



# Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC) for Infants and Toddlers

## Fiscal Committee Meeting Minutes - Approved 5.8.25

Virtual Meeting

Thursday, March 13, 2025

10:00 am - 11:30 am

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### Attendance

#### Members

Amber Neubauer, Chair (Present)  
Leo Huppert, Vice Chair (Present)  
Dana Hutchings, ICC Member (Present)  
Kelly Lalan, ICC Member (Absent)  
Sylvia Acosta (Absent)  
Lauren Encinas (Present)

Kristin Mancuso (Absent)  
Peggy Peixoto (Present)  
Cristina Renteria (Present)  
Jenee Sisroy (Present)  
Gini Britton (Present)  
Christina Quast (Present)

#### Staff (AzEIP)

Lisa Casteel (Present)  
Jeremiah Hale (Present)

Dayna Karnick-Hultgren (Present)  
Amanda Honeywood (Present)

#### Public

None

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### Minutes

1. Call to Order
  - a. The meeting was called to order at 10:07 a.m.
2. Read Public Member Notice
  - a. The Public Member Notice was read by committee chair, Amber Neubauer.
3. Minute Approval from January 9, 2025 Meeting
  - a. Leo moved that the minutes from the November 7, 2024, meeting be approved. Peggy seconded the motion. Amber, Lauren, Cristina, Leo, Dana, Jenee and Sylvia all voted in favor. None opposed. The minutes were approved.
4. Discussion Items/Topics
  - a. Goals and Strategic Planning
    - i. The document was reviewed and feedback provided. Leo H made a motion for the committee to adopt the revised mission statement. Jenee seconded the motion. All

committee members present voted to approve by typing Aye into the chat. The mission statement does need to be presented to the full ICC for a vote to be fully adopted and used for the fiscal committee. Amber will send this over to Sarah G to be added to the agenda for the next full ICC meeting. The committee continued discussing the Strategic Plan. The committee added suggestions and priorities for strengths, weaknesses and opportunities into the chat. Discussion took place around some of these areas and will be incorporated into the strategic plan document for future discussion. Lisa C. will send Amber the chat transcript to use in compiling the information by the next meeting.

- b. Budget Request- ICC Administrative and Family Participant Support Costs (update)
    - i. Amber presented the proposal during the recent ICC Executive Committee meeting for feedback, and it will be presented next Thursday for final vote. After the vote, the proposal will be forwarded to AzEIP. AzEIP was given the opportunity to preview the proposal and will be submitting some clarification questions.
  - c. Service Coordination Reimbursement
    - i. A work group was established to revisit the previous proposal related to this topic.
  - d. Budget Transparency
    - i. DES/AzEIP Update and Possible Impacts
      1. There was some discussion around how the Division of Development Disabilities (DDD) short fall might impact AzEIP services. The Arizona Long Term Care System (ALTCS) funding is a small percentage of the overall AzEIP budget. There are concerns coming from the community because there hasn't been a lot of direct communication due to the information just not yet being available. There is no impact to the AzEIP state general fund or federal Part C funding. We are working with DDD to determine if there will be any impact to the DDD State Only funding. Federal funding was also discussed and AzEIP staff shared that no significant change is expected.
  - e. Arizona Early Intervention Program (AzEIP) Fiscal Responsibility and Timely Reimbursement
    - i. The TPL remainder issue in ITEAMS data system was discussed. Lisa stated that she will need to do more research and will respond to providers directly.
  - f. Parking Lot Items
    - i. AzEIP Eligibility Changes Subcommittee
      1. No updates
    - ii. Professional Development Opportunities
      1. This will be rolled into the Strategic Planning and subsequent workgroups.
    - iii. Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) issues.
      1. There has also been a question about services not being paid at the new speech rate adopted by AHCCCS in October of 2024. Leo will collect more information on the issue and share that with Gini for her support and later discussion if needed. After a short recap of this topic, it was decided that it can be removed from the parking lot items.
5. Action/Follow-up
    - a. Leo and Amber will compile everything in the chat transcript to get the priorities together.
    - b. Dana and Amber will meet to start working on the SC Billing Proposal document.
  6. Public Comment
    - a. None
  7. Schedule Next Meeting
    - a. The next meeting will be May 8, 2025 10:00am - 11:00 am.
  8. Adjourn
    - a. The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 am.

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