



# INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL (ICC)

## FOR INFANTS AND TODDLERS

### Fiscal Committee Agenda & Minutes

Friday, November 19, 2021 – 9:30 a.m.

#### Members (ICC Governor Appointees)

Dana Hutchings, Chair  
Stacy Reinstein, DERS/CCA

Christopher Keck, DCS

#### Members (Subcommittee Appointees)

Amber Neubauer  
Leo Huppert  
Kristin Mancuso  
Michele Knowlton-Thorne  
Rosanna Gabaldon

Jennifer Ibanez  
Sylvia Acosta  
Vance Phillips  
Cristina Renteria  
Kate Dobler  
Lauren Encinas

#### Staff (AzEIP)

Alicia Amundson  
Jeremiah Hale

Lisa Casteel

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1. Call to Order - 9:32 a.m.
  2. Read Public Comment Notice
  3. Approve Minutes from the October 28, 2021 meeting
    - a. Minutes approved by unanimous vote.
  4. Discussion Items/topics
    - a. Introduction of New Members
    - b. Service Coordination Billing Approach
      - i. Further comments regarding SC billing approach proposal, including a quick overview of the proposal for the new members. Discussion included DDD procedures. A final proposal will be developed.
    - c. Mission Statement and Description
      - i. The mission statement draft worked was shared. Suggestion made to add contract agencies and wording changes for clarification. It will be sent to all committee members and Edd Schommer for review.
    - d. FOCUS Authorization Issues
      - i. An overview of the current committee challenges was given for the new members. The committee was reminded about the action item from last meeting regarding sharing details for a monthly report and current denials to provide a clearer picture than the 6-month report DDD is utilizing.
    - e. AHCCCS issues
      - i. An overview of the issue was provided, including recent history with the provider survey and the summary of the results. The survey results and summary will be distributed to the committee. The process of AzEIP and AHCCCS eligibility was discussed. The communication process and cross match report were discussed. The committee requested the report be shared with providers when there are issues with the crossmatch so providers can be proactive about resolution.

- f. Family Guide to Funding
    - i. Document needs to be completed and made ADA compliant. Need to determine who is currently working on the guide.
  - g. Possible Legislation / Funding Issues
    - i. The history of the rate rebase and future plans for funding requests was shared. The provider group decided to ask for a rate closer to 90% of the benchmark rate because of the two-year delay in implementation and that none of the 30 million dollars in Medicaid funding was allocated to AzEIP. Speaker Bowers is on board with this, but it is not yet known what the governor will recommend in his budget proposal. The providers are continually working on educating the legislators on AzEIP and are considering drafting another letter to the governor.
    - ii. A link to a video was shared that can be utilized to share details about AzEIP's work with families.
    - iii. Discussion around other possible funding sources, outside of state general fund. First Things First currently funds services for children who don't quite qualify for AzEIP. The AzEIP Fiscal team will look into FTF as a funding source.
  - h. Early Childhood Day at the Capitol
    - i. Research is ongoing on with this topic and will be shared when available.
  - i. Parking Lot Items
    - i. Budget Information Request
    - ii. Fiscal Spending for Part C Funds.
    - iii. Technical Assistance from national TA centers.
    - iv. Additional Funding Sources
    - v. Fiscal Monitoring
    - vi. Dana asked if anyone had any requests to discuss these items. There were none.
5. Action/follow-up
- a. SC Billing work group will finish drafting the proposal.
  - b. Lisa will follow-up on the Family Guide to Funding document.
  - c. Dana will send the draft mission statement to committee and to Edd for review.
  - d. Dana will send the survey results and summary to the committee.
  - e. AzEIP fiscal will investigate the possibility of FTF as a funding source, possibly for FY24.
6. Public Comment
- a. None
7. Schedule Next Meeting
- a. Wednesday, December 15, 2021 at 10:00. The usual schedule of 4th Thursday of the month was shared with the new members.
8. Adjourn at 10:51 am