

**Interagency Coordinating Council
Meeting
Minutes
August 16th, 2019 11:30am to 1:00pm
3300 North Central Ave 16th floor Phoenix, Arizona 85012**

Members Present/Absent

Lana Graber
Stephanie Collier
Suzanne Perry
Dana Hutchings
Christopher Keck
Sonia Samaniego
Kate Dobler-Allen
Sara Clancey
Barbara Schrag
Sarah Green
Dr. Leslie Paulus
Lorie Jewett
Rob Pfister
Dr. Marie Peoples

DES/AzEIP Staff Present:

Alicia Sharma
Ashley Boruff
Jenee Sisnroy
Sharon Pierson
Annie Converse
Lisa Monreal
Tanya Goitia
Lisa Casteel - Phone

Members of the Public Present

See sign in sheet

Meeting Called to Order at 11:32am

Welcome /Introductions

1. Welcome /Call to Order - Lana Graber, ICC Chair
2. Family Story: Astrid from Az Association for the Deaf shared a story.
3. A. Approval of April ICC Council Meetings- Lana Graber, Chair asked for a show of hands on approval of minutes

Voting Yes

Lana Graber
Stephanie Collier

Suzanne Perry
Dana Hutchings
Christopher Keck
Sonia Samaniego
Kate Dobler-Allen
Sara Clancey
Barbara Schrag
Sarah Green
Dr. Leslie Paulus
Lorie Jewett
Voting NO
Zero members voted No; motion carried

B. Approval of newly updated ICC By Laws, Lana Graber, Chair asked for a show of hands on approval of By Laws, with any grammar changes made.

Voting Yes

Lana Graber
Stephanie Collier
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Dana Hutchings
Christopher Keck
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Kate Dobler-Allen
Sara Clancey
Barbara Schrag
Sarah Green
Dr. Leslie Paulus
Lorie Jewett
Voting NO
Zero members voted No; motion carried

4. Updates from Committees

Transition Committee: Stephanie Collier, Chair gave update on progress towards goal. Reviewed the survey sent out to approximately 700 people with 150 respondents, which represents all roles of Early intervention and geographic of the state. Fifteen people will participate in a focus group.

- 25% of respondents didn't receive training on transition process
- Our goal is to help AzEIP reach 100% compliance
- Leaders of EIP programs aren't comfortable explaining transition process
- Scheduling with school districts number one barrier
- Created an action planning document and will bring recommendation's to ICC in November

Family Survey Committee-: Sarah Greene, Chair gave update, have re-evaluated direction of committee, to review the layout of the survey, make the survey more attractive and pre-populate top section of the survey to encourage families. Will bring recommendation's to ICC in November.

Fiscal Committee- Jenee Sisroy, Part C Administrator gave a short report. Both letters developed by the fiscal committee have been sent, AHCCCS has responded with a request for a meeting with the

committee. This meeting is scheduled for Oct 1st, 2019. The fiscal committee will begin working on the edits for the Family funding Guide brochure in the upcoming meetings.

5. ICC Updates

Nomination process for the Vice Chair, Kate Murdoch Vice Chair reviewed the process for the council. As the in-coming Chair and out-going Vice Chair, Kate emphasized the importance of the time commitment for this position. Forms need to be returned to Sharon Pierson by Oct 15th.

Bi-annual Office of Special Education Programs Conference (OSEP), Lana Graber as Chair attended this year. Lana gave a detailed report for the ICC.

- For Family Participation- Don't be Cheap, reimbursement families
- Bring Children to the meetings
- Mentorship program for new ICC council members
- Be consistent
- ICC should have a strategic plan, correlating with AzEIP
- Have Community Resources
- Chronic no-show's
- Inclusion
- Demonstration Sites
- Recruitment and Retention – Tiered Approach
- 37% decrease in Higher Education Specialist
- Tele-Practice/Tele-med

Expiring Commission Letters: Kate Murdoch, Vice Chair reminded those ICC Council members who have commissions expiring in January they will be receiving a letter about reapplying. It is the wish of the ICC leadership and AzEIP that all will reapply.

6. AzEIP Updates

Jenee Sisroy, Part C Administrator gave a report on the **5 state Inter-governmental Agency (IGA)**, it expires 6/30/2020. A state partnership group are working the IGA, improvement of processes, and want feedback. The IGA will most likely include DCS.

Central Referral Update- the current RFP ends 9/30/19, we have sent out the RFP, solicitation and will be awarding the contractor. The new awardee will start 10/1/19 with new expectations.

Alicia Amundson gave a brief update on OSEP conference, State Systemic Improvement Plan infographic review, and what will impact the ICC.

- We aren't alone in our work
- Revising the assessment state performance/determination
- AZ is a "meets" (highest, been 15 years since we received this assessment)
- Looking at asking for family income as part of state determination
- Need your feedback, send your comments to ASharma@azdes.gov

Reimbursement policy in place, ask Annie Converse or Sharon Pierson for the documents to process.

Jenee Sisroy shared a new community partner resource, Believe Beyond Ability, Brenda Delmonte gave out her brochure for those who are interested.

7. Greg Abdouch, from Navigant reported on the **Rate Rebase process** for our Early Intervention Programs. This is a five-year assessment of rates for professionals and all intervention programs are highly encouraged to participate. Contact Greg Abdouch at Gregory.Abdouch@navigant.com for more information. Very impressive Power point and great information.

8. ICC Council Member Updates

Christopher Keck- reminder to attend the Sept 25th ACE's summit, Sharon will send out another reminder with registration link. There is a DCS RFP out, for integrated health for CMDP. Mike Foust is the new Director for the Department of Child Safety.

Suzie Perry- Ashley Dalton is the new ADE team member addressing the PEA notifications, 3-5 emails daily.

9. Public Comment

Mary Rimron, Az Association for the Deaf reported that in the spring her association attended AzEIP public comment period for the new AzEIP policies revisions, they gave several pages of feedback. They are concerned that the feedback was / was not heard, they want to understand the actions taken related to the many old terms used, old ideas related to deaf and hard of hearing children. They want to ensure current language acquisition; current research is part of AzEIP policy work.

Linda, AzAD: Wanted to understand the process for the policy manual.

Jenee Sisroy stated these items will be placed on the next agenda

With no further business, Lana Graber adjourned the meeting at 2:10pm

Next ICC Council Meeting November 15th, 2019 11:30am (Note: Location)
1717 West Jefferson OCE Conference Room
Phoenix, Az 85007