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Meeting Notes

Arizona Head Start Association February 18, 2021 Virtual Format

AZHSA Board Meeting Time: 9:00AM-11:00AM

<p>I. Call Board Meeting to Order</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Roll Call for Quorum b. Action: Approve August Board Meetings Minutes 	<p>Eve DelReal-AZHSA President</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting Called to order at 9:05 am • Roll Call- Quorum Met • Motion to Approve November Meeting Minutes: Kim Pollins • Second to Approve November Meeting Minutes: Sonya Montoya • November Meeting Minutes Approved 9:10am
<p>II. Treasurer's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Action Item: Approve Financial Report b. Audit Summary and Policy Changes 	<p>Natalie Alvarez</p> <p>A. Action Item</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to Approve Financial Report: Charity Russel • Second to Approve Financial Report: Erin Lyons • Financial Report Approved 9:13 am <p>B. Audit Summary and Policy Changes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to add federal language to the Fiscal Manual. • You will receive changes along with a Summary Sheet before the May meeting where we will ask for approval of a Fiscal so that revision
<p>II. COVID 19 Vaccine and Immunization - Arizona Public Health Association</p>	<p>Will Humble- Executive Director, AzPHA</p> <p>Covid -- overview of distribution and where going in March AZ about 200,000 doses per week.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderna easier to hold 0 degrees • Johnson and Johnson -- approved emergency March 1. Have not made many doses as needed. 10mil made. Provides 3rd and more flexible option. Fridge vaccine (not frozen) can be held /stored more easily. Allows to bring to the people <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ One dose vaccine ○ As effective as others from keeping from dying ○ 72% effective compared to other 2 vaccines. They are better for prevention. <p>State health dept is told by CDC how many doses state is getting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently large distribution center is given Priority. Phx. • Creating huge health/vaccine disparity. (in AZ Rep) • Potentially -- Astrozenica and Novovax



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feds implemented a pilot program --Federal Pharmacy program -- vaccine delivered to these pharmacies -- keep going and not send these directly to the state. Continue sending to pharmacies. <p>Afraid to get the shot?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> U of A put together a good presentation explaining the vaccines -- Webinar <p>Staff cannot get appointments? What tell persons?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Go to neighborhood pharmacy (Walgreens). Do you have a waiting list? Volunteer to work at the vaccine distribution pods. Go to place at the end of the day. <p>Who to contact for advocacy ? Send letter -- County health dept have a volunteer website</p>
<p>III. Head Start State Collaboration Office (HSSCO) Update</p>	<p>Lori Masseur- ADE DAS DES MOU: recently reached back out and will be revisiting in the next month or so to work on outreach for full day care. Moe & Lori are part of NHSA MOU Workgroup. Peer learning exchange on various aspects of MOUs (ex: data sharing) Reviewing sample MOUs to craft for future and review. Moe thanked Lori for her active participation on the NHSA workgroup. Moe shared it's the AZHSA committees that are doing so much work on the MOUs. WIC MOU is still being used. PFCE helping with Child Safety MOU.</p> <p>MOU Survey to ascertain what MOUs are in existence for understanding and topics from Grantees. what are the LEAs that you have a relationship with and what does it cover. What Technical Assistance do you need? Want to help support through those barriers, but need to know what those are.</p> <p>Homeless Education: Jessica Rivera has been working on targeted goals and providing support. Patsy Rethor-Larsen have been sharing resources and Performance Standards. Working on a Homeless Cross walk. Different definitions for homelessness across state agencies and has developed a cross walk to help with greater supports and knowledge. All McKinney Vento Liaisons have been shared and matched with contacts for future distribution to start connecting with Head Start Grantees.</p> <p>Legislative Updates: HB2015 - no objections on the consent calendar. its in its 3rd reading to see if it moves forward by a vote. May move into the senate if passed. SB1572: Kindergarten Entry evaluation tool to be used within 1st 45 days. Formative assessment. All certificated teachers in the state</p>



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	<p>would be required to undergo a Literacy Assessment - inclusive of ECE.</p> <p>Literacy Grant Funds: q&a - distribution percentages were determined by the Federal DOE. May be some overlap if you are part of a K-5 program on campus where ECE is being encouraged to be included.</p>
<p>IV. First Things First – Quality First Update</p>	<p>Michelle Golis- Alma Quintana</p> <p>Where have we been? Oversees a QF Advisory Committee and updates have been given to us from the past from Alma. 20 members inclusive of diverse and technical members. Meeting focused on current COVID needs: everyone had gone virtual - how could QF help? Assessors could still help virtually. Help needed with data and implementing guidelines from national and state guidance that was changing daily. Informal assessment and direction with an upgraded tool focused on current needs. (august - October) This group is not a decision-making body, but are there to share perspectives to help ftf leadership on how to help support programs and how to shape some of our thinking on shaping QF systems and programming. Nov/Dec was participants wanted coaches back on-site because they needed help. Focused on working with grant partners to meet those needs. Increasing covid numbers helped them to focus on a system focus - can't stay in this crisis. Focused on on-boarding and staff engagement due to very high turnover rates at the participant levels.</p> <p>Where are we Now? Working on a new staff orientation video. What is working in QF - what would you change? Making the assessment process a little less stressful. Relationships are working. Designation of quality and what does it mean. Deep rooted relationships are seen and felt - teachers are on the floor and engaged - lesson plans day-to-day - its the heart behind the work, but how do you assess that. Are we still assessing the right things? Shifting back from some of the temporary modifications put in place.</p> <p>Next Steps: speaking about general vs. specialized assistance. Working on getting back to QF as it was intended. Working with 4 agencies who have not met the benchmarks for reopening. Formal assessment for rating resuming for the future. Is the assessment process picking up the right indicators of quality. Timeline on formal assessment will be shared. 77% of QF programs currently open, but those numbers have fluctuated greatly.</p> <p>Progress Updates: Quality First Redesign Project will be ending this year. Its purpose was to inform any changes for the future.</p>



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<p>V. President's/Executive Committee Reports a. Lakeshore PD Outcome and Reminder</p>	<p>Eve DelReal Lakeshore Trainings have been a great success. Next training is at capacity. Positive feedback has been received by participants.</p>
<p>VI. Region 9 HSA Report Out</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amy Corriveau • Natalie Alvarez & Marcela Gadbury have been elected to the Region 9 Board. • Dr. Bergeron has joined the NHSA organization: Deputy Director of Community Engagement. • STEM Conference is open for registration. • NHSA Leadership conference is open for registration. • Moe organizes all of the Winter Leadership Conference congressional visits. They will be conducting these visits virtually. • Leadership especially encouraged to attend. Membership and Participation - 61% rate in AZ. Mostly because of our Tribal participation. Az. is the lowest in the region.
<p>VII. Old Business/New Business/Announcements a.</p>	<p>Announcement: Department of Ophthalmology requesting parent participation in a survey for children who wear glasses. Please reach our if families are interested. \$25.00 gift card at the end for some who participate.</p>
<p>VIII. Lakeshore Presentation</p>	<p>Andrea Dunlap</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very excited about the collaboration on Professional Development Training. • New catalogs and updates are coming out. Hard copies may be a little delayed, but most resources are accessible on the website. • HS/EHS catalog is online as well Infant/Toddler Catalog. Correlations online for Az. Learning Standards & Ecers. • Learning Guides and Kits have been developed for all age groups. • No Share Kits also available that are easily sanitized and portable. • Mobile Furniture has been launched for ECE.
<p>IX. Adjourn</p>	<p>Eve DelReal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting Adjourned

~ Save The Date - Next Quarterly Meeting May 20, 2021~