



Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC) for Infants and Toddlers

ICC

Fiscal Committee Minutes

Thursday March 23, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

Attendance

Members

Amber Neubauer, Chair (Present)
Dana Hutchings, ICC Member (Present)
Kelly Lalan, ICC Member (Present)
Leo Huppert (Present)
Kristin Mancuso (Absent)
Senator Rosanna Galbaldon (Absent)
Jennifer Ibanez (Present)
Sylvia Acosta (Present)
Vance Phillips (Absent)
Cristina Renteria (Absent)
Kate Dobler (Present)
Lauren Encinas (Present)
Peggy Peixoto (Absent)
Jenee Sisnroy (Present)

Minutes

1. Call to Order - 10:04 a.m.
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Read Public Member Notice
4. Minute Approval from February 23, 2022, meeting
Kelly Lalan made a motion to approve the minutes as written, and Leo Huppert seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.
5. Discussion Items/topics
 - A. AHCCCS issues
 - a. Things seem to be getting better overall. AZEIP has periodic meetings with Dr. Tack and others; Deputy Director Rountree works actively with AHCCCS and has periodic

meetings when need arises; Kate Dobler shared that AHCCCS has been reorganizing with the new director and new leadership but no positions are being eliminated; Rachael Sally and Ashley Boruff are other good AHCCCS contacts for collaboration. AHCCCS currently has some policies out for public comment. Link to AHCCCS for opportunities for public comment;
<https://www.azahcccs.gov/AHCCCS/PublicNotices/>

- B. ICC Fiscal Committee Activities to Support Quality Services
 - a. The Fiscal Committee will educate themselves to find ways to support AzEIP in fiscal matters. The plan is to involve individuals across the Early Childhood realm and utilize ITCA annual fiscal report to gather information about funding utilized by other states' Early Intervention programs.
- C. AzEIP Fiscal Responsibility and Timely Reimbursement
 - a. A work group will be drafting a letter to be sent to DES leadership from the full ICC asking for support with this issue.
- D. 2023 Plans & Goals - AzEIP Support Needs
 - a. Goal 1: Broader representation needed on the Fiscal Committee; utilizing other perspectives and getting away from focusing mainly on service provider issues
 - b. Goal 2: Finding new funding sources
 - c. Goal 3: Feedback on professional development opportunities
 - i. AzEIP office is making plans to support providers to receive OAE (equipment for hearing testing) training and certification, which lapsed due to the Covid-19 public health emergency. DHS will soon be providing that training and certification for free. AzEIP has been trying to determine how to best support staff training costs using ARPA funding which ends in September 2023. Some of the ideas discussed included:
 - Budgeting to include enough funding for all SCs who participate in the training and receive their certification; discussion around whether to pay an hourly rate or lump sum stipend
 - How to support agencies who have already paid for this on their own as well as those who will be utilizing the DES training in the near future
 - How to verify participation and track the certifications received
- E. Parking Lot Items
 - a. Legislative/Funding Issue
 - i. The process for the legislature's budget decision will likely be long so it is simply a matter of waiting at this point.
 - b. FOCUS Authorization Issues - part of the timely payment discussion under Item C
 - c. AzEIP Eligibility Changes Subcommittee - on hold
 - d. Other Funding Sources - item to be combined with Item B

6. Action/follow up

- A. Subcommittees discussed at February's meeting will begin meetings to work on their projects.

7. Public Comment - none

8. Confirm next meeting date/time: Next ICC meeting is May 19; Fiscal Committee will meet May 18, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

9. Adjourn - 10:52 a.m.