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**AHSA Quarterly Meeting  
Standing Committee Agenda  
Integrated Health & Safety Committee**

DATE OF MEETING: 2/20/2020 Time: 1:30-3:00 PM		<p align="center"><b>***LOCATION OF GENERAL MEETING***:</b> Parsons Leadership Center 1611 E. Dobbins, Phoenix</p> <p align="center"><b>*****LOCATION OF HEALTH/SAFETY COMMITTEE*****</b> Educare Arizona 1300 N. 48<sup>th</sup> St., Phoenix</p>
COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Agueda Vela, Bari Nemeth, Carolyn Willmer, Chrisanda DeBois (by phone), Connie Morrison, Liz Hernandez, Lizzy Schounnard, Lydia Duarte, Marcia Archer, Margaret Velasco, Mariely Lopez, Marya Olmos, Selina McCabe-Charley,		
NEXT QUARTERLY COMMITTEE MEETING: August 20, 2020 (No May meeting because of the Nat. Head Start Conference in March) Location: Ak Chin Casino/Resort		
AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION/RECOMMENDATION	PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE/ PRESENTER
I. Call to Order & Welcome	Welcome and introductions	Carolyn Willmer
II. Adoption of Agenda	Approval of agenda: Bari motioned for approval; Chrisanda and Liz seconded. Agenda approved.	Carolyn Willmer
III. Approval of Minutes	Approval of minutes for 11/21/19: Chrisanda motioned for approval and Marsha seconded. Minutes approved.	Carolyn Willmer
IV. Mountain Park Health Center	Lizzy Schonnard shared information about the Mountain Park Clinic in Tempe. The clinic is "one-stop shopping" with a wide variety of services offered. Services include behavioral health, WIC, an in-house lab, dieticians, eligibility	Lizzy Schonnard Mountain Park Health Center

	<p>help for WIC and AHCCCS, school physicals (in July -August), immunizations, hearing and vision screening, etc. Families not eligible for AHCCCS can receive services on a sliding-free scale, based on income/# family members. Prices are for the whole visit, so there is a great incentive for families to have multiple services for each child at each visit. The Tempe Clinic now has Pediatric Dental exams, but children are referred to the Baseline Clinic for dental treatment.</p> <p>Chrisanda has seen the clinic, and commented on how lovely the clinic is, and how wonderful it is that so many services can be provided at one visit, for a set fee, no matter how many services are provided.</p>	
<p>V. AHSA Goals</p>	<p>AHSA Integrated Health and Safety Committee Strategic Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current Goals and PIR Data Sources</li> <li>• Data for AZ, Region 9, National</li> </ul> <p>The Chair created a new document covering the current goal and the 4 strategic priorities of the IH&amp;S Committee. This document provides a list of PIR data points used to measure the outcomes for each strategic priority. The document also outlines the formulas used to changes numbers into percentages; and compares AZ 2018-19 data with last year's data (AZ 2017-18) and Regional and National 2018-19 data.</p> <p>The document is called: <u>Guide to Data Collection and the Data Itself</u>.</p> <p>The committee chair pulled Head Start PIR data using only Region IX Head Start Programs, which excluded tribal programs in AZ, Region IX, and national numbers. In the future, tribal programs may be included in the assessment.</p> <p><b>Highlights of Current Goals</b></p> <p><b>Strategic Priority #1: Increase the number of children who receive well-child exams and treatment.</b> Arizona is slightly exceeding national numbers,</p>	<p>Carolyn Willmer</p>



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with 91% vs. 88%, respectively. Nationally, more children had current exams at enrollment than AZ (61% at enrollment vs. 37%, respectively). This means AZ Head Start Programs increased current well-child exams by 138%, compared to the 88% increase nationally.

AZ Head Start programs match the national average for treatment, with 92% of children identified with a chronic condition receiving treatment.

**Strategic Priority #2: Increase the number of children who are screened and received identified treatment (for development, behavior, and sensory) in a timely manner.** AZ is slightly below the national average on performing 45-day screenings, 86% screened vs. 87% screened, respectively.

The nationally and in AZ, the same percentage of children are identified as needing further assessment – 17%.

AZ ensures treatment for 99% of children with a diagnosed disability, slightly above the national average of 98%.

**Strategic Priority #3: Increase the number of children who receive growth assessments.** In AZ, 99% of children receive growth assessments, slightly above the national average of 98%. This measure, however, doesn't reflect activities to move children towards the normal weight range, or success in this area.

**Strategic Priority #4: Increase the number of children who receive dental exams.** In AZ, 85% of children received dental exams, and of those, 19%

	needed treatment. Of those children needing treatment, 85% received treatment. This compares favorably with national numbers: 81% received exams, and of the 13% needing treatment, 72% received treatment.	
VI. Strategic Plan for 2021-2026	The committee didn't have time to review the draft strategic plan, but it will be discussed at the next meeting.	
VII. Vision and Hearing Screening	<p>The group had an extremely intense discussion about the state requirement to screen children 3-5 years old using LEA charts, instead of using the technologically advanced screening equipment now available.</p> <p><b>POST-MEETING UPDATE:</b> Head Start programs can continue to perform vision screening with screening equipment, instead of the LEA charts. Head Start programs should follow Head Start guidelines instead. This is from Karen Woodhouse, the Arizona Vision Screening Initiative Director. Committee Chair note: I believe children who can't be screened by equipment (such as children already wearing glasses) should be screened using an alternative method, such as LEA Charts.</p>	Group
VIII. Committee Up-date:	<p>AHSA representation on the following state/regional committees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Obesity &amp; Food Insecurity: Maureen &amp; Chrisanda</li> <li>• State Hearing Rules: Meagan, Connie, Luz, Marcia, Gloria, &amp; Carol</li> <li>• Oral Health Coalition: Chrisanda, Marcia, &amp; Jordynt</li> <li>• Eye on Learning Committee: Chrisanda</li> <li>• Asthma Coalition: Liz</li> <li>• School Readiness Coalition: Liz</li> <li>• Lead Coalition: Marcia, Carol, Gloria, Luz, Connie, Liz, &amp; Carolyn</li> </ul>	All members
IX. Adjournment	Adjourned	Carolyn Willmer