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

DATE OF MEETING: 8/22/19 Time: 1:30-3:00 PM		LOCATION OF MEETING: Westward Look Wyndham Resort 245 East Ina Road Tucson, Arizona 85704
COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Alice Haverland, Bari Nemeth (by phone), Carolyn Willmer, Connie Morrison, Liz Hernandez, Margaret Velasco, Martha Jimenez, Selina McCabe-Charley, Nicole Neal, Chrisanda Dubois, Lydia Duarte, Martha Jimenez, Amayely Bermudez, Alana Mozar, Jordan Bohrn, Callie Origer, Maria J Rascon, Eddie Estrada, Rocio Alman, Alma Quintana, Mariely Lopez, Marcela Zepeda		
NEXT QUARTERLY COMMITTEE MEETING: Date: November 21 Location: Pendergast Early Childhood Center		
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 Motion to approve by Liz Hernandez, seconded by Nicole Neal	Carolyn Willmer
III. Approval of Minutes	Approval of minutes for 5/16/19 Motion to approve by Liz Hernandez, seconded by Alice Haverland	Carolyn Willmer
IV. Presentation	Arizona Department of Health Services Sensory Screening Program – Equipment Loaner Program	Katherine Levandowsky

	<p>Effective 7/21/19, Arizona law now requires Arizona Department of Health Services (AzDHS) certification for persons doing vision and/or hearing screening, to ensure the quality of the screening. There are also new requirements for hearing screening trainers. AzDHS will be making information on trainers available soon, and will be offering free training sometime in October. Trainers will provide the training, but AzDHS will provide the certification.</p> <p>AzDHS has a sensory screening equipment loaner program which provides vision and hearing screening equipment which meet National Standards; pure tone audiometers, OAE screeners, and Vision Screeners (currently the SPOT screeners). To reserve and pick up equipment, individuals must be ADHS certified for vision and/or hearing screening.</p> <p>Further information about the Sensory Screening Program can be found on azdhs.gov and searching on the website for “sensory”.</p> <p>The committee chair will scan and email the packet of information on the sensory program to the committee.</p>	
<p>V. Committee Up-date:</p>	<p>AHSA is represented on the following state/regional committees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obesity & Food Insecurity: Maureen & Chrisanda • State Hearing Rules: Meagan, Connie, Luz, Marcia, Gloria, & Carol • Oral Health Coalition: Chrisanda, Marcia, & Jordyn • Eye on Learning Committee: Chrisanda • Asthma Coalition: Liz • School Readiness Coalition: Liz • Lead Coalition: Marcia, Carol, Gloria, Luz, Connie, Liz. 	<p>All Members</p>



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	<p>No updates on the committees from the last meeting. Carolyn Willmer reported on behalf of Chrisanda DeBois: she still needs vision data from Head Start grantees for the Eyes on Learning group., for the end of the school year. Information needed is the number of children screened, the number referred, and the number who received follow-up treatment. Chrisanda has only received data from one grantee.</p> <p>The Chairperson notes that she has sent Chrisanda's email out again.</p>	
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VII. AHSA goals and AHCCCS	<p>Nicole Neal reported on the meeting with the state AHCCCS office, which was attended by herself, Chrisanda DeBois, and Moe Gallegos.</p> <p>The group explained to AHCCCS that Head Start health requirements are AHCCCS requirements; Head Start EPSDT (Early, Periodic, Screening, Diagnosis, Treatment) requirements come directly from the AHCCCS EPSDT Schedule.</p> <p>Nicole reports that the state AHCCCS office couldn't provide any information about quality control efforts, and doesn't have any data on incomplete physical exams. Nicole asks the group to collect data on incomplete exams and other issues that come up with AHCCCS. Nicole and Chrisanda will compile the data and share with AHCCCS.</p>	Nicole Neal

	<p>Well-Child Expirations and EPSDT Schedule. It is AHCCCS policy that children should continue to follow the EPSDT schedule for well-child exams, even if they are late in one of their well-child exams. So for example, a child who is 2 months late getting their 12-month well-child exam should still get their 15-month well-child exam on schedule. Unfortunately, some providers are putting children on a delayed schedule. When this comes up, grantees should call the health plan EPSDT Coordinator for assistance, and also provide Nicole or Chrisanda the information about the individual case.</p> <p>Chairperson note: I think the committee needs to discuss how we can collect this data in usable formats to possibly compile across grantees and share with AHCCCS.</p> <p>The Committee Chair shared that the strategic 5-year plan will be revised, and asked committee members to think about any changes they would like to see and share that information with her before the next meeting, or with the group at the next meeting.</p> <p>Vision Screening and Doctor Follow Up Nicole Neal of City of Phoenix reports that City of Phoenix Head Start refers families directly to Nationwide following a failed vision screening, but that some families prefer to go to their pediatrician first. When this happens, some pediatricians dismiss the results Head Start reported about the SPOT screening. Nicole feels doctors are more likely to take the SPOT Vision Screener Results seriously if they are reported on the SPOT Vision Screener results form, rather than a Head Start form. This is anecdotal evidence, and its not really known what factors are involved in a successful referral outcome. However, at the Arizona Children’s Vision Forum in May, it was reported that there is a lack of understanding in the medical community about the importance of vision screening and the prevalence of vision problems in young children.</p>	Carolyn Willmer
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<p>VIII. Sharing and Questions</p>	<p>BICYCLE HELMETS Bari Nemeth asked about children wearing helmets with tricycles, as she has a child who has an IHP for a helmet, and the cost of all children wearing helmets is prohibitive.</p> <p>Members of the committee report that supervised tricycle use is an extremely safe activity, and that requiring helmets for all children is unnecessary. One grantee is educating parents about helmet safety for bicycle use, and allowing children to bring their own helmets to use at Head Start.</p> <p>MEASLES One committee member asked about parents and siblings participating in EHS socializations, and what to do when you don't know their immunization status. No one had an answer to this question, other than to suggest sharing immunization and outbreak information with parents. Immunize.org has lots of information, including Unprotected People Stories. The information is in English, but most parents in Arizona who prefer not to immunize are English-speaking.</p> <p>BANNER HEALTH Banner Health no longer allows doctors to do pro bono exams for Head Start, and is no longer using medical and dental students to assist. Banner does have clinics that will do free or sliding fee services, and Banner is now also operating some mobile dental clinics.</p>	<p>All Members</p>

IX. Adjournment	Adjourned	Carolyn Willmer
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