



Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC) for Infants and Toddlers

ICC Fiscal Committee Agenda

Thursday, August 17, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

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

Minutes

1. Call to Order - 10:06 a.m.
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Read Public Member Notice
4. Minute Approval from May 18, 2023, meeting
 - Leo Huppert made a motion to approve the minutes. Dana Hutchings seconded the motion. All members approved.
5. Discussion Items/topics
 - AHCCCS issues
 - Agencies are seeing continued improvement with AHCCCS
 - In rural areas, there are still issues with county rates vs AzEIP tier rates
 - Questions were asked about OT and PT rates and what AzEIP can do to assist. Jeremiah is still working with AHCCCS and will bring it back to the conversation about OT and PT rates.
 - Amber will review the letter that was written previously and update it to fit current conditions. Having these conversations is helpful and should cite Part C regulations, the interagency agreement and AZ revised statutes. It would be good to get to a point of alignment so that

discussions aren't required each time a change is made. Kate Dobler could be beneficial in this process.

- AzEIP Fiscal Responsibility and Timely Reimbursement
 - The draft letter was sent out earlier in the week for the committee to review. The committee agreed that the letter needs significant revision because it was drafted several months ago and the situation is now different.
 - The committee discussed specific suggestions for the letter and it was decided that another ICC Fiscal Committee meeting should be scheduled between now and the next ICC meeting to finalize and vote on the letter.
 - Sylvia will join the subcommittee for the DDD SC section of the letter.
 - Amber will inform the ICC Executive Committee that a letter is being written regarding these issues at tomorrow's meeting and let them know that a draft will be ready prior to the September ICC meeting.

- 2023 AzEIP Rate Rebase Study
 - The contractor survey is due tomorrow. The committee is excited to see the new figures and determine how to approach future action.
 - Jenee asked the AzEIP team if there was anything that the fiscal committee needed to assist with. Jeremiah suggested that they encourage all SPAs, regardless of size, to complete the survey. Jenee agreed that an email blast could be sent from the ICC Fiscal Committee stating the importance and encouraging participation..
 - Jenee will take the lead and Leo agrees to assist.

- OSEP Leadership Conference Recap
 - Amber shared that it was a great opportunity to attend, but that there was a lot of information to take in. She attended the state ICC session and has an idea about a parent leadership program that she plans to share with the ICC Executive Committee and the full ICC.
 - She and Jeremiah both shared information regarding possible funding sources that could be used including TANF funds and further collaboration with Part B.
 - Recruitment and retention was a hot topic and OSEP brought up scholarships and apprenticeships as options to consider. Indiana had a lot of great ideas to share about what they have done to reinforce their workforce, including their use of TANF funds for that. States across the country talked about shortages and challenges with hiring and retention
 - When the time comes, the fiscal committee will be needed to help with preparing for OSEP's new differentiated monitoring, called DMS 2.0, which emphasizes stakeholder engagement.
 - There is a quarterly webinar for state ICC groups. Amber will investigate and share information on how to engage with other state's ICCs.

- 2023 Plans & Goals - AzEIP Support Needs
 - Fiscal Committee Membership
 - Parent participation is particularly difficult in the fiscal area.
 - New Funding Sources
 - The sub committee has met. The missing aspect is the AzEIP budget perspective. Transparency on the AzEIP budget will help to better determine who to reach out to and provide good talking points. Leo emailed DES leadership to request additional budget transparency. Jeremiah has been advocating to share additional data and will complete a new proposal to leadership based on recent guidance.
 - Professional Development Opportunities
 - There was discussion about OAE training reimbursement through ARPA Funds. Jeremiah talked about challenges with the U of A project that may extend the timeline. Feedback was received from the providers regarding professional

development including hiring and retention efforts. Given the short time frame remaining for the ARPA funds, AzEIP is being thoughtful about what would be impactful both short and long term.

- Parking Lot Items
 - AzEIP Eligibility Changes Subcommittee
 - This is still on hold for the moment. The First Things First project is still in progress.

6. Action/follow up

- AHCCCs letter subcommittee will review the previous letter. Kate will be asked to participate.
- Amber will talk to the ICC Executive Committee tomorrow about the upcoming letter regarding timely reimbursement, and the subcommittee will work on the updated draft.
- Jenee will send the email encouraging completion of the rate rebase survey

7. Public Comment - None

8. Next meeting date/time: September 7, 2023 10:00am

9. Adjourn at 11:24 a.m.