



# Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC) for Infants and Toddlers

## ICC Fiscal Committee Meeting

Thursday, April 18, 2024, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

### Attendees

Amber Neubauer, Chair (Present)	Cristina Renteria (Present)
Dana Hutchings, ICC Member (Present)	Jenee Sisnroy (Present)
Kelly Lalan, ICC Member (Present)	Gini Britton (Present)
Sylvia Acosta (Present)	Christina Quast (Absent)
Lauren Encinas (Present)	Lisa Casteel, AzEIP Staff (Present)
Senator Rosanna Galbaldon (Absent)	Jeremiah Hale, AzEIP Staff (Present)
Leo Huppert (Present)	Amanda Honeywood, AzEIP Staff (Present)
Kristin Mancuso (Absent)	Jessica Love, AzEIP Staff (Absent)
Peggy Peixoto (Present)	

### Minutes

1. Call to Order at 10:04 am
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Read Public Member Notice
4. Minute Approval for the September 9, 2023 and February 15, 2024, meetings
  - September 9, 2023 and February 15, 2024
    - Jenee Sisnroy made a motion to approve the minutes from the February meeting and Lauren Encinas seconded the motion.
    - The vote for approval was unanimous by all present.
5. Discussion Items/topics
  - A. ICC Fiscal Committee Vice Chair and Chairperson roles
    - At the last full ICC meeting, it was approved that all subcommittees should now have a chair and a vice chair. Amber shared the ICC

document outlining the new roles and responsibilities. Both positions will have a two-year term, and it is expected that the vice chair will then become chair. It was suggested that someone outside of the provider group consider taking on the new role to provide a broader perspective.

- B. Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) issues
  - AHCCCS's rate capitation process begins in the spring and should be completed sometime this summer. Hopefully, the new rates implemented October 1st will align with the AzEIP rates. Jeremiah stated that rate personnel from AHCCCS have been invited to attend next week's meeting.
  - There was another data breach at one of the health plans. This will continue to complicate the process for billers as efforts are made to prevent this in the future. Fees for utilizing Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) are already causing challenges for providers.
- C. Arizona Early Intervention Program (AzEIP) Fiscal Responsibility and Timely Reimbursement
  - Christina has been supportive to providers. Gini Britton shared that she and Christina are always available to assist if needed.
- D. 2023 AzEIP Rate Rebase Study
  - Jeremiah stated the report will come out in a few weeks but no definite date has been set.
- E. Feeding Services - Arizona Speech-Language Hearing Association ( ArSHA)
  - Amber hasn't yet gotten in touch with anyone at Feeding Matter, but Jenee shared that she has a contact, Susan Hodges, who is on the board. Jenee will reach out to her.
- F. AHCCCS Provider Enrollment Portal (APEP) Process
  - Leo has reached out to the Arizona Association of Providers for People with Disabilities (AAPPD), for support with the APEP process. After some discussion, the committee agreed that AAPPD is the best resource for voicing concerns on this process and will continue to let them take the lead.
- G. ICC Administrative Support and Family Participation Cost Options (Budget Development)
  - Jenee and Amber joined the recent Family Engagement Committee meeting and had a discussion on this topic and they are excited to be partnering up. Laurie Shook is wanting to join. They will begin working on how both committees can join together to recruit more families, reimburse families and align with DES policy.
  - Leo reached out to Michelle Thorne in February, and she had a lot of good suggestions on how to get more family participation including targeting families with older kids, who may have more time. Advocacy training is available through Arizona Partners in Policymaking. That organization could be an avenue as well as the Southwest Human Development advocacy group.
  - Peggy is continuing to work on connecting this committee with Allison

Lucas who is the director of Engaging Families and Young Adults Program.

- The Fiscal Committee has been tasked with creating a budget for ICC. A budget item for supporting family engagement could certainly be included. Leo will take the lead on putting together a budget plan. Jenee will join the subcommittee. Amber will reach out to the Development Committee and copy Leo to begin the process of setting up a budget group.

#### H. New Funding Sources

- The committee will continue this discussion in the fall.

#### I. Professional Development Opportunities

- At the last ICC meeting, Dana was voted to attend the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) Leadership Conference in August.. Leo will add this item to the proposed budget.

#### J. Budget Transparency

- Jeremiah stated they are making good progress with DES Leadership to have more transparency with the budget.

#### K. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Billing - Speech units

- Amber met with ArSHA representatives from government affairs to discuss this process and consider plans for lobbying for changing to timed billing to align with other disciplines. She will be looking into why the billing is untimed for speech therapy. This is a federal requirement which makes change difficult. Flexibility in this area would be a great benefit to families.

#### L. Parking Lot Items

- AzEIP Eligibility Changes Subcommittee - still on hold

### 6. Action/follow up

- a. Jenee will follow up with Susan Hodgins from Feeding Matters.
- b. Amber will reach out to the Family Engagement Committee to work on forming the subgroup.
- c. Amber will reach out to the Development Committee and include Leo Huppert who will begin work on the budget.

### 7. Public Comment

- None

8. Confirm next meeting date/time: June 20, 2024 10:00 am -11:30 am

9. Adjourned at 10:55 am

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