



INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL (ICC)

FOR INFANTS AND TODDLERS

DRAFT Fiscal Committee Minutes

Thursday, March 24, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.

Attendance

Members (ICC Governor Appointees)

Dana Hutchings, Chair
Amber Neubauer, EI Service Provider

Stacy Reinstein, DES/CCA

Members (Subcommittee Appointees)

Leo Huppert
Kristin Mancuso
Senator Rosanna Gabaldon
Jennifer Ibanez

Sylvia Acosta
Vance Phillips
Cristina Renteria
Kate Dobler

Lauren Encinas
Peggy Peixoto
Jenee Sinroy

Staff (AzEIP)

Lisa Casteel

Jeremiah Hale

1. Call to Order--10:04am
2. Read Public Comment Notice –Completed
3. Approve Minutes from the February 24, 2022, meeting
 - a. Leo Huppert made a motion to approve, Kate Dobler seconded the motion; approved unanimously.
4. Discussion Items/topics
 - a. Introductions (if needed)
 - i. None
 - b. Service Coordination Billing Approach
 - i. Dana requested Lisa give the Service Coordinator Reimbursement Proposal the members. Dana submitted it to the Executive Committee meeting for comments and suggestions. The first paragraph was updated based on that feedback, and the last paragraph for Team Conferencing billing was added. For background, Dana explained how the billing is currently being done.
 - ii. Jenee suggested changing “Part C requirement” to “AzEIP contract requirement” in the last paragraph. Details on how the billing is done can be removed.
 - iii. The proposal will be finalized and taken to ICC April 29, 2022.
 - c. FOCUS Authorization Issues
 - i. Team is updating push / pull on ITEAMS and FOCUS. Meetings are still occurring to work out the scope to shift some billing to ITEAMS. Expected completion is June. Updates will be provided when needed.
 - d. AHCCCS issues
 - i. Need for consistency across health plans
 1. Jenee provided background information on the issue. Members are trying to find a solution on how billing can be done correctly and consistently across the health

- plans and matching with AHCCCS requirements. Dana will follow up with Rachael Salley with specific examples.
 - 2. Jenee shared other AHCCCS health plan concerns and suggested AHCCCS consider creating policies or guidance specific to early intervention. A sub-committee was formed to work on a plan for gathering information from each health plan, through the Birth to Five Care Coordinators, to support the process. They will report their progress.
 - ii. AHCCCS rate increases
 - 1. No updates. No support is needed at this time.
 - e. Other funding sources
 - i. The potential financial impact of the change in CDC developmental milestones was discussed. The ITCA website has resources identifying funding sources for states to utilize for Part C services.
 - f. Possible Legislation / Funding Issues Updates
 - i. No Family Costs
 - 1. Jeremiah stated this is not likely to be a big issue in AZ.
 - ii. 10% Equity Plan Legislation
 - 1. This bill did not pass in the Legislature. It would have required 10% of a state's budget would be used to identify and support underserved populations. AzEIP is has created an outline for how to approach this and will speak with ICC. Data will be helpful once available. The requirement would have had a funding increase to support it.
 - iii. Summer Extension Program
 - 1. Jeremiah stated we are not set up to fund this, but it may be something to explore in the future.
 - g. Annual Financial Statements
 - i. AzEIP is considering requesting annual financial statements from providers as outlined in contract scope of work, Section 14.1. Fiscal team is requesting support from the committee regarding the approach. DDD requires something similar that might be a resource.
 - h. Part C Application out for Public Comment
 - i. Jeremiah states the application is on the website if you wish to submit public comment.
 - i. Parking Lot Items
 - i. Budget Information Request
 - 1. Jeremiah said he submitted a preliminary draft budget proposal to DES and is awaiting a response.
 - ii. Fiscal Monitoring
 - 1. Lisa said the first year went well; getting ready to start year two.
5. Action/follow-up
- a. Dana will email Rachel Salley and her AHCCCS team
 - b. The work group will construct an email to AHCCCS Health Plans.
 - c. Lisa will work on a presentation for the Fiscal Committee to understand the program structure more fully.
 - d. Add AzEIP Eligibility to next agenda.
 - e. Add Family Guide to Funding document to next agenda.
6. Public Comment
- a. None
7. Schedule Next Meeting
- a. April 28th, 2022 @ 10:00 am
8. Adjourn—11:33