



# INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL (ICC)

## FOR INFANTS AND TODDLERS

### Fiscal Committee Agenda & Minutes

Friday, August 19, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.

#### Members (ICC Governor Appointees)

Dana Hutchings, Chair (Present)

Amber Neubauer, EI Service Provider (Present)

Stacy Reinstein, DES/CCA (Absent)

#### Members (Subcommittee Appointees)

Leo Huppert (Absent)

Kristin Mancuso (Absent)

Senator Rosanna Gabaldon (Absent)

Jennifer Ibanez (Present)

Sylvia Acosta (Present)

Vance Phillips (Absent)

Cristina Renteria (Present)

Kate Dobler (Present)

Lauren Encinas (Present)

Peggy Peixoto (Present)

Jenee Sisroy (Absent)

#### Staff (AzEIP)

Lisa Casteel (Present)

Jeremiah Hale (Present)

1. Call to Order – 10:03 am
2. Read Public Comment Notice
3. Approve Minutes from the May 26, 2022, meeting
  - a. Kate Dobler made the motion to approve the minutes. Amber Neubauer seconded the motion; all approved unanimously.
4. Discussion Items/topics
  - a. Service Coordination Billing Approach
    - Dana asked Lisa the status of the AzEIP review of the proposal. Lisa stated that an initial review has taken place. Research is being done into what approaches other states are utilizing. SC Billing Approach will be a consideration when the next rate rebate study occurs in 2023 and during planning of the scope of work for the new contracts which will go into effect in 2024. AzEIP will let everyone know when additional feedback is needed.
  - b. FOCUS Authorization Issues
    - It was shared that the providers are grateful that the non-direct billing is now in ITEAMS, but that there are still major issues with FOCUS billing.. Patrick and Beth are getting to work on aligning the numbers they are seeing with what the providers are reporting to determine what the issues are. Ginny is also involved and has requested some data from the AzEIP contractors.
  - c. AHCCCS issues
    - All providers are having issues getting the AHCCCS health plans to pay the published speech rate. E-mails were sent to all health plans about the issues but response has been minimal. The plan is to identify a contact person at each health plan. When complete, this list will be brought back to the fiscal committee to approve sending it to

all AzEIP providers. AHCCCS had agreed to move forward with plans to match the rate at 75 percent of benchmark starting Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>. Due to the timing of the legislative budget process, AzEIP wasn't able to get AHCCCS information in time for them to match our new rates in October so that will need to be addressed next year.

- d. Other funding sources
  - Tabled. Will move to Parking Lot Items.
- e. AzEIP Eligibility Changes Subcommittee
  - No Updates
- f. Family Guide to Funding Document
  - Lisa stated that Graphics and Design has sent a draft to AzEIP and it looks great. Once a couple of minor changes are made, it will be printed.
- g. Parking Lot Items
  - Budget Information Request
    - Jeremiah stated that he is working with DES leadership on a new approach for sharing budget information to provide more transparency.
  - Legislative/Funding Issues
    - Dana stated that the provider group has been working hard to try to get an increase. Proposed rates have been shared and there is still an opportunity to provide feedback. Dana shared a link in the chat. Dana shared some of the information that she will be providing to the full ICC later today.

5. Action/follow-up

- a. Lisa will add to the next meeting's agenda a topic to talk about a co-chair for the committee.
- b. Lisa will move Service Coordination Billing Approach to parking lot items.
- c. Dana and the providers will follow-up on the FOCUS authorization issues to see if they can get together some more solid data on that.
- d. Other Funding Sources will be moved to parking lot items.

6. Public Comment

- a. None

7. Schedule Next Meeting

- a. The committee will be shifting to quarterly meetings until additional need is identified. The next meeting is scheduled for November 10, 2022 @ 10:00 a.m.

8. Adjourn—10:33am