



Disabilities & Mental Health Committee Meeting Agenda & Minutes

Date: July 6, 2023 Time: 1:00 – 2:30 pm	Location: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86459578167?pwd=Ti94YzMwNkw3QXR2N2FhVzhIMzdMdz09 Meeting ID: 864 59578167 Passcode: 464824		
Committee Chair: Ana Herron-Valenzuela Committee Vice Chair: Rosemary Sigala			
<u>COMMITTEE HEAD START MEMBERS PRESENT:</u>			
Alhambra Head Start:	Catholic Charities West Side Head Start:	Chicanos Por La Causa: Maria Pimentel and Paola Ayala	Child Crisis Arizona:
Child-Parent Centers:	City of Phoenix: Stephanie Collier	Deer Valley Head Start:	Fowler Head Start:
Greater Phoenix Urban League Head Start:	Maricopa County:	Northern Arizona Council of Government: Maegan Van Wyck	Pinal Gila Community Child Service: Toni Limbrick and Richelle Kimura
Southwest Human Development:	Urban Strategies:	Washington Head Start:	Western Arizona Council of Government: Kayla Hernandez
<u>COMMITTEE COMMUNITY PARTNER MEMBERS PRESENT:</u> Tami Phillips – ADE Early Childhood Special Education Specialist Erica Melies, AzEIP State-wide Quality Improvement Manager			

COMMITTEE HEAD START & COMMUNITY PARTNER MEMBERS ABSENT:

Rosemary Sigala, Marilyn O’Toole, Lisa Adams, Deserie Hightower - Inclusion, Patricia Iniguez – Mental Health (last day in position June 2023), Carina Brokamp, Khadijah Daniels (last day in position 7/6/2023), Clarissa Tudela

Suzie Perry – Director Early Childhood Special Education Arizona 619 Coordinator
Erika Argueta – ADE Early Childhood Special Education Specialist

GUEST/VISITOR:

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: Thursday, August 3 → 1:00-2:30 pm

Topic	Presenter	Minutes
1) Call Meeting to order & Agenda Revision	Ana	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1:05 pm
2) Committee Updates	Ana	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sent information to Jessica for the annual report• Will be updating the D & MH Quarterly Newsletter - Summer for Executive Board, due July 31, 2023, to Jessica.• Will start to use a new email address for committee work: dmh@azheadstart.org• Look out for a new Zoom Meeting Invite/link for monthly meetings
3) Strategic Plan Committee Goal:	Ana	<p>Long Range Goal 6: Through effective and appropriate inclusionary practices, close the learning gap between typically developing children and children with identified special needs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• AzEIP Child Outcomes Summary for this year will be available on July 10. Suzie sent over:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Arizona 2022 Part C Child Outcomes data○ National 2020-2021 Child Outcomes for Part C and Part B• Suzie suggested we look at Federal Reporting Categories for Child Outcomes Data “an important aspect to consider when we are talking about growth.” See PDF Attachment in email.• Erica Melies might be able to get this data for us.

+ Per Erica, Annie Converse will share data – kconverse@azdes.gov with D & MH Committee. Email and CC Erica on the communication.

Still Need

1. TSG data from each HS program
 2. School Readiness Social Emotional Data from each HS program
- What is the best way to collect this information from individual programs?
What is our deadline?

+ Maria:

Do we want data from each checkpoint or yearly? Summary Aggregation from CPLC has averages for each site.

What would be the best each checkpoint or yearly aggregation?
We can see trends within the program year from the checkpoint data.

Which program years? 2021-2022 and 2022-2023?

EHS/HS

Ana will create a survey to determine what programs separate out children with IFSP and which don't.

- Send out and give two weeks to complete → send results to the committee for review and have a discussion at the August meeting.

IEP, IFSP, Spanish vs. Dual Language.
EHS Center based vs. home base

Will decide what to collect as we go along, start small and then expand as needed with data collection.

Ana will update the IFSP/IEP/Social Emotional Recruitment Flyers to match changes made to the AZHSA Statewide Recruitment Flyer as they were update recently. Ana will email out to the committee for distribution. **To be completed by the end of July 31.**

<http://www.azheadstart.org/publications.php>

4) Head Start Community Updates	Ana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Radio Station La Onda – discuss how HS supports children that have experienced trauma and how families are supported/resources. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Needed: Phoenix Valley, Spanish speaker, July 6, or July 11 at 6 pm who can speak about this topic. <p>Let Jessica Rivera-Garcia know if you are available.</p>
5) Community Updates	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tami: ADE Conference is August 21-23. There is an Early Childhood Special Education Track – session throughout the day. Register asap. • ADE Team has strategic planning coming up Will cohort groups continue this coming year? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ESH/Preschool/AzEIP Contractors all in one cohort ○ State Leadership Pyramid Model for Arizona – members are all a part of the sped/administration • Lead Specialist – Tami Philips will move into position, hiring to fill her vacant position • Suize wanted us to know they will help us collect data for part of our strategic plan long-range goals. <p>Maria Pimentel: IDEA change – email from Raising Special Kids Tami: Not sure what it is.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update from Erica Melies: Part C Coordinator – Ena Binns has been in the position for a month now.
6) Committee Discussions		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maria P: met with Region 9 Coordinator because CPLC has not met their 10 percent. What is everyone doing to meet their 10 percent? <p>Committee discussed program-specific barriers and trends.</p> <p>Erica Melies: If problems with not receiving documentation after reaching out to the Service Providing Agency email AzEIPQualityImprovement@azdes.gov</p>

		<p>Reach out to supervisors as needed.</p> <p>AzEIP Contractors: https://des.az.gov/services/developmental-disabilities/early-intervention/find-service-providers</p> <p>DDD Unit Supervisors Veronica Clark, vclark@azdes.gov Sylvia Acosta, sylviaacosta@azdes.gov</p> <p>AzEIP is working on AzEIP/Head Start referral form to be rolled out. Stressing collaboration with DDD SC and asking for data points on referrals.</p> <p>Ana shared IFSP state-wide recruitment flyer with Erica Melies. She will look at it, it might work for the “At-a-Glance” flyer AzEIP has been asking for. Ana shared the link with Erica.</p> <p>AzEIP needs to know about specific examples/contractor agencies not complying with in-person evals and visits so the AzEIP Office can follow up directly. Reach out to the agency first and then the AzEIP office as needed. Do not be afraid of overwhelming the AzEIP office with this issue. They are looking at data, looking at trends, and addressing at an agency level.</p>
7) Adjourn	Ana	End meet at 2:15 pm
Minutes taken by: Ana Herron-Valenzuela		