



Arizona Head Start Association

Disabilities & Mental Health Committee Meeting Agenda & Minutes

Date: April 18, 2024 Time: 1:00 – 2:30 pm	Location: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83425351927?pwd=aEpjaVFCdEN1aVc2bzdzJRHxb1Jidz09 Meeting ID: 834 2535 1927 Passcode: 339141		
Committee Chair: Ana Herron-Valenzuela Committee Vice Chair: Rosemary Sigala (excused from the meeting)			
<u>COMMITTEE HEAD START MEMBERS PRESENT:</u>			
Alhambra Head Start:	Catholic Charities West Side Head Start: Clarissa Tudela	Chicanos Por La Causa: Paola DeCarlo	Child Crisis Arizona: Bailey Justice
Child-Parent Centers:	City of Phoenix: Ana Herron-Valenzuela	Deer Valley Head Start:	Fowler Head Start:
Greater Phoenix Urban League Head Start:	Maricopa County: Deserie Hightower - Inclusion Raechel James – Mental Health Associate	Northern Arizona Council Of Government:	Pinal Gila Community Child Service: Toni Limbrick
Southwest Human Development: Lisa Adams	Urban Strategies:	Washington Head Start:	Western Arizona Council of Government:
<u>COMMITTEE COMMUNITY PARTNER MEMBERS PRESENT:</u> Lisa Valle - AzEIP State-wide Community Relations Liaison Priscilla Sachs – ADE Early Childhood Inclusion Specialist			

COMMITTEE HEAD START & COMMUNITY PARTNER MEMBERS ABSENT: Rosemary Sigala, Stephanie Collier, Maria Pimentel, John Kim, Belinda Herrera, Carina Brokamp, Tessa Brock, Lisa Acuna, Maegan Van Wyck,

Erica Melies, Tami Philips, Erika Argueta, Alexis Horne

GUEST/VISITOR:

Jessica Jimmerson – AzEIP Policy Analyst

Annie Converse – AzEIP Data Manager

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: There will be no D & MH Committee Meeting in May because of the AZHSA General Member Meeting on May 16, 9-12 pm. Registration Link: <https://azheadstart.org/registration.php>

The next committee meeting is scheduled for June 20, 2023, 1-2:30 pm

Topic	Presenter	Minutes
1) Call Meeting to order & Agenda Revision	Ana	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Call to order at 1:02 pm
2) Committee Updates (<i>election, request for support, etc</i>) Welcome new committee members: 1. Bailey Justice with Child Crisis AZ 2. Raechel James with Maricopa County, Mental Health Associate Recruit for a new Committee Vice Chair Committee Chair's Term ends in August		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introductions • Rosemary will be stepping down as committee Vice Chair. Please let Ana know if you are interested, we will hold an election in June. • We must hold the Chair elections in August. Please email Ana with questions/share your interest in volunteering. • See Committee Chair and Vice Chair Roles & Responsibilities PDF

<p>3) Strategic Plan Committee Goal:</p> <p>MOU between ADES & AzEIP and ADE & AZHSA</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MOU expires on 10/16/2025; AzEIP will propose a new draft and then have AZHSA review. • https://azheadstart.org/pdfs/DM20-004059_AzEIP_EHS_MOU.pdf • Need to know AzEIP providers that align with the MOU/IGA in place with LEAs in your service area. Please fill in the AzEIP provider or email Ana the names. • MOU IGA in place with LEAs (excel attachment) • AZHSA, AzEIP, and ADE are trying to coordinate an in-person meeting between all MOU parties during the November 21, 2024, AZHSA General Member Meeting, which will take place in the Phoenix Metro area. 																						
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		<p>Clarissa Tudela with CC Westside received guidance from OHS Brenda Mann that children with private therapy services qualify towards the 10 percent. This has never been the guidance, per documents on the ECLKC website and HSPPS. https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/publication/what-know-about-10-eligibility-requirement</p> <p>From ECLKC (updated 3/20/2024)</p> <p>How do I calculate our program's percentage?</p> <p>The Head Start Act states that at least 10% of a program's actual enrollment be filled by children who are eligible for IDEA services. A program's 10% enrollment is calculated based on the cumulative number of IDEA-eligible children served over the program year divided by the actual number of children enrolled.</p> <p>Does a child need to have an Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) or Individual Education Program (IEP) to count towards our program's 10% requirement?</p> <p>No, a child does not need to have an IFSP or IEP to count towards a program's 10%, as long as the child was evaluated for IDEA eligibility and determined to be eligible. If a child receives an eligibility evaluation and is found eligible but the family does not consent to IDEA services, the child still counts toward the 10% requirement.</p> <p>Does a child who is waiting for an eligibility evaluation count towards our program's 10% requirement?</p> <p>No, children who are waiting for an evaluation or are in the evaluation process do not count toward the 10% requirement.</p>
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5) Community Updates	Ana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • none
6) Adjourn	Ana	Meeting adjourned at 1:52 pm
Minutes taken by: Ana Herron-Valenzuela		