

**ICC Council Committee
Meeting Minutes
Date: 8/21/2020**

Membership

Katie Murdoch, Chair
Lana Graber, Vice Chair
Suzie Perry, ADE
Sonia Samaniego, ACDHH
Christopher Keck, DCS
Dana Hutchings, EI Provider, Absent
Stephanie Collier, Head Start
Kate Dobler, FTF
Rob Pfister, Parent, Absent
Sara Clancey, EI Provider, Absent
Sarah Green, Parent
Judie Walker, AHCCS
Laurie Shook, RSK Absent
Lorie Jewett, DES, Absent

Staff Present

Alicia Amundson
Sharon Pierson
Tanya Goitia
Annie Converse
Lisa Casteel
Estrella Olivo
Anisa Stedmire
Dr. Jenn Nojunas
Lisa Monreal
Chantelle Curtis
Danyelle Harris

Members of the Public Present

Alissa Trollinger	Michele Thorne
Alma Espinoza	Sherrie Frohling
Amber Neubauer	Veronica Zurita
Anthony Hodges	Maria Pimentel
Audrey E	Lindsey Goldstein
Bonnie Williams	Frances Altmaier
Caroline Oglesby	Jessica Jimmerson
Christine Willis	Kristin Mancuso
Crystal Ghica	
Mary Rimron	
Kristin R Chase	
Kristy Thornton	
Lauren Encinas	
Leo Huppert	

Minutes

1. Katie Murdoch called the meeting to order at 11:32am. Chair shared Public Comment Notice. None currently.
2. Brittany Miller introduced the family for our family story, Christina Renteria. Christina shared the story of her son Atlas. Thank you, Christina.
3. ICC Updates
 - Strategic Planning Meeting for ICC Membership- Chair provided update, this will be tabled at this time due to COVID.
 - Board and Commissions Meeting- Sharon provided update. Meeting with the new team from the Governor's Boards and Commissions Office, very interested in our work and supportive. We should look forward to new council members soon.
 - By Law revisions- Sharon will bring these to the executive committee later date.
4. Committee Updates.
 - Transition Committee- Stephanie, Chair gave overview
 - a. Video vignettes delayed at this time but will use a training- PPT of transition process that has been created by the TA AZEIP team for Service Coordinators.
 - b. Transition brochure for parents has been drafted and being reviewed by DES Graphics Dept. Will seek family and stakeholder input on draft.
 - c. Community resources by area will be compiled
 - Fiscal Committee- Kristin Mancuso, committee member gave overview
 - d. Working with AHCCCS on sustainability issues, rate rebase etc.
 - e. Recruiting committee members
 - f. New Family Guide to Funding brochure to be released in October
 - g. Leadership from all AZEIP providers met with DES leadership to discuss fiscal sustainability, rate rebase, AZEIP vs over-3 rate discrepancy
 - h. Letter on fiscal sustainability to be sent from ICC to DES
 - Family Survey Committee- Brittany Miller, Chair gave overview
 - i. Family survey updates are complete, committee would like to focus on Family Engagement. Brittany read new mission. Council agreed on new name for committee
 - j. Exploring options on next steps to include social media, website etc.
 - Development Committee- Lana Graber, Chair gave overview
 - k. Framework for committee discussed with Executive Committee and will be discussed further at first meeting of the Development Committee
 - i. Recruiting, mentoring, welcoming, professional development (will be collaborating with CSPD)
 - l. Current members: Caroline Oglesby, Judie Walker, and staff Dr. Jenn Miernicki-Nojunas, Anissa Moussa
 - m. First meeting proposed for 11/20/20; 9am-11am

- AzEIP staff liaison Sharon Pierson shared information on joining ICC committees; if interested: spierson@azdes.gov
- Ms. Pierson introduced Jocelyn Beard, DES Tribal Relations Manager
- 5. Educational Topic: Tribal Cultural Awareness- Jocelyn Beard presented overview. Contact Jocelyn Beard for more information or requesting a presentation at jbeard@azdes.gov
- 6. AzEIP Updates- Alicia Amundson, Quality Improvement Manager, provided overview
 - OSEP determination- two years in a row, Meets Requirements. Congratulations AzEIP providers and all.
 - AzEIP realignment to the DES Office of the Director, announcement went out to public.
 - Comprehensive System of Professional Development review
 - COVID-19 task force developed to ensure stakeholder feedback, EI leaders, DDD, ADSB, family participate. First task was to hold Family listening sessions. Current and future focus will be to give guidance in the interim on home visits when they resume.
 - DEC/aRPY Ambassador update- increase knowledge of DEC recommended practices, connect with service providers and families to all available resources. There are so many resources already available, we don't have to recreate.
- 7. ICC Member Updates
 - Suzie, Ade update: ADE Early Childhood Special Education Unit
 - Now housed in Exceptional Student Services section and working closely with Alissa Trollinger, Deputy Associate Superintendent of ESS
 - Preschool transition- for the most part schools working diligently to transition children with EI services by 3
 - 8/17 schools were expected to begin services for children with IEPs
 - Inclusion- working as closely as possible with schools to ensure inclusion to the extent possible during COVID (in-person, distance learning, or combo)
 - Assessment process and expectations have not changed
 - Question: If Part B districts can decide what model is best, why not Part C?
 - Alicia: Part C receives direction from OSEP, responsibility to provide equitable services within all programs and regions.
 - Alissa: Part B- the governor's executive order allows all districts and charter schools to operate based on their own decisions
 - Chris, Department of Child Safety at CMDP
 - Integrated Health Plan contract awarded to Mercy Care Plan effective 4/1/21
 - CMDP will oversee the integrated health care provided by Mercy Care and partner with Mercy Care to provide health care for children in foster care
 - Judie, AHCCCS

- AHCCCS continues to provide services through tele-health/tele-medicine to allow children and families to receive support and maintain relationships with providers
- Sonia, AZ Commission for Deaf and Hard of Hearing
 - If families of children who are D/HH needs assistance setting up captioning, interpreters, accessibility, reach out
 - Working on updating website to ensure accessibility for Spanish-speaking families
 - Availability of clear mask program for anyone serving children who are D/HH- reach out to ACDHH (currently waiting list, but looking at additional resources): #ClearMaskUpArizona <https://www.acdhh.org/>

Lana, Vice Chair shared Public Comment Notice. See comment below.

Lana, Vice Chair shared next meeting: 11/20/20 11:30am-2pm

8. Vice Chair adjourned meeting at 1:34pm.

Public Comment Shared

The Arizona Association of the Deaf continues to be concerned about language acquisition for Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Deaf Blind infants and toddlers in Arizona.

The Visual Communication and Sign Language Checklist (VCSL) is the world's first and only standardized tool for measuring ASL growth and development for Deaf and Hard of hearing children birth to 5. We advocate that VCSL be used as an assessment tool by providers.

We are also excited to share three amendments to 2020-2023 EHDI that:

1. Requires language acquisition assessments.
2. Requires families to receive services in both oral and visual modalities.
3. Requires provision of Deaf Mentors to families.

Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Deaf Blind children will be able to overcome the consequences of language deprivation by assessing language, providing oral and visual modalities and providing Deaf Mentors that can lead to brighter future for D/HH/DB individuals.

As always, thank you so much.

AZAD Representatives
Astrid Amann Goodstein
Mary Mabry Rimron

Submitted by Sharon Pierson