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AHSA Quarterly Meeting
Standing Committee Agenda & Meeting Minutes
Meeting Date: February 18, 2016
Meeting Time: 1:45-3:00pm
Meeting Location: Black Canyon Conference Center

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Michelle Thornton, Toni Limbrick, Carla Ramsey – PGCCS; Tami Philips and Glenda Henman - Maricopa County Head Start; Laurie Keay - WACOG; Brenda Bagger and Lisa Adams - Southwest Human Development; Tracy Plank and Stephanie Collier - City of Phoenix; Nadia Wietzle - Child Crisis Arizona; Maria Pimentel – CPLC; Suzie Perry - ADE; Nicole Russell – ADE/HSCO; Julia Lancaster - Catholic Charities West Side Head Start, Kathy Coloma – Data Manager, AzEIP

NEXT QUARTERLY COMMITTEE MEETING: May 2016

Location: To Be Determined

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION/RECOMMENDATION	PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE/ PRESENTER
I. Call to Order & Welcome	Meeting called to order at 1:45 Committee attendees introduced themselves to one another	Michelle Thornton
II. Adoption of Agenda	Motion to adopt made by Carla, second by Glenda, all in favor, adopted.	Michelle Thornton
III. Approval of Minutes	Motion to approve made by Nadia, second by Lisa, all in favor, approved.	Michelle Thornton
IV. HSSCO Update	Nicole introduced Suzie to the group, Suzie provided her background: is a special education teacher, has taught preschool, self-contained for autism and emotional disorders, has been a monitoring specialist for ADE, and professional development for autism evidenced based practices and increasing capacity. Amazing resources on autism are now available on the ADE website. Suzie will walk committee members through these resources at an upcoming meeting.	Nicole Russell



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Early Access to Care – Dr. Robin Bliss, Phoenix Children's Hospital
Mandatory members of committee include a pediatrician, the school district, and a member of AzEIP. ADOS – Autism Diagnosis Observation Scale is the tool that is being used by the team to support the identification of a diagnosis. There is a link on the ADE website with more information on this initiative. Another resource available is a video clip with comparisons of typically developing children and children with diagnosed with autism. Participating communities at this time are: Casa Grande, Flagstaff, Lake Havasue, Maricopa, Pinetop, Lakeside, Prescott Valley, Tucson, and Yuma. This program is designed to link school, medical, and AzEIP providers.

- Information from the Kindergarten Summit is available on the ADE website, including handouts and power point presentations

Upcoming ADE Events

- April 5th & 6th Summit on Supporting the Young Learner with Special Needs at the Glendale Civic Center
- May 11th – 13th collaborating with the City of Phoenix to provide the Infant Toddler Summit – open to public
- June 8th, 9th, and 10th - Summer Institute in Prescott. There will be multiple tracks available in family engagement, Standards, and special education.

Newsletters – Opportunities to be informed

- GOLD Nuggets
- Early Childhood Education
- Preschool Grant Development

Upcoming work at the department includes

- The Kindergarten Project
- Becoming a Pyramid State
- Meeting on positive behavior supports with Dr. Dan Davison is pending, more information to come



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V. AzEIP Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lending leadership support and building collaboration with other DES programs, particularly the child care administration to work with children with challenging behaviors to eliminate expulsions and utilize resources.• Working on State Systemic Improvement Plan which is ever ongoing• Discussion on readability of hand written IFSP and meeting family needs, including family driven outcomes and how the family is supported in planning activities to meet the outcomes• Discussion on Expulsion – ADE & AzEIP held meetings to problem solve and make recommendation for policies on expulsion for child care that encompass utilizing resources and support for improving children's social emotional well-being. Previous policy specified 48 hour notice and there were causes for immediate expulsion. The committee developed some specifics outlining reasons for expulsion that did not directly link to child behavior as an immediate consequence. There is not a national policy that regulates restraint and seclusion. There is a lot of information that as been published about restraint and seclusion and many national organizations have published statements and/or recommendations. This is a major training issue and hot topic in early care and education at this time.• AzEIP proposed changes are currently out for public comment. Currently service coordinators and DSI are required to have a Bachelor's degree. If approved by federal government, newly hired DSIs after 7/1/16 will be required to have a Master's degree. Others will be grandfathered in and encouraged to pursue additional education.	Kathy Coloma
VI. Professional Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Save the date: ITMHCA 16th Annual Institute: From Risk to Resilience• Save the date: DEC Spring Conference April 9th – Trainer from ACES on Trauma Informed Care, more information to come soon.	Committee Members
VII. Adjournment	The committee adjourned at 3:20	