



# INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL (ICC)

## FOR INFANTS AND TODDLERS

### Fiscal Committee Agenda & Minutes

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September 17, 2020

1:00 p.m.-2:00pm Virtual Meeting

#### **Members**

Dana Hutchings, Chair  
Sara Clancey, EI Provider  
Christopher Keck, DCS

#### **Public Members**

Amber Neubauer  
Leo Huppert  
Kristin Mancuso

#### **Staff**

Lisa Casteel

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1. Call to Order: 1:05 pm
2. Discussion Items/topics
  - a. A Family Guide to Funding Early Intervention Services in Arizona
    - The committee agreed that this is still in process. Ashley is requesting input from AzEIP staff and working on the formatting.
  - b. Letter to DES
    - Kristen will be sending an email to Deputy Director Ginny Rountree from the provider group. Lisa will follow-up with Alicia regarding the status of the letter.
    - The group recalled that Ginny Rountree was copied on the letter. Sharon will be asked to follow up on the letter that was sent from the full ICC. Ginny could be invited to a future Fiscal Committee meeting depending on her schedule.
  - c. Quarterly Meeting with AHCCCS
    - Ashley was to follow up with this. Leo reached out to ACT member agencies regarding any issues. Ashley reached out to EIP leaders regarding what issues they needed addressed and received limited response.
    - The committee did not know if a meeting with AHCCCS took place. Lisa was not aware of this either.
  - d. Invitation to AAPPD to discuss ways to increase advocacy
    - Brandy attended the last meeting and provided some feedback. She should be invited again in the future hopefully when parent members could be included.
  - e. Recruitment of public committee members
    - Leo still plans to reach out to two individuals that have previously been identified as potential members. The group felt that it would be good to have a parent involved.
  - f. Billing issues around AHCCCS and rates
    - It was shared that providers are not receiving expected rates for telehealth. Was the governor's executive order supposed to prevent this? Issues with Banner University

were discussed. There are still issues with AHCCCS identifying AzEIP eligible children through ITEAMS data exchange.

- All AzEIP rates should be in sync with AHCCCS Speech Rate. Tiering does not match between AzEIP and AHCCCS for certain zip codes in some areas. DDD and AzEIP have some tier differences as well. Tier issues should be addressed in the rate rebase process along with syncing AHCCCS rates as part of the consideration of TPL offset.

g. Legislature plan for providers

- We should be able to move forward on this after receiving an update from DES. The group discussed having a work group outside of committee to work on this. Past work has been done that could be drawn from for this future work. Kristin, Leo and Dana all volunteered to take part. What would AzEIP need from us? Lisa shared that work is ongoing on both the rebase and the survey and providers should receive some response soon.
- The group felt that it is still a good idea to build relationships with the legislature around any needs that may come up. With AzEIP no longer part of DDD, additional education may be more crucial. Reaching out from a personal / individual standpoint during this election period could be useful.
- Leo asked if Lisa felt that moving out of DDD would be a detriment or improvement in AzEIP's budget situation. She stated that she felt it was going to be a very positive change.

3. Action/follow up

- a. Lisa will follow up with Alicia and Sharon about the status of the DES letter and potential of a meeting with Ginny.
- b. Lisa will follow up with Ashley regarding the status of the meeting with AHCCCS and the Family Guide to Funding.
- c. Dana will create a work group and schedule a meeting to begin discussing a legislative action plan.
- d. Leo will reach out to potentially interested individuals for committee membership.

4. Public Comment

None at this time

5. Adjourn meeting at 1:55 p.m.