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**AHSA Quarterly Meeting
Standing Committee Agenda & Meeting Minutes
Integrated Health & Safety
March 1, 2022**

DATE OF MEETING: March 1, 2022 Time: 2:30		LOCATION OF MEETING: VIRTUAL
COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:		
Marcia Archer	Carolyn Willmer	Alice Haverland
Margaret Velasco	Jessica Rivera Garcia	Jalyssa Jamille Smith
Chrisanda DeBois	Brooke Colvin	Connie Morrison
Bari Nemeth		
VISITORS:		
NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: April 5th 2:30 – 4:00 (First Tuesday of every month), virtual meeting.		
AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION/RECOMMENDATION	PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE/ PRESENTER
I. Welcome & Call to Order		Marcia Archer
II. Introductions	Subcommittee members and guests	Subcommittee
III. Approval of Minutes	The minutes from February 17, 2022 were reviewed. Motion to approve made by Connie, seconded by Margaret.	Subcommittee



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IV. Election of Chair	No one is currently willing to run for permanent chair. Marcia remains the current Chair.	Subcommittee
V. Health Data Survey	<p>Discussion of the purpose of the health data survey and discussion and revision of health data survey questions and PIR questions.</p> <p>The purpose of the HSSCO health survey is to quantify the impact of Head Start on children's health, and to measure improvement from year to year in the chosen markers of health. The goal is also to identify obstacles to health services and good health outcomes; and develop effective interventions to ensure children receive all necessary follow up care. The survey is specific to Head Start, not Early Head Start. The chosen markers of health are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • physicals • dentals and dental care • vision and hearing screening and follow up • immunizations. <p>The survey has been radically streamlined by significantly reducing the number of survey questions. The survey questions in some cases have been revised for clarity. Survey questions have also been revised to ensure collection of complete data.</p> <p>The subcommittee discussed vision and hearing screening referrals in detail. Most AZ Head Start grantees are using evidence-based vision screening equipment such as the SPOT screener. Children with a vision concern may be referred to their pediatrician or directly to a specialist. (Some AHCCCS plans require a pediatricians' referral.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some pediatricians won't do further evaluation but discourage the parent from seeking a specialist evaluation; this has been reported by Head Start staff. 	Carolyn Willmer Subcommittee



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some pediatricians may do an in-office vision test using more limited technology. For example, if a child screened using SPOT is referred for amblyopia, testing the child using a LEA chart will miss the amblyopia concern. <p>The subcommittee feels this issue needs more exploration. This issue can be included in the ongoing discussion with AHCCS about the problem of incomplete EPSDT exams.</p> <p>The subcommittee agreed: the issue of follow-up for children with possible hearing loss is less concerning. Pediatricians generally refer to audiologists or have an in-house audiologist who can appropriately evaluate children with possible hearing loss.</p> <p>Brooke alerted the subcommittee that some of the other AZHSA subcommittees also have surveys, and that it would be ideal to combine the surveys. The subcommittee agreed.</p> <p>Brooke also reminded the committee that data needs to be collected on why children don't get needed services. This could be included as a drop-down box added to each question. Perhaps each agency could pick the top 5 reasons, and also have an "other" box with space to explain.</p>	
<p>VII. Announcements Discussion</p>	<p>The subcommittee also discussed the HSSCO short-term goal of increasing staff access to (and utilization of) training on social-emotional development and family engagement. The subcommittee felt this item was best addressed by other subcommittees. Marcia and Carolyn will meet with Jessica to discuss this (Jessica had to leave the meeting early).</p>	<p>Subcommittee</p>



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VIII. Adjournment	Carolyn motioned to adjourn the meeting, Connie seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.	All Members
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