



Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC) for Infants and Toddlers

Fiscal Committee Meeting Minutes - Approved 10.16.25

Virtual Meeting

Thursday, August 07, 2025

10:00 am - 11:30 am

Attendance

Members

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

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

Staff (AzEIP)

Lisa Casteel (Present)
Jeremiah Hale (Present)

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

Public

None

Minutes

1. Call to Order
 - a. The meeting was called to order at 10:08 a.m.
2. Read Public Member Notice
 - a. The Public Member Notice was read by committee chair, Amber Neubauer.
3. Minute Approval from May 08, 2025 Meeting
 - a. Leo moved that the minutes from the May 08, 2025, meeting be approved. Amber seconded the motion. Amber, Dana, Jenee, Lauren, Sylvia, all voted in favor. None opposed. The minutes were approved.
4. Discussion Items/Topics
 - a. Goals and Strategic Planning
 - i. Leo found that TANF Funds can't be used directly for AzEIP due to Federal law, etc. Jeremiah is meeting with Indiana who uses TANF funds for SC. Jenee shared that on

the first 5 yrs fund about TANF fund for MOE and EI and Child Care. It's interesting Arizona is the only other state besides one who doesn't use these funds. If childcare and AzEIP are under the same umbrella now, maybe they can help advocate for AzEIP. Leo isn't suggesting we take funds from other programs but trying to look at budget options for the future. Jeremiah will continue to research and if he finds information that could possibly help, will share with Fiscal ICC.

- b. Budget Request- ICC Administrative and Family Participant Support Costs (update)
 - i. Dana Hutchings says it's hard to find families and it is a significant time in life that if we adjust the age it would be helpful and get more involvement with a limit of within a year or so. Jenee says the ages are defined by IDEA so I don't know if we can expand on the age to allow others into the ICC. Amber prefers quarterly stipend and Jenee seconds that. Amber and Leo and others thought the family stipend was for parent participation not necessarily admin duties. Leo and Amber will have a sub meeting with Jenee and Dana to add additional notes for the stipend.
 - c. Following Cristina Renteria's public comment at the last meeting, we could add a discussion about exploring funding sources such as child abuse prevention grants, trauma-informed training, and partnerships with programs like PPP to address infant and toddler mental health.
 - i. Will discuss further at next meeting
 - d. TANF Funds Research
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 - e. 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.
5. Action/Follow-up
- a. Amber will work on the AzEIP Family Stipend, Jeremiah will do research on TANF funds, Fiscal team will work on adding Cristina's comment to the next fiscal meeting.
6. Public Comment
- a.
7. Schedule Next Meeting
- a. The next meeting will be 10/16/2025.
8. Adjourn
- a. The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 am.

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