen.org](#)

Kavita discussed the free app developed by the Bezos foundation based on the research of Ellen Gallinski. The app is customizable for the age of the child and is available in multiple languages. She encouraged FRCs to introduce families to this helpful app. <https://www.vroom.org/>

[Updates:](#)

Family Resource Advisory Committees (FRAC) Updates

Mara de la Funke gave an update on the strategic plan and the results of the FRAC retreat.

- Increased focus on inviting statewide members and increased professional development offerings and social media. Mara then went over some of the proposed changes focusing on professional development and social media strategies. She also discussed updating the FRN website to be more of a directory. Sustainability may include dues in the future and the creation. Decision points:
 1. Change in FRAC structure from 9 members to 7
 2. Reduce meeting from 6 to 4 per year with an addition of professional development at each meeting
 3. Elimination of specific committee-related officers. FRAC membership will now not have a mandatory committee leadership role as well.
 4. Retention of current FRAC leadership until October 2022
 5. More virtual opportunities

- **Public Awareness** Updates suspended due to strategic plan proposal
- **Parent Engagement (PAC)** Chair- Leonor Gracia, lgarcia@lss-sw.org (Lutheran Social Services FRC) Updates suspended due to strategic plan proposal
- **Sustainability** Betsy Musson bmusson@pesd92.org (Pendergast FRC) Updates suspended due to strategic plan proposal
- **Governance & Evaluation** Katie Kahle, kahle.katie@cusd80.com (Chandler CARE Center), Updates suspended due to strategic plan proposal
- **FRC Connections, Member at Large** Jessica Harris jharris@pusd11.net (Peoria Family Resource Center) Updates suspended due to strategic plan proposal
- **Professional Development** no chair yet, Updates suspended due to strategic plan proposal

Host FRN member Presentation

No presenter this meeting

FRN Consultant Team Updates

Mara de Luca Funke and Aimee Sitzler (Family Resource Network Consultant Team) frn@communityallianceaz.com reported on the Strategic Plan update see above.

FRAC Committee Review

Chair-Rebecca Birr - rebecca.birr@valleywisehealth.org

Chair-Elect - **Nominations open**

Past Chair - Renato Ramos renato.ramos@cplc.org

Sustainability - Betsy Musson bmusson@pesd92.org

Governance - Katie Kahle kahle.katie@cusd80.com

Public Awareness Committee Chair - **Nominations open**

Professional Development Committee Chair (Chair at Large) - **Nominations open**

FRC Connections/Member at Large - Jessica Harris jharris@pusd11.net

Ad Hoc Committee-AntiRacism No Chair and not currently active

Upcoming Professional Development - Family Resource Network Consultant Team

-Creating an anti-racist FRC. Sign-up is open!

<http://www.communityallianceaz.com/how-to-create-an-anti-racist-frc-environment.html>

-March how to create an effective community outreach plan

-April 25/26 - Mental Health First Aid

-May TBD

First Things First

Mollie Bailey (First Things First) [mbailey@firstthingsfirst.org](mailto:m Bailey@firstthingsfirst.org) and Annette Bourne (First Things First) abourne@firstthingsfirst.org Annette reported That FTF has named a new CEO, Melinda Gulick, due to start in early March. Funding will be released for SFY23 for all regional councils. SFY24 will have six areas of emphasis:

1. Quality First,
2. Building Awareness of the Importance of the Early Years,
3. Professional Development for Early Childhood Professionals,
4. Access to Quality Early Learning,
5. Educating Families and Caregivers,
6. Navigating and Connecting Families to Resources (*FRC Strategy is in this area of emphasis*)

Annette Bourne encouraged all FRCs to attend regional council meetings for updates and to provide input. To find your regional meeting see here:

<https://www.firstthingsfirst.org/governance/board/board-meetings/>

FRN Member Updates/Announcements

None solicited as the meeting was almost over

Meeting Adjournment - Time 12:00 PM

Next FRN Meeting: April 7 2021. Mix and Mingle 9:30 AM, Meeting 10 AM- 12 PM CHECK Agenda for the correct link to use. Agenda sent the week of the meeting.



**Arizona Family Resource Network Meeting
February 3, 2022 9:30 am – 12:00 pm
VIRTUAL MEETING THROUGH ZOOM**

[Zoom Link](#)

I. 9:30 – 10:00 Networking Time

Time to make sure you can connect and network

II. 10:00 – 10:10 Welcome and Introductions

Rebecca Birr

III. 10:10 – 10:15 December's FRN Meeting Minutes Approval

Gina Rizzo-Orr

IV. 10:15 – 10:45 Legislative Update

Kylie Barber, Children's Action Allinace

V. 10:45 – 11:05 Guest Speaker

Victoria, Saylor, Common Sense Media

VI. 11:05 – 11:25 Guest Speaker

Kavita Bernstein, Calenden

VII. 11:25 – 11:45 Consultant and Advisory Council Update

Mara de Luca Funke, Aimee Sitzler, and FRAC

VIII. 11:45 – 11:50 First Things First Update

FTF Staff

X. 11:50 – 12:00 Member Announcements and Updates

FRN Members, Friends, and Guests

Next Arizona Family Resource Network Meeting:

April 7, 2022 – 9:30 am to 12:00 pm