

ICC Council Committee

Meeting Minutes

April 16th, 2021

11:30am-2:00pm

ICC Members Attendance

Lana Graber, ICC Vice Chair; Development Committee Chair

Suzanne Perry, ADE

Sarah Greene

Laurie Shook

Kathleen Muldoon

Judith Walker, AHCCCS

Christopher Keck, DCS

Kendra Benedict, ASDB

Brittany Miller, Family Engagement Committee Chair

Sonia Samaniego, ACDHH

Stephanie Collier, Transition Committee Chair

AzEIP Staff Present

Alicia Amundson-Ex Officio Board member

Tanya Goitia

Lisa Casteel

Lisa Monreal

Anissa Moussa

Estrella Olivo

Anisa Stedmire

Dr. Jenn Nojunas

Danyelle Harris

Chantelle Curtis

Jeremiah Hale

Annie Converse

Edd Schommer

Members of the Public

Virtual attendees

1. **Call to Order and Welcome All** - Lana Graber, ICC Vice-Chair
 - a. Meeting called to order at 11:32am.
2. **Family Story** – Samantha Lackey
3. **Educational Topic** -- Amy Corriveau, First Things First and Kristin Borns, Solutions AZ
 - a. Key areas for building policy agenda related to infants and toddlers:
 1. Infant toddler mental health
 2. Expanding eligibility criteria for children birth-3 to receive Part C services
 3. Medicaid reimbursement for home visiting services
 4. Parent voice in advocacy

- b. Feedback on these broad objectives from committee members:
 1. Christopher Keck: would like to see statewide directory of specialty providers
 2. Kathleen Muldoon: would be great to have a directory, allow providers to self-identify the populations they work best with; great strategic plan and good steps
 3. Alicia Amundson: AZ Part C has narrow eligibility criteria (50% delay)
 1. Generally serve 2% of birth-3 population
 2. Often encounter children with moderate delays
 3. Looking at a study to explore the feasibility of expanding Part C eligibility in AZ
 4. Massachusetts serves at risk and has a broad-based eligibility criteria so serve about 9% of the birth-3 population
 5. Some states with 33% delay criteria serve less than 2% of their birth-3 population
 6. Statistics states report to the Office of Special Education on their Child Find numbers and percentage:
<https://www2.ed.gov/programs/osepidea/618-data/static-tables/2019-2020/part-c/child-count-and-settings/1920-cchildcountandsettings-4.xlsx>
 4. Lana Graber: exciting move for AzEIP to explore, offered to participate in any initiatives to move this forward
 5. Laurie Shook: love this, we have so many children who could benefit
- c. Feedback from public:
 1. It's wonderful that options are going to be explored to serve more that don't currently qualify, yet desperately need the services and support. 2% seems low to me. I'm a mom of Autism. CHILD FIND is absolutely amazing!! That is where my daughter started...the challenge in my opinion is teachers being aware as well of different disabilities and what they look like or what a child's behavior may be indicating therefore families are not aware of CHILD FIND and don't get help as early as they could.

4. ICC Updates - Alicia Amundson

- a. Updates on board positions:
 1. Dr. Olivia Lindley, Professor at Northern Arizona University, will begin as Personnel representative
 2. Kendra Benedict officially appointed as ASDB representative
 3. Sonia Samaniego also appointed
 4. A few board members working on getting re-appointed
 5. Also hope to announce some new appointments in the next meeting
 6. Edd Schommer, AzEIP Community Relations Liaison

5. Committee Updates

- a. Transition Committee- Stephanie Collier, Chair
 1. Transition PPT to be used for Professional Development of AzEIP team members is close to completion and roll out
 2. Parent brochure and video vignettes- will begin moving forward on these again

