



INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL (ICC) FOR INFANTS AND TODDLERS

Interagency Coordinating Council Meeting

Friday, March 24, 2023, 11:30am-2:00pm

The role of the ICC is to advise, assist, and advocate for the Arizona Early Intervention Program and its partnering agencies to administer, promote, coordinate, and improve early intervention for families and professionals

Council Members

Laurene Shook (Present)

Charlene May (Present)

Sarah Patrick Greene (Present)

Sonia Samaniego (Present)

Amber Neubauer (Present)

Suzanne Perry (Present)

Lana Graber (Present)

Stacy Reinstein (Present)

Candice

Dana Hutchings (Present)

AzEIP

Caroline Nailor-Oglesby (Present)

Kellie Verdicchio (Present)

Anisa Albert (Present)

Erica Melies (Present)

Lidia Gonzales (Present)

Lisa Vallee (Present)

Lisa Casteel (Present)

Jeremiah Hale (Present)

Tanya Goitia (Present)

Amanda Honeywood (Present)

Attendees

Jessica Morehead (Present)

Lela Messick (Present)

Samantha Elliot (Present)

April Welch (Present)

Camille Verdugo (Present)

Racjel Salle (Present)

Charlene May (Present)

Crystal Gjica (Present)

Lydia Langston (Present)

Tina Oluyi (Present)

Leslie Paulus (Present)

Sonia Samaniego (Present)

Brianna Barrios (Present)

Noan Dublinski (Present)

Faith Hope (Present)

Lenka Studricka (Present)

Racheal Salley (Present)

Sarah Graham (Present)

Sandy Vicars (Present)

Damaria McAnally (Present)

Bonnie Williams (Present)

- Call to Order- Lana Graber, ICC Chair Lana called to order at 11:37am
- Read Public Member Notice - Lana Graber
If you have any comments, please forward your questions or concerns to azeip@azdes.gov or type your questions in the chat box during the meeting. The meeting will be recorded to ensure we capture all content
- Introductions - Lana Graber
 - Dana Hutctchings is with Sunrise Therapy Services on the Fiscal Committee
 - Kelly Lalan

- Charlene May is the District Manager with the Division of Developmental Disabilities
- Amber Neubauer is the owner of the Essential Therapy Solutions, member of Arizona Cooperative Therapies for early intervention and Chair of the ICC Fiscal Committee
- Suzanne Perry is the Director of Early Childhood Special Education with Arizona Department of Education
- Sonia Samaniego is the with Arizona Commission of the deaf and hard of hearing
- Laurie Shook is a parent who works with Raising Special Kids
- Lana Graber is the ICC Chair and owner of Dynamite Therapy
- Family Story - Elliott Family /Family Engagement Committee
 - Reese Elliot's story presented by Samantha Elliot
- Educational Topic - Noan Dublinski / Genetics Navigator from Mountain States Regional Genetics Network
 - Noan Dublinski presented on Genetic Navigator Program
 - If you have any questions or interest in the program, please contact arizonagenetic@gmail.com
- Announcements from Chair- Lana Graber
 - Minute Approval from Previous Meeting from November 18, 2022 (VOTE)
 - Laurene Shook motioned to approve
 - Charlene May second
 - Laurie Shook - Aye
 - Sarah Patrick Greene - Aye
 - Sonia Samaniego - Aye
 - Amber Neubauer - Aye
 - Charlene May - Aye
 - Suzanne Perry - Aye
 - Lana Graber - Aye
 - Stacy Reinstein - Aye
 - Dana Hutchings - Aye
 - Annual Bylaws review discussion (potential VOTE)
 - Lana Graber discussed a topic from the bylaws. This is found in the bylaws Article VI Section I, Selection of Officers.
 - It states: The Officers shall be a Chair and a Vice Chair, at least one of whom shall be a parent as defined in Article IV
 - This section needs to be changed from Article IV to Article VI Section I(c), it is incorrect
 - This has been discussed in the Executive Committee. They would like a parent in one of those positions. This is not a Federal requirement but an Arizona bylaws requirement
 - One suggestion is to change the verbiage to "If no parents can be found at the time of an open Vice Chair or Chair position, an interim Vice Chair would be selected"
 - Voted on the change
 - Sarah Greene Motions
 - Sonia Samaniego Seconds
 - Sonia Samaniego - Aye

