

Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC) for Infants and Toddlers

Minutes ICC Fiscal Committee

Thursday, June 20, 2024, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Attendees

Amber Neubauer, Chair (Present)
Dana Hutchings, ICC Member Present
Kelly Lalan, ICC Member (Absent)
Sylvia Acosta (Present)
Lauren Encinas (Present)
Senator Rosanna Galbaldon (Absent)
Leo Huppert (Present)
Kristin Mancuso (Absent)

Peggy Peixoto (Present)
Cristina Renteria (Present)
Jenee Sisnroy (Present)
Gini Britton (Absent)
Christina Quast (Present)
Lisa Casteel, AzEIP Staff (Present)
Jeremiah Hale, AzEIP Staff (Present)
Amanda Honeywood, AzEIP Staff (Present)

Agenda

1. Call to Order at 10:05 a.m.
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Read Public Member Notice
4. Minute Approval for the April 18, 2024, meeting
 - a. Leo Huppert made a motion to approve the minutes, and Lauren Encinas seconded the motion. All committee members present voted Aye to approve the minutes.
5. Discussion Items/topics
 - a. ICC Fiscal Committee Vice Chair and Chairperson roles
 - i. There was a discussion around qualification and challenges some committee members might have with committing to the required timeframe. Amber will email Sara about the questions the committee has raised.
 - b. Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) issues
 - i. Amber mentioned being on the provider call yesterday and the discussion around the AHCCCS issues. The short payments issue was better but now it is getting worse. The issue seems to involve only a couple of the health plans at this time. Dana has been in touch with Dr. Tack and was able to get resolution on some of the issues. Christina Quast will take back to AHCCCS the concerns on the short pay issues. Christina requested specific examples via email,

- including detailed scenarios to help determine the solution for those problems. There was also a discussion about response times for claims.
 - ii. Jenée proposed an idea to send another letter to AHCCCS requesting quarterly meetings. Christina will communicate with Lisa and Amber with everything going on.
- c. Arizona Early Intervention Program (AzEIP) Fiscal Responsibility and Timely Reimbursement
 - i. There was a discussion around the possibilities and the challenges with using Part C funds to cover one of the services when OT and PT are billing on the same day because of the recent billing challenges that has been causing. There was some discussion around how the medical billing codes being used may be part of the issue. Christina will investigate it and find out what is going on, but please send the examples to help her to know exactly what to bring to AHCCCS for discussion.
- d. 2023 AzEIP Rate Rebase Study
 - i. We are still waiting for the final review and release of the report.
- e. AHCCCS Provider Enrollment Portal (APEP) Process
 - i. Since the Arizona Association of Providers for People with Disabilities (AAPPD) is taking the lead, this topic will be moved to the parking lot.
- f. ICC Administrative Support and Family Participation Cost Options (Budget Development)
 - i. Amber has been working with the other committees to get their input on the budget request.. The template spreadsheet was shared with the committee and there was good discussion around the process moving forward. Once the budget proposal has been submitted, Jeremiah will bring it to the Leadership meeting for approval. The ICC set aside amount from the Part C application would be a good place to start when considering the total amount, but it does not necessarily need to be that exact amount.
- g. Professional Development Opportunities
 - i. The ICC is sending a representative to each of the upcoming conferences.
- h. Budget Transparency
 - i. Any comment on this, Jeremiah stated he is making good progress. Right now, no process, Jeremiah will re-engage and get something going for ICC. Leo stated that some agenda items that some of these goals are specific tracks and some as a major goal. Amber doesn't think these are not going to be hard to come up with.
- i. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Billing - Speech units
 - i. Amber has asked the Arizona Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ArSHA) for support but hasn't heard anything so she will follow up.
- j. Parking Lot Items
 - i. AzEIP Eligibility Changes Subcommittee - no discussion
- 6. Action/follow up
 - a. Amber will follow up with ArSHA regarding speech billing concerns.
 - b. Add Goals and Strategic Planning to the agenda
 - c. Amber will send another clarifying email to the other ICC committees regarding the budget request.
 - d. APEP Concerns will be moved to the parking lot.
 - e. Amber will follow up with Sara about the vice chair requirements.

- f. Committee members will ask providers to have billing staff send examples of AHCCCS short-payments for SLP and OT and PT same-day visit billing issues to Christina.
7. Public Comment - None
 8. Confirm next meeting date/time: July 18, 2024 10:30 a.m.
 9. Adjourn at 11:22 a.m.
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