1. Parent brochure has been sent through PIO and will next be shared with ADE and RSK for review
2. Video vignettes- need discussion on what these will look like
3. Need direction now from the ICC on next activities to work on
4. Are we staying within timelines of what we reported to OSEP?
 1. Alicia Amundson: we meet regularly with OSEP and they are aware of where we are and progress being made
 2. Lana Graber: will discuss Transition committee next steps in the next Executive Committee meeting
- b. Fiscal- No report today
- c. Family Engagement Committee- Brittany Miller, Chair
 1. Finalized the process for recruiting family story presenter
 2. Highlighting family story in AzEIP newsletter
 1. Lana Graber: great idea to highlight family stories in the AzEIP newsletter to reach a broader community
 3. Finalizing and working on social media guidelines
 4. Have been talking about other ways to get diverse family involvement
- d. Development Committee- Lana Graber, Chair
 1. First meeting today
 2. New member to our committee, Edd Schommer, already recruiting for the ICC
 3. Discussed strengths members can bring to the table
 4. Need to reconnect with the Governor's office
 5. Comprehensive System of Personnel Development (CSPD)- 6 different work groups, AzEIP will share opportunities later in today's agenda
 6. Our focus will be on:
 1. Recruitment and retention of board members
 2. Orientation of board members
 7. Edd Schommer (LSchommer@azdes.gov), AzEIP Community Relations Liaison, current ICC openings:
 1. Family members
 2. Early intervention service providers
 3. State agency: First Things First
 4. Agency for providing EI service: DES/DDD, ADHS
 5. Mental Health Agency
 6. Office of Homeless Children and Youth
 7. Agency for Health Insurance
 8. Tribal representation
 9. EI specialists
 10. State legislator

6. **AzEIP Updates** - Alicia Amundson

- a. AzEIP Team Updates
- b. OSEP Response
 1. In corrective action phase, working with OSEP on a regular basis
 2. Primary tasks:
 1. Updated fiscal monitoring procedures (payor of last resort and system of payments)
 2. Formal agreements with service providing agencies

3. Updating general supervision policies and procedures- processing input from public comment
3. All steps need to be completed by October 2021
- c. Currently in monitoring cycle
- d. State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP)- strategic plan for the state
 1. Accountability and monitoring, data governance, fiscal,
 2. Will continue to update the ICC on progress on SSIP
 3. Focus continues to be on improving social emotional outcomes
- e. AzEIP COVID Response
 1. Released guidance to the field on March 8, 2021
 1. Provided a framework for agencies to begin limited in-person services
 2. DDD may contact DDD leadership for a copy of the guidance
 2. Programs reaching out to families to share their plans
 3. Held English and Spanish Facebook Live sessions with Raising Special Kids
 4. Held two family listening sessions for families
- f. Fiscal Updates
 1. Fiscal monitoring- reviewing child records
 2. COVID incentive payments for providers have begun
 3. Data processes being improved
- g. CSPD: cross sector system that supports improving outcomes for children with disabilities and their families
 1. Six subgroups: recruitment and retention, personnel, pre-service training, in-service training, leadership/coordination/sustainability
 1. Personnel Standards: exploring interest in EI certification
 2. Recruitment and Retention: identifying retention strategies
 3. Pre-service: environmental scan on preparation programs
 4. In-service: PD opportunities for rural areas
 5. Leadership: exploring grant opportunities
 2. Recruiting family members for all groups!
 1. Family stipend available
- h. Brittany Miller: new aRPy Ambassador

7. Updates from ICC membership - All ICC membership

- a. Elizabeth Hamilton on behalf of Suzie Perry, Arizona Department of Education
 1. Final counts for 3-kindergarten- down 30% from normal amount (usually about 10,000)
 2. OSEP monitoring from 2019- ADE working closely with OSEP, submitted response yesterday for P&P
 3. May Regional Cohort meetings will feature 30 minute best practices on transition to preschool- will lead into August meeting that will focus on improving in by 3 transition between AzEIP and preschools
- b. Laurie Shook, Raising Special Kids
 1. NICU Support Group every other Thursday at 6pm, please share with families: <https://raisingspecialkids.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/NICU-Parent-Support-Group-with-active-links.pdf>
- c. Christopher Keck, Department of Child Safety
 1. DCS partnering with Mercy Care effective 4/1/21

2. 3 RBHAs oversaw survey delivery of BH services for children in FC and CMDP was responsible to oversee physical health
3. Partnership with Mercy Care will:
 1. Allow for integrated care for foster children
 2. Consolidate decision makers
 3. Give statewide perspective
 4. Inform Medicaid plan
4. This approach is new in the nation and look forward to setting a standard for serving children in care
- d. Lana Graber, ICC Vice-Chair
 1. Next ICC Board Meeting is Friday, August 20, 2021, 11:30am-2:00pm

8. **Adjourn Meeting** - Lana Graber, ICC Vice-Chair

- a. Meeting adjourned at 12:57pm