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**AHSA Quarterly Meeting
Standing Committee Agenda & Meeting Minutes
Parent, Family & Community Engagement Committee
Thursday, November 16, 2017**

Time: 1:45-3:15		LOCATION OF MEETING: Pendergast Conference Center 3802 N. 91 st Ave. Phoenix, AZ 85037
COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:		
Gloria Andrade	Marcia Flores	Maribel Viera
Katrina Relph-Mueller	Leticia Guzman	Liz Hernandez
Latrishia Centers	Phyllis Aro-Trejo	Marilou Garcia
Nina Williams	Nadia McKernan	Sonya Montoya
NEXT QUARTERLY COMMITTEE MEETING: 2.16.18		
AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION/RECOMMENDATION	PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE/PRESENTER
I. Call to Order & Welcome	Welcome and Introductions of new members	Latrishia Centers
II. Discussion Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligibility: Public Assistance • McKinney Vento: change to Homelessness 	Members discussed the following items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does anyone have guidance regarding the eligibility piece about public assistance or if a family would be eligible for public assistance? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Some programs in Az. Have googled a listing of the programs in Az. Considered Public Assistance programs and are using the eligibility letters of families, or information concerning those who have either applied or are on the programs waiting list. The award letter families receive from DES is being used by programs as income verification in lieu of other income documents. Nina from SWHD will email a list to Latrishia for distribution to members. • Info. sharing: there was a change in the Act and we can no longer count children awaiting foster care placement as homeless. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Questions and discussion took place between members concerning children who are wards of the state & Kinship Care placements. Members agreed to 	Committee Members



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	<p>invite a Homeless School Liaison to speak to the changes in the Act at our next meeting. Latrisha will reach out to a connection she has, and Katrina can be called on for another contact should that person not be available.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation Challenges for families 	
III. HSCCO/AHSA Goals & Objectives	Discussion was tabled to the next meeting.	Latrisha Centers
IV: Parent Success Stories	Members took part in sharing some very meaningful success stories concerning parents & grandparents in the program.	Committee Members
VI. Announcements/Networking <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FDC Program Update • Program Sharing 	<p>M.A.N. C.A.V.E. (Men All Need to be Caring, Actively-Engaged, Vested & Encouraged) 2018 Fatherhood Summit – Phoenix Convention Center, April 19-20, 2018 – Free registration!!! Flyer will be shared by Dec 2018.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A statewide invitation will be shared with all programs & asked to be distributed. Open to anyone – men, women, staff, community partners. <p>City of Phoenix will be opening a new classroom February 2018 in a housing area. An RFP will be issued for City of Phoenix preschool slots in their existing service area. General Information sessions will be offered.</p> <p>Social/Emotional Development programs currently being offered through Phoenix Children's Hospital – "Mindful Me" program that is free of charge. City of Phoenix is also piloting another program on mindfulness/meditation starting January that does have a fee. Latrisha will get more information out to programs.</p> <p>February Meeting Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Success Stories • Recruitment Subcommittee Update • Homeless School Liaison Update 	Committee Members
VI: Old Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Out of Service Waivers • Phoenix ERSEA Flyer 	<p>Agreement between Grantees for out of service waivers- no approval required from region</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nina will forward a draft letter to Latrisha so that a standard letter may be considered for use by all Arizona programs. 	Latrisha Centers
VI: Adjourn		Latrisha Centers