



Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC) for Infants and Toddlers

Interagency Coordinating Council Meeting Draft Meeting Minutes

ICC Committee Meeting / Virtual Meeting

Thursday, May 23, 2024 · 10:30am – 1:00pm

Attendance

Members (ICC Governor Appointees)

Sarah Patrick Greene - Absent
Dana Hutchings - Present
Sonia Samaniego - Present
Stephanie Collier - Present
Laurie Shook - Absent
Olivia Lindly - Present
Stacey Reinstein - Present

Kendra Benedict - Present
Lana Graber - Present
Charlene May - Present
Amy Munoz - Absent
Kelly Lalan - Absent
Amber Neubauer - Present

Members (Subcommittee Appointees)

Gina Britton - Present
Alissa Eromae - Present
Jennifer Forschino - Present
Crysta Chica - Present
Kyle Hammond - Present
Pv Jantz - Absent
Christina Quast - Present

Jenee Sisnroy - Absent
Camille Verdugo - Present
Amy White - Present
Sylvia Acosta - Present
Ariel Sansom - Present
Sandra Caudillo - Present
Kristy Thornton - Present

AzEIP Staff

Erica Melies- Present
Pamela Meurer - Present
Amanda Tipotsch - Present

Lisa Valle - Present
Amanda Honeywood - Present
Chantelle Curtis - Present

Ena Binns - Present
Jeremiah Hale - Present
Jerrilene Antone Morton - Present
Jessica Blackburn - Present
Amy Aeed - Present
Anissa Albert - Present

Jessica Jimmerson - Present
Karylann (Annie) Converse - Present
Katherine Bruno - Present
Lisa Casteel - Present
Tanya Goitia - Present

Public

Aanya Rispoli Metrakos
Alicia Durbin
Alison Lucas
Amanda Ariza
Amy Morales Baum
Audrey Brooks
Courtney Arevalo
D McAnally
Emily Singleton

Ginger Sandweg
Ian Goldstein
Jacqueline Gencarelle
Jessie Merrill
Kathy Ber
Kristen Levi
Melanie Richards
Sherry Haskins

Minutes

1. Call to Order at 10:32am by Sonia Samaniego
 - a. Attendance taken by Sonia Samaniego
 - b. General Housekeeping by Sonia Samaniego
2. Read Public Member Notice read by Sonia Samaniego
3. Minute Approval from Previous Meeting from March 28, 2024
 - a. Motion to approve by Lana Graber
 - b. Second by Charlene May
 - i. Stacy Reinstein - Aye
 - ii. Amber Neubauer - Aye
 - iii. Dana Hutchings - Aye
 - iv. Charlene May - Aye
 - v. Stephanie Collier - Aye
 - vi. Olivia Lindly - Aye
 - vii. Kendra Benedict - Aye
 - viii. Lana Graber - Aye
 - ix. Christina Quast - Aye
 - x. Sonia Samaniego - Aye
 - xi. Motion passed at 10:41am
4. Family Story
 - a. Tanya Goitia introduced Jessie Merrill presenting Grace Merrill family story
5. Educational Topic (Sonia Samaniego)
 - a. Ian Goldstein - Co-Founder and CEO and Amanda Ariza - VP of Clinical Operations at Soar Autism Center
 - i. Soar Introduction and ESDM overview
 1. ESDM: blends ABA with developmental/relationship science
 2. Integrated Care: ESDM, ABA, OT, ST
 - ii. 5 centers in AZ

- iii. ESDB
 - 1. Learning through play and everyday routines
 - 2. Curriculum focused on foundational skills
 - 3. Focus on relationships
 - 4. Teaching strategies using ABA format
- b. Audrey Brooks - Certified Teacher / Desert Voices
 - i. Non profit school
 - ii. Focuses on listening and spoken language (LSL)
 - iii. Serve children and caregivers from birth to mainstream kindergarten, have hearing loss, wear a hearing device, and have chosen spoken language as their primary method of communication
 - iv. Services; parent coaching, JumpStart, Toddler Class, Preschool
- 6. Discussion Items/topics (Sonia Samaniego)
 - a. ICC Updates -
 - i. committee vice-chair nominations
 - 1. bring nominations for vice chair of any subcommittee to the ICC
 - 2. Stephanie Collier shared that the transition committee has voted on a chair and vice chair:
 - a. Chair - Kyle Hammond
 - b. Vice Chair - Camille Verdugo
 - 3. Family engagement committee shared they will discuss at their next meeting in August
 - 4. Development committee shared they discussed the Vice Chair role and had a question regarding ICC Council member status and if someone is not an ICC member or are still in renewal status, can they serve as Vice Chair.
 - a. Lisa Vallee shared if they are appointed and in renewal status, they can serve as Vice Chair
 - b. Lana Graber shared those that appointed by the Chair to be on committees are able to serve in any capacity for the committee
 - c. Development Committee has 2 nominees for Vice Chair:
 - i. Amy Munoz
 - ii. Melissa Busby
 - ii. pending applications for membership
 - 1. Lisa Vallee shared an update on pending applications. If term has expired, the member can continue in their role
 - a. Melissa Busby
 - b. Aanya Metrokos
 - c. Ariel Sansom
 - d. Amy Munoz
 - e. Kelly Lalan
 - f. Stephanie Collier
 - g. Alison Lucas
 - b. Fiscal Committee Update by Amber Neubauer
 - i. Working on creating a formal ICC budget
 - ii. Will be reaching out to subcommittee's for input
 - c. Development Committee Update by Ariel Sansom

