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AZHSA Monthly Meeting
Standing Committee Agenda & Meeting Minutes
(Parent, Family, and Community Engagement/ERSEA)
(June 22, 2022)

DATE OF MEETING: 07/28/2022 Time: 9:00 am		LOCATION OF MEETING: Zoom
COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT		
Katrina Relph-Mueller (PGCCS)	Julio Chavez (SWHD)	Mollie Bailey (FTF)
Katie Clint (AzHSA)	Kat Willard (FTF)	Jatonn Gee (Maricopa)
Sonya Montoya (NACOG)	Patsy Rethorne-Larson (ADE)	Peggy Peixoto (MIECHV)
Dulce Quevado (CPC)	Joelle Grande-Wing (DES-Refugee Resettlement Program)	Joey Taylor (ADE)
Janet Aguilar (PGCCS)		
VISITORS:		
NEXT MONTHLY COMMITTEE MEETING: Date: 8.25.22 Location: Zoom		
AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION/RECOMMENDATION	PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE/PRESENTER
I. Call to Order & Welcome	Welcome and Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Community Partner Members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Kat Willard – FTF Sr. Director of Family Support & Literacy ○ Peggy Peixoto – AzDHS: Program Manager of the Maternal Infant, & Early Childhood Home Visiting Program 	Chairperson-Sonya Montoya



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II. Adoption of Agenda	Adoption of the Agenda	Chairperson-Sonya Montoya
III. Approval of Minutes	<p>Motion is needed to approve minutes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March, 2022 • April, 2022 • June, 2022 ○ <i>Dulce Quevado motioned & Katrina Relph-Mueller seconded the Motion. All Minutes were approved by the members.</i> 	Chairperson-Sonya Montoya
IV. Member Input	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start-up Updates from Programs – <i>Lively discussions on the following items:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Programs are focusing on full enrollment – most report good enrollment, but not full enrolled yet. Some members were seeing influxes of application happening recently.</i> ○ <i>Concerns that programs will lose their Family Child Care providers because it's not financially feasible for them to work in the field.</i> ○ <i>Dealing with staff shortages – all members shared their challenges in this area and partners shared they were having struggles in their programs as well. Other staff are having to cover positions. ADE Staff spoke to us about their High Quality Early Learning (HQEL) grants which is helping for the next 2 years to increase funds for salaries and professional development. The weblink to find more information is https://www.azed.gov/ece/hqel . Inflation is an issue and the compensation being paid does not match education of staff.</i> ○ <i>Many programs are working on staff trainings for the new year.</i> ○ <i>Some programs are working on new Family Partnerships and tools and work within their databases.</i> ○ <i>Counties continuing to slip into High COVID Transmission Rates.</i> ○ <i>Members shared resources on how they are collecting electronic documents from families. (ex: Learning Genie, Sign Now, FE Communication App)</i> 	Chairperson-Sonya Montoya & All Members



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current Family Needs Being Seen in Programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jorge Flores – Candelen work with Kith & Kin Programs will be a new member on our subcommittee in the future. ○ <i>Income guidelines continue to be too low for families</i> ○ <i>Concerns that programs will lose their Family Child Care providers because its not financially feasible for them to work in the field.</i> • <i>A New Head Start Collaboration Office Director will be announced next week.</i> • Future Meeting Topics: <i>Family Partnership Agreement Tools & Data Collection</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>New Database Program: My Head Start Program</i> 	
VI. Chairperson Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Ambassador Program • Collaboration Office Plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Strategies/Ideas Needed for our Goals ○ Foster Care Outreach Update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Thank you Joey for connecting us to the Az. Kids Consortium! We will be presenting on HS at their meeting on 9/5 	All Members
VII. Co-Chair Election	<p>Nominations & Elections for a Committee Co-Chair.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>We will continue to recruit others for this position. Dulce Quevado has graciously volunteered to help at the next in-person meeting.</i> 	Chairperson-Sonya Montoya
VIII. Member Announcements, Questions & Topics for next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APS Discount Program for families. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Sonya shared the availability of this program for families who receive APS services to get a 25% discount on their monthly bills. The process uses our Head Start eligibility which makes it very easy for families to take part.</i> 	All Members
IV. Adjourn	<i>Meeting ended at 10:18am.</i>	



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PFCE Committee - Collaboration Office Goals:

1. Increase Collaboration between Head Starts and Department of Child Safety
2. Increase collaboration with community partners who provide services for homeless populations
3. Share strategies for family engagement
4. identify and offer solutions around enrollment and recruitment challenges