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**AHSA Quarterly Meeting
 Standing Committee Agenda & Meeting Minutes
 (Parent, Family and Community Engagement)
 (February 19th , 2021)**

DATE OF MEETING: 02/19/2021 Time: 9-11am		LOCATION OF MEETING: Zoom
COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT		
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VISITORS:		
NEXT Monthly COMMITTEE MEETING: Date: will be sent via email with agenda Location: TBD		
AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION/RECOMMENDATION	PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE/ PRESENTER
I. Call to Order & Welcome	Welcome and Introductions	Chair- Jessica R.G.



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II. Adoption of Agenda	Adoption of the Agenda: Chair updated and sent out to the group via email in advance for feedback.	Chair- Jessica R.G.
III. Approval of Minutes	Motion is needed to approve minutes: Alicia Medina made the first motion and Phyllis Aro-Trejo made the second motion	Chair- Jessica R.G
IV. PFCE Elections	Elections for new Co-Chair- Cinthia Moreno from WACOG shared a letter for her nomination and the Chair read it to the committee. Afterwards, it was open floor for other nominations. It was voted to sit Cinthia as the new Co-Chair of the PFCE Sub Committee. Dulce Quevedo made the first motion to approve and Phyllis Aro-Trejo made the second motion	Chair- Jessica R.G
V. Presentation	<p>New PFCE Committee Member- Joelle Grande Arizona Refugee Resettlement Program. Joelle gave a power point presentation. She shared what the Refugee Resettlement Program is and how they help refugee families. She shared how the number of refugees allowed is based on the decision of the President of the United States and how are they broken down by country.</p> <p>One member asked: How can we increase the services to the Refugee program, anything we can advocate for? Joelle shared that at there is 4 Phoenix and 2 Tucson resettlement programs. Those programs are federal funded not state funded. Funds are received at the agency who are initially accept the refugee and with it, the case manager can offer services for housing, workforce, etc. Shared how funding's are by how many refugees they get. Partnering with ECBO, Faith base org, non-profits org to support with services. Provide services to refugee for 5 years.</p> <p>Another member asked about how families feel when case managers use the language line or apps. Joelle shared that families do not mind. They are used to it and she encouraged all of us to continue to use them. If we need any other support, we can always reach out to her and she can connect us with the case manager of the refugee family.</p> <p>Joelle also shared that June 20th is refugee day and they are working on having a virtual one-week celebration. Shared that if we want to create a video to share what head start is that she will share it that week.</p>	Joelle Grande



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	<p>For the Head Start flyers that Joelle created during her VISTA service they can be found here: http://www.rispnet.com/youth/. With the most current translations.</p> <p>Also, to sign up for the newsletter for refugee updates that comes out every two weeks follow this link : https://des.us19.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=deb8de6c42117070adbd8ca66&id=27e353242e</p>	
<p>VI. PFCE Goal</p>	<p>Update on goal: Increase the number of families experiencing homelessness and foster children. EACH committee member to Identify a homeless liaison and DCS case worker and present at meeting.</p> <p>Dulce- shared that she was able to connect with Tucson homeless coalition- Austin. They did a presentation to them and now are working together with the connections. They are still pending with DES</p> <p>Phyllis- Phoenix Union Elementary School District-they have worked in the past with a liaison but have not recently connected</p> <p>Gloria- Do not have DCS connection but when in need she has worked with a school district with a homeless liaison but recently there has been no need to connect with that person. She shared that for the committee purpose she will connect with that person and find out a name and connect to recruit homeless families. She and Phyllis will work together in getting this information for our next meeting.</p> <p>Alicia – will work on connecting with someone for next meeting</p> <p>Neida- shared she has been in contact with Gabby Duran- liaison for Wilson Elementary school district- Cafecito monthly's and has shared resources to provide to the families.</p> <p>Phyllis asked how are we going to be able to monitor due to the pandemic the families that are now considered homeless. Chair shared how at the Region 9 update meeting they shared that PIR will be collected this year. Shared how this is the best way to keep track on families. Alicia shared how there has been updates on the PIR and</p>	<p>Chair- Jessica R.G. & All Members</p>



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	<p><i>advised members to go in and look at them. Dulce also shared how there also has to be an understanding on what being homeless is. Members requested to have Silvia attend and present again a refresher for everyone on the McKenny Vento and any new updates the members should know to provide to staff.</i></p> <p><i>Chair shared how Peggy and Lori have been working on getting a list of liaisons to connect them with EHS/HS programs. Once a draft is completed, we will like for it to be shared to the committee.</i></p> <p><i>Chair shared has also requested to Lori, to send over the DES report instead of the members having to go in and look for it. Members agree that this was a good idea, and we can go over it at our meetings.</i></p> <p><i>It was also discussed that due to having to share PIR, this will be added as a new action item for our goal for June-July meetings.</i></p>	
<p>VII. Recruitment Committee</p>	<p>Head Start Flyer- Provide program contact information for updated HS Flyer to Jessica</p> <p>Flyer was shared and committee members gave their suggestions. As to adding EHS/HS or Birth to five by the programs name as well as formatting the wordings to look the same. It was shared that the group would like for Joelle to work on translating them once they are finalized.</p> <p>Chair also shared how in April we will start looking at the AZHSA website and providing our feedback.</p>	<p>All Members</p>
<p>VIII. DES MOU</p>	<p><i>Discuss next steps for DES MOU- Feedback from members of any changes/ additions as well of volunteers that would like to work on it.</i></p> <p>Members did not have feedback at the meeting. Members agreed that there should be two monthly meetings in March to discuss the MOU more in depth. Chair will send a doodle poll and coordinate the next two meetings</p>	<p>All Members</p>



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IX. New updates/ Announcements	<p>Motion from committee to move forward to meet monthly virtually as it was the majority vote (NOV 2020 Meeting) and to add recruitment committee to our agenda as an action.</p> <p>Members were in agreement to move forward to once-a-month meetings. Dulce Quevedo made the first motion and Alicia Medina made the second motion.</p> <p>It was also discussed how we will be incorporating recruitment committee members as it is part of the PFCE subcommittee. Members were in agreement</p>	Chair- Jessica R.G
X. Follow up items for next Quarterly Mtg.	Members would need to present their liaisons at the next meeting. Pending Refugee 101 training for members.	All Members
Pending updates	None	All Members
Adjourn	Meeting was adjourn 10:35am	