- i. Will be looking at the composition of ICC and subcommittees and will be focusing on recruiting to ensure diversity
 - ii. Proposed idea of creating one page information flyers for each of the subcommittees
 - iii. Looking forward to working with fiscal and family engagement committees
 - iv. Looking into any barriers to participation that may exist
 - d. Family Engagement Committee Update by Tanya Goitia
 - i. Continue to discuss community feedback
 - 1. Regularly receive shoutouts to Lisa Vallee for all of her outreach in the community
 - ii. Focusing on how to better engage community providers and families
 - 1. Proposed idea of creating at a glance documents
 - 2. ICC facebook page currently has 475 followers
 - a. <https://www.facebook.com/azearlychildhoodICC>
 - b. ICC members: a reminder to please submit a biography of yourself to post on the ICC facebook page. Email them to ICCsocialmedia@icc.gov
 - c. Please send any Early Childhood Content Ideas (community events, resources, articles, etc to iccsocialmedia@azdes.gov
 - e. Transition Committee Update by Stephanie Collier
 - i. Transition meeting script and agenda approved. AzEIP office is reviewing
 - ii. The Quality Practices Workgroup is focusing on quality transitions from AzEIP
 - 1. Working on a checklist for supervisors to use when sitting in on transition meetings
 - iii. Compliance Workgroup is focusing on assisting AzEIP with compliance issues around transitions.
 - 1. Have received feedback from Service Coordinators that it can be difficult when school staff changes.
 - a. Recommendation for all school districts to have a standardized email address that transition information is sent to
 - 2. Looking at how we can get transition information out to others in the community.
 - a. IDEA conference in the fall
 - 3. Proposed Idea to work on a presentation that can be shared out in the community

7. AzEIP Updates b the AzEIP Team

- a. Public Report on Service Providing Agency Performance available soon
- b. Service Providing Agency annual Determination Letters will be publicly available by the end of June
- c. State 2024 Annual Determination by OSEP will also be announced by end of June
- d. AzEIP Grant Application submitted to OSEP
- e. Updating Memorandum of Understanding with Early Head Start
- f. Transition Agenda and Script are being reviewed by AzEIP
- g. AzEIP Request for Assistance from ICC
 - i. Increase meaningful parent engagement
 - 1. Dana suggested usings text messaging program to get forum information out to families

- ii. Child Find
 - 1. Propose creating a new committee to focus on child find
 - a. Amber Neubauer and Dana Hutchings responded in chat that this is a good idea
- iii. Improving Early Intervention Results for Families and Children/Child Outcomes
 - 1. Could this be incorporated into the transition committee
- h. ICC Member Orientation
 - i. Completed Consensus poll today for scheduling the ICC Orientation at the end of June
 - ii. Orientation will be scheduled after reviewing the results of the poll
- 8. Action/follow up:
 - a. Review AzEIP Request for Assistance from ICC and bring to committees and ICC executive committee for discussion
- 9. Public Comment:
 - a. Kyle Hammand: In regards to creating a Child Find committee, I would like to propose consideration for naming it something other than child find.
 - b. Amy Morales Baum: I love listening in and learning from these meetings. Thank you. I am w/ First Things First. Looking at the bigger picture, there are conversations happening in the community regarding child find. I urge the ICC to reach out to other partners who are also working on this and to look at the bigger picture when trying to find solutions and reaching out to community partners. One example, First Things First is working on a flyer for families who do not qualify for AzEIP services
 - c. Courney Arevalo: I am a parent and mother to a 2 year old who is turning 3 over the summer. My child is receiving AzEIP services and is medically complex. We have started the transition process out of AzEIP. I had a very frustrating experience with transition and would like to share my story in hopes to impact positive change
 - i. Lisa Vallee provided her contact information. Can assist with coordinating a meeting with AzEIP, ADE, and mom to share her experience
- 10. Schedule Next Meeting: September 26, 2024 10:30am-1:00pm
- 11. Adjourned at 12:20pm by Sonia Samaniego

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