



INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL (ICC)

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Fiscal Committee Agenda & Draft Minutes

Thursday, September 23, 2021

Members

Dana Hutchings, Chair Christopher Keck, DCS

Public Members

Amber Neubauer Leo Huppert Kristin Mancuso Michele Knowlton-Thorne
Rosanna Gabaldon Stacy Reinstein

Staff

Alicia Amundson Jeremiah Hale Lisa Casteel

1. Call to Order at 1:06 pm
2. Approve Minutes from August 26, 2021 Meeting
 - a. Unanimously approved
3. Discussion Items/topics
 - a. Service Coordination Billing Approach
 - i. Feedback regarding considerations that may be included in a final proposal.
 - ii. AzEIP will review the data by region, age group of children, and contractor, and consider different scenarios. The data will be de-identified and shared.
 - iii. Discussion regarding a lump sum for service coordination instead of tracking and billing each activity.
 - iv. Legislation would not be required, but a contract amendment may be necessary.
 - b. Membership for Fiscal Committee
 - i. Stacy Reinstein is interested in joining but has a time conflict.
 - c. FOCUS Authorization Issues
 - i. Solutions have been put into place both for short-term and long-term resolution. DDD Business Operations team has been meeting with the agencies. Clarification is needed on available Team Lead Non-Direct units.
 - d. Rate Rebase needs
 - i. Discussion of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds and the budget request sent to Office of Strategic Planning and Budgeting (OSPB). The ARPA funds allow a temporary rate increase for FY22 and a portion of FY23. The budget request would provide the additional funding for FY23 and beyond.
 - ii. The Arizona Association of Providers for People with Disabilities (AAPPD) as begun advocating for permanent funding increases through the legislative process.
 - iii. The fiscal committee plans to request an updated child count by zip code or legislative district. Senator Gabaldon recommended legislators be provided numbers for their district and neighboring districts or by region.

- e. AHCCCS issues
 - i. Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) will not match the temporary increase rates.
 - ii. A survey has been developed to determine any remaining issues with AHCCCS. A motion was made to distribute the survey. The motion passed unanimously.
 - f. Family Guide to Funding
 - i. Lisa shared that a balance is needed between regulatory language and a family friendly approach. Guidance has been requested from our national TA centers.
 - g. Fiscal Monitoring
 - i. Findings letters will be sent to the Service Providing Agencies (SPA) by the end of October. This item is moved to the parking lot for later discussion on overall results and lessons learned.
 - h. Possible Legislation / Funding Issues
 - i. Addressed under Rate Rebase. These items will be kept separate on the agenda.
 - i. Parking Lot Items
 - i. Budget Information Request
 - 1. Leo has a budget document from 2002 to share. Details that can be shared and the need for transparency was discussed. Senator Gabaldon requested information from Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC). JLBC might be a resource for what shareable information is available. AzEIP received information from Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) regarding budgets and stakeholder engagement which is being shared with DES leadership.
 - ii. Fiscal Spending for Part C Funds
 - iii. Technical Assistance from national TA centers
 - 1. The links to our TA centers are shared with Senator Gabaldon
 - iv. Additional Funding Sources
4. Action/follow-up
- a. AzEIP will provide feedback on the Service Coordinator (SP) billing proposal for completion of the project.
 - b. Request the Child Count information by districts.
 - c. Distribute the survey and compile data to share at November's meeting.
 - d. Leo will share the early 2000s budget document.
 - e. Alicia will send the links to the various TA center's websites with Senator Gabaldon.
5. Public Comment
- a. None
6. Schedule Next Meeting
- a. The next meeting will be October 28th at 10:00 and the fourth Thursday of the month at 10:00 a.m. moving forward. Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, an adjustment to the November meeting will be made at the October meeting.
7. Adjourned at 2:28 p.m.