



Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC) for Infants and Toddlers

Family Engagement Committee Meeting Minutes - APPROVED 10.9.25

Virtual Meeting

September 11, 2025

9:30am - 11:00am

Attendance

Members

Sandra Caudillo (absent)
Alissa Eromae (present)
Robin Hale (absent)
Alison Lucas (absent)

Dani Merrill (present)
Sonia Samaniego (present)
Laurie Shook (present)
Marisol Vazquez (present)

Staff (AzEIP)

Lisa Vallee (absent)
Tanya Goitia (present)
Amanda Honeywood (present)

Brittany Page (present)

Public

Alicia Amundson (present)

Minutes

1. Call to Order: meeting called to order by Laurie Shook at 9:36am
2. Read Public Member Notice
3. Minute Approval from August 14, 2025 Family Engagement Committee Meeting
 - a. Allissa Eromae moves to approve, Sonia seconds and all approve
4. Discussion Items/Topics
 - a. Community Feedback
 - i. Laurie has heard from families how difficult it has been with the recent changes at DDD.
 - b. Family Story - Dalia Andrade
 - i. Dani Merrill has confirmed Temeka Grandberry for the next family to share her story at the next General ICC meeting. She is a teacher and a mom so she is excited to share her experience. I haven't heard back from Dalia and we haven't heard from her, talked with Grecia who is on the tracker and she is hesitant because she doesn't have childcare in the mornings while she has two little children. Vanessa is on the list but we haven't

reached out to yet. Laurie, to confirm we don't have anyone as back up now right? Dani confirms that is correct. Sonia is reaching out to Spanish speaking families who can possibly represent but may not be ready right now.

- ii. 2025 Family Story Recruitment Process
 - c. Review Bylaws for annual revisions by COB 9.8.25
 - i. Sonia shared that she and Sarah would be reviewing bylaw changes and announced the search for a new Vice Chair, specifically a parent of a young child, as Sarah will be stepping down as Chair and Sonia will be assuming that role. Laurie suggested modifying the requirement that the Chair and Vice Chair must be parents, recommending it be "parent preferred" to allow flexibility if no parent is available. She also emphasized understanding for parents who may need to miss meetings or step down. Marysol asked about the term length, and Sonia clarified it is a two-year term for Vice Chair followed by two years as Chair. A question was raised about whether a parent in a holdover status could still serve as Vice Chair.
 - d. Develop Next Meeting Agenda 10.09.25
 - i. Reviewing the icc subcommittee process
 - ii. The committee discussed confirming where the rack card's QR code directs users on the AZEIP site, ensuring it links to both the Governor-appointed and subcommittee applications. Lisa will be invited to walk through the ICC application process. Marysol is still awaiting her Governor's appointment, and Brittany will follow up with Lisa Vallee to help move the application forward with the Governor's Office.
5. Action/Follow-up
- a. Get notes from Marysol and anyone else who recently went through the process and please share how the process took, what you like about it. We will review Lisa's information and review the website on how to make it easier for families.
6. Public Comment
- a. Alicia Amundson - thank you for allowing me to attend as a public member, just wanted to share two things that I appreciate the work that is being done with the facebook group and hope you are getting a lot more members and have been checking out the resources.
 - b. The second part, I want to mention as a public member, azeip is going through a public comment period and it is so critical to have the family voice within these processes and it is important to bring it up to this group and it's important for this group to submit and we would love to hear your thoughts and have family members participate. We know it is valued by the azeip office and know it is important; case in point that is the early autism screening which was brought on by the parent group DAMES.
7. Adjourned at 10:12am by Laurie Shook

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