



Supporting Head Start quality today, impacting Arizona's tomorrow!

**Arizona Head Start Association
February 17, 2022
Meeting Minutes**

<p>I. Call Board Meeting to Order</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roll Call for Quorum • Action Item: Approve November Board Minutes 	<p>Patti Kirkland– AzHSA Vice President</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting to order at 9:04 am • Approve November Board Minutes First motion: Erin Lyons Second Motion: Charity Russell • Motion Passed 9:09 am <p>Jessica Rivera Garcia – AzHSA Director</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roll call – Quorum met
<p>II. Treasurer’s Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action Item: Approve Financial Report 	<p>Shandeen Gomez - AZHSA Treasurer</p> <p>Review of Reports</p> <p>Action Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial report First motion: Mindy Zapata Second Motion: Diana Howsden • Motion Passed 9:13 am <i>*Zoom poll was not able to be captured, motion for approval was sent on email to board members on 2/18/22- 14 votes were received**</i>
<p>III. OHS Region IX Report</p>	<p>Andrea Harvey and Shirley Karrer- Region IX OHS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highlighted masking, In-person visits should begin • If two or more people in a HS owned or leased vehicle masks are required • Indoors all 2 years or older • Exceptions as by ADA, when children napping, when eating or drinking, special health conditions • Vaccination requirements: All staff, volunteers, and those who work directly and provide direct service to children regardless of funding source • Exemptions available for medical conditions or sincerely held religious beliefs (should have process in place) • Testing requirements for any granted such an exemption • Should have written protocols around this • Programs should be prepared regardless of outcome of injunction • Virtual and remote services are still an interim service delivery strategy • Programs continue to struggle with enrollment for various reasons, and as of January 2022 paused tracking and monitoring of enrollment

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enrollment in AZ has stayed more stable, most programs are about 70% or more enrollment which is consistent or better than national data • EHS enrollment saw a dip in January • Prioritize staff wellness- IM Issued 9/27/21 • Will be discussed at school readiness calls • Strategies listed in power point • Build Back Better- \$450B in total funding and \$15B to increase compensation of HS workforce over six years • Mandating full enrollment of HS before creating additional Pre-K slots • Transportation IM- supports strategies to mitigate the spread of Covid 19 (Review if your program provides transportation services) • 2022Poverty Guidelines released • Federal reviews may be approached in a hybrid fashion (in-person and virtual) • Virtual CLASS pilot is being considered • List of items to be prepared to address in reviews shared in power point • Consider waivers that may be needed before a review • OHS will be conducting a CARES Act Funding Study • Continue to engage with Upcoming National TTA Activities (Enrollment Forward: Intentional Workforce, New Director Mentor Initiative, ERSEA Institute, Arizona Coaching Network)
IV. ADE/HSSCO Update Report	<p>Lori Masseur – HSSCO Director</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partnership with DES Child Care Administration allows for more access to quality preschool programming • All eligible sites will get an email tomorrow • Website will be run by DES, but Az Dept of Education will oversee the programming • Informational meetings will be happening in English and Spanish • Child Care Gap Report done Fall 2020 • Study done to understand how AZ is leveraging ECE resources across funding streams • Partnership established to conduct Child Care Gap Part 2 and Fiscal map at municipality level • CLSD Grant to support early literacy and support to early childhood educators in the science of teaching reading moving forward • Legislation Passed to use KEA Assessment across the state dependent on funding/ looking forward to next tool • Will be funded the next two years will be funded by the Governor’s Office • Questions to be collected and sent to Lori
V. Region IX Report	<p>Patti Kirkland- AZHSA Vice President</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This item was not discussed
VI. Build Back Better Update	<p>Lauren Zbyszinski- The Hunt Institute</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1.75T passed the House on November 2021

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Care-creation of copayment system and sliding fee scale • Language changed to include mixed delivery options • Universal Pre-K for 3 and 4 Year old children • Governor will need to designate a lead agency if they don't opt out • States will attest that they have developed program standards • AZ governor did participated in meetings around BBB early education components, did not happen in all states • Pay Parity a focus • What was passed in November will not be what we see as a final product • Final Product is still to be determined • In discussion in the Senate, but official language not created • Early Childhood Education Components of BBB may be pulled out separately and renamed • This makes support for Early Childhood Education Components nondependent on other parts of the original BBB bill • You can: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact your Senators and State Representatives with data • Engage in gubernatorial campaigns • Support and share professional pathways • Encourage parents to get involved • Sign onto NAEYC's Letter of Support • Universal Pre-K efforts will strive to add to existing state programs, not replace them • Lauren will send templates to Jessica to support conversations with legislatures for families and early childhood professionals
VII. Lakeshore	<p>Andrea Dunlap and Patti Clark-Lakeshore</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lakeshore is growing in Az • New Regional Manager Scott Jones will support Northern Arizona counties • Taking learning outside-products to create outdoor classrooms that incorporate more indoor activities • Indoor/Outdoor Learning Activity Carts (Language and Literacy, Blocks and Builders, Math and Science) • Additional materials available to switch in and out of carts • Mobile Pre-School Furniture to make transitions easier for the workforce • Products created to support social/emotional development in response to needs created by pandemic including story telling kits • Products available to promote Family Engagement including Individual Learning Kits for specific age groups that include instruction cards for families
VIII. NHSA Winter Leadership Institute Report Out	<p>Executive Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NHSA asked for additional funds to support increased wages, mental health • Parents participated in visits • Staffers requested pictures and information around mental health initiatives we are rolling out • Invite legislators to visit your programs

<p>IX. President's/Executive Committee Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nominations and Elections Ad Hoc Committee 	<p>Patti Kirkland – AzHSA Vice President</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee needed to work on nominations and elections for President and Secretary Positions Nomination slate will complete in April Nominations to be presented in May Ballot will go out for voting in June via email New positions to be seated in August Mindy Zapata and Erin Lyons volunteered If you would like to volunteer reach out to Jessica or Patti
<p>IX. Adjourn</p>	<p>Patti Kirkland – AzHSA Vice President</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting adjourn at 11:05 am

Secretary Signature : *Jennifer L. Robinson*
Date that minutes were approved: 5/19/2022