



INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL (ICC) FOR INFANTS AND TODDLERS

Fiscal Committee Agenda & Minutes

Thursday, April 28, 2022 – 10:00 a.m. - <https://meet.google.com/qfc-uoxp-zzq>

Members (ICC Governor Appointees)

Dana Hutchings, Chair (present)
Amber Neubauer, EI Service Provider (present)

Stacy Reinstein, DES/CCA (present)

Members (Subcommittee Appointees)

Leo Huppert (present)
Kristin Mancuso (absent)
Senator Rosanna Gabaldon (absent)
Jennifer Ibanez (present)
Sylvia Acosta (absent)
Vance Phillips (absent)

Cristina Renteria (present)
Kate Dobler (absent)
Lauren Encinas (present)
Peggy Peixoto (absent)
Jenee Sisroy (present)

Staff (AzEIP)

Lisa Casteel

Jeremiah Hale

1. Call to Order –10:04am
2. Read Public Comment Notice-- Completed
3. Approve Minutes from the March 24, 2022, meeting
 - a. Leo Huppert made a motion to approve, Amber Neubauer seconded the motion; approved unanimously.
4. Discussion Items/topics
 - a. Service Coordination Billing Approach
 - i. None
 - b. FOCUS Authorization Issues
 - i. Dana asked Lisa for an update on billing LTC non-direct services in ITEAMS. Lisa stated that the project is still on track for July 1.
 - c. AHCCCS issues
 - i. Dana states that AHCCCS subcommittee created an email that was sent out by Lisa with the agenda. Dana explained the reason for the letter. AHCCCS health plans are not consistently paying the correct rates, particularly for SLP which has a special AzEIP rate. Leo suggested correcting the double negative in the last sentence of the 3rd paragraph. Jenee will locate the final wording on the AMSR section and send it to Dana to update the letter.
 - ii. There was a discussion around state employees names and these types of advocacy letters. Leo proposed to approve the subcommittee AHCCCS draft letter with the proposed changes. Jenee 2nd the motion of approval; Stacy abstained. All others present voted to approve.
 - d. Other funding sources
 - i. None
 - e. AzEIP Eligibility
 - i. Dana stated that we need to begin to advocate for increasing eligibility. Arizona is one of 4 states with such strict eligibility criteria. The funding will need to be in place, however, before AzEIP Eligibility can be changed.

- ii. Jenee stated some providers that are members of AAPPD met with Kaitlin Harrier, the governor's Senior Education Policy Advisor, and her team to alert them that we are looking into increasing the eligibility to serve more kids with developmental delays.
 - f. Family Guide to Funding Document
 - i. Dana asked Lisa about the document. It is currently under review, and the goal is to release the updated version by July 1st.
 - g. Parking Lot Items
 - i. Budget Information Request
 - 1. Lisa states Jeremiah is unable to attend today but is still diligently working on this request.
 - ii. Fiscal Monitoring
 - 1. Lisa states that the new process is moving forward, and a good system is now in place. All of the feedback from the provider's experience is appreciated. It was suggested that this can be removed from the agenda.
 - iii. Legislative/Funding Issues
 - 1. Dana states that the emails were sent out and advocacy continues with the legislature and the governor's office for an increase to 90 percent of the benchmark rate.
 - 2. Jenee presented a document that was shared some time ago by the Part B and Part C advocacy groups. The TBEIS provider group created an updated version that was presented to legislators. "5 Reasons Why Early Intervention is Valuable" explains the reason why early intervention is important.
- 5. Action/follow-up
 - a. The "5 reasons Why Early Intervention is Valuable" document will be shared with the committee and the full ICC.
 - b. The AHCCCS letter will be shared with the full ICC.
- 6. Public Comment
 - a. None
- 7. Schedule Next Meeting
 - a. May 26, 2022 @ 10:00am
- 8. Adjourn—10:37am