- Amber Neubauer - Aye
- Sarah Patrick Greene - Aye
- Suzanne Perry - Aye
- Charlene May - Aye
- Stacy Reinstein - Aye
- Dana Hutchings - Aye
- Lana Graber - Aye
- Laurene Shook - Aye
- Vice Chair Nominations (VOTE)
 - Sarah Green was nominated
 - Sarah Green is the new Vice Chair
 - Voted
 - Suzanne Perry Motioned
 - Charlene May Second
 - Sonia Samaniego - Aye
 - Sarah Patrick - Aye
 - Charlene May - Aye
 - Lana Graber - Aye
 - Suzanne Perry - Aye
 - Sarah Greene - Aye
 - Dana Hutchings - Aye
 - Lana Graber - Aye
 - Laurene Shook - Aye
- Openings available on Council and Subcommittees and the process
 - State Medicaid Agency
 - State Legislature
 - State Foster Care Representative
 - Parents (Child under age of 6 currently participating)
 - Office of the Coordinator of Education and Homeless Children of Youth
 - Mental Health Agency
 - Agency for Health Insurance
 - Agency for Early Child Special Education
 - Parents (Child under age 12)
- Please email Lana and/or Lisa Vallee if you have anyone or are anyone who would fit the ICC parameters for our open positions.
- Committee updates - Each committee to give an overview and/or mission statement of the committee for public knowledge, updates/discussions, and vote (if needed) - Committee Chairs/AZEIP Staff
 - Transition Committee-Stephanie Collier
 - No updates
 - Fiscal Committee- Amber Neubauer
 - There was a meeting yesterday

- Doing research and coming up with funding opportunities for suggestions for AzEIP. They are researching what other states do for funding
 - Family Engagement Committee-TBD
 - There is not a chair for this committee
 - There were a couple of new families that have joined the committee
 - The Facebook page is being monitored
 - Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/azearlychildhoodICC/>
 - If there is any childhood content, please email iccsocialmedia@azdes.gov
 - Have been focusing on revisions to the AzEIP Childhood Rights Handbook
 - Making updates to the ICC Brochure
 - Work on the Family's Guide to Funding FAQ
 - Next meeting is April 27
 - Development Committee-Sarah Greene
 - No updates
- AZEIP Updates - AZEIP Team
 - AzEIP Presentation
 - There is a new Director, Director Angie Rodgers
 - The new Tribal Liaison is Jerrilene Antone-Morton. She will share her time with DES Child Care. She will work with Lisa Vallee for public awareness
 - New hires starting soon:
 - Continuous Quality Improvement Coordinator
 - Technical Assistance Specialist
 - Caroline Nailor-Oglesby has resigned, her last day is April 12, 2023
 - There is a new ICC Email Inbox: azicc@azdes.gov
 - FFY 2021 Part C APR/SPP was submitted February 1, 2023
 - FFY 2023 IDEA, Part C Grant Application for Federal Funds is posted on the AzEIP website
 - <https://des.az.gov/content/ffy-2023-idea-part-c-grant-application-federal-funds-open-public-comment>
 - American Rescue Plan Act Funds
 - There is an Interagency Service Agreement with Arizona State University: Equity Plan
 - There is an Interagency Service Agreement with University of Arizona: Professional Development
 - Memorandum of Understanding with Oregon Health & Science University
 - Project ASCEND: Addressing Structural Disparities for Children with Early Communication Disorders. This is a five-year plan
 - Contract extensions for contractors
 - Contract extensions to current contractors for early intervention services (FFY 2023 - FFY 2024)
 - Upcoming Conference
 - OSEP Leadership Conference: July 24th through July 26th in Virginia
 - <https://osepideasthatwork.org/osep-meeting/2023-osep-combined-leadership-and-project-directors-conference>

- ICC is voting to send one or two members. This will be voted on at the next Executive ICC meeting on May 19, 2023
 - AzEIP is working on the Pyramid Model Project
 - <https://www.azed.gov/specialeducation/pyramid-model-project>
- Announcements from Council Members - All Council
 - Stacy Reinstein
 - A press release went out that some additional investments as result from the Childcare Development Fund/Covid Relief Funding. The majority of the money goes out to direct grants to childcare providers
 - There is another rate increase for childcare providers. We are moving to one statewide rate. There is a scholarship program for Arizona education workforce
 - <https://des.az.gov/sites/default/files/media/newsrelease-03-24-2023-des-announces-additional-support-increasing-access-to-child-care-for-families.pdf>
 - Suzanne Perry
 - Finished up the Early Intervention and Early Childhood Summit
 - There were approximately 300 people in attendance
 - There are some seats available that will be free to watch the videos from the conference, more information will be provided
 - The inclusion data: Our October 1 child count data that is collected from schools was just summarized and sent to Suzanne Perry. The number of children who have access to early intervention services has increased
- Discussions
 - None
- Action/follow up
 - None
- Public Comment - All
 - None
- Schedule Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC) Meeting
 - Friday, May 19 · 11:30am – 2:00pm
 - Google Meet joining info
 - Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/xas-xewd-usc>
 - Or dial: (US) +1 505-738-1205 PIN: 146 944 271#
 - More phone numbers: <https://tel.meet/xas-xewd-usc?pin=4756557316586>
- Adjourn: 1:29pm