



PFCE Committee Meeting Agenda & Minutes

Date: 8.22.24 Time: 9:00am – 10:30am		Location: Zoom Meeting ID: 843 6452 3130 Passcode: 790042	
Committee Chair: Sonya Montoya Committee Vice Chair: Dulce Quevedo			
COMMITTEE HEAD START MEMBERS PRESENT:			
Alhambra Head Start: Penny Lawrence	Catholic Charities West Side Head Start:	Chicanos Por La Causa:	Child Crisis Arizona: Beatriz Hurtado
Child Parent Centers: Dulce Quevedo	City of Phoenix:	Deer Valley Head Start:	Fowler Head Start:
Greater Phoenix Urban League Head Start:	Maricopa County:	Northern Arizona Council of Governments:	Pinal Gila Community Child Service: Janet Aguilar, Katrina Relph-Mueller, Leticia Guzman
Southwest Human Development:	Urban Strategies: Neida Sandoval	Washington Head Start:	Western Arizona Council of Government:
COMMITTEE COMMUNITY PARTNER MEMBERS PRESENT: Maria Garcia – NACOG CSA – Peggy Peixoto – MIECHV – Patsy Rethore-Larson - ADE			
GUEST/VISITOR:			
NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: September 26th at 9:00am			

Topic	Presenter	Minutes
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1) Call Meeting to order & Agenda Revisions	Sonya Montoya	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting called to order at 9:07am.
2) Introductions	Sonya Montoya	
3) Strategic Plan Committee Goals	Sonya Montoya	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November 20th – Professional Development Training for PFCE: Trauma Informed Care – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Will be turned over to the New Chairperson for continued work. Discussed the possibilities of attendees from Family Services primarily and making this virtual instead of in-person. • Members share concerns & trends being seen within their PIR or program data outside of HS/EHS programs. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Members shared some of the initial trends and the continued concerns with housing and the smaller numbers than before of helping to move them from homelessness to home. ○ Members discussed Home-base options and changes that are occurring for families and within programs to convert to classrooms. The issue of chronic attendance is also a concern for any home-base program. Also discussed concerns about supplanting of home-base programs by other entities across the state. • Committee Representation Lists from Members: our list has begun and will continue to be in development so that we can see where AZHSA is represented at local, Regional & State Committees. While the focus is on PFCE Members especially, committee members shared that they would also work with their teams to gather that information.
4) Committee Nominations & Elections	Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee Elections for Chairperson 😊 for a 2-year term <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Nominations and elections were held & Dulce Quevedo will be our new Committee Chairperson. Everyone is very excited and appreciative of her commitment to take on this role!! ○ Members were asked to consider nominations for the next meeting for our Vice-Chairperson role now that Dulce has vacated this role.
5) Upcoming Events		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee Goals & Plan: Due November • AZHSA: Financial Literacy Virtual Training: August 30th Arizona Head Start Association (azheadstart.org)

6) Adjourn		Meeting ended at 10:05am.
Minutes taken by: Sonya Montoya		

PFCE Committee - Collaboration Office Goals:

1. Long Range Goal #1: HS is involved in the development of state policies, plans, processes, & decisions impacting HS
2. Long Range Goal #2: Families in HS – who need full day services – have increased access to high quality, early care & education services.
3. Long Range Goal #3: Increase the number of children in vulnerable populations served by Head Start. Vulnerable populations include children experiencing homelessness, refugee status, foster care, and children from military families and with an IEP/IFSP.

Goal 3: Issues & Opportunities for Support our Vulnerable Populations

	Transportation	Domestic Violence	Substance Use	Homelessness	Stress	Financial	Training	DCS/Foster Care	Adult Dental Care
<i>Pinal-Gila</i>	1 car for the family +Fuel Cost – United Way has been a help, but not to fulfill all the needs.	Increasing Numbers – Families at enrollment went from 11 to 35 admitting to DV in the home	Meth & Fentanyl Discussing the possibility of Narcan for Home Visitors			Housing concerns. Pinal expensive rent. Section 8 lists are high, 2 year wait. Families are living together, and this is stressful. Small spaces with lots of adults and children Gila – stable and safe housing is a concern. Cost of rent impacting paying for utilities (APS program helps)	Staff reported they need training about who to call to help families. We are planning resource training for our home visitors and FCA team – inviting community agencies to share services they provide. So far reached out to... Food Bank DV Substance FTF Resource Guide		

					Trying to connect with SRP and other utility companies to help families have needed utilities. Food costs are higher and this is a concern.			
SWHD	Julio is reaching out to shelters – challenges with Confidentiality. +Suggesting making a list or taking on an initiative around access & social service support between HS & Shelter’s for a win-win partnership. +Approaching connections with a Give & Take approach.		Julio is reaching out to shelters – challenges with Confidentiality. +Suggesting making a list or taking on an initiative around access & social service support between HS & Shelter’s for a win-win partnership. +Approaching connections with a Give & Take approach.				+Has been connecting with Satellite Programs connected to DCS such as the DES Childcare FastPass office in Tucson and experiencing better connections than the Caseworks themselves.	
NACOG	Car Repairs for families has been a barrier. We have been	It’s an initiative for us this coming year. More resources	Would like to explore training opportunities for training for				We are working to better support the biological families who have	

	able to be advocates at community tables for groups writing for grants.		are becoming available in rural areas than before.	HS staff on meeting family needs when we are working with transient-short-term families			experienced their child in foster care. We are finding that they rarely know about resources & opportunities available. +Will be working on getting Release of Information from families in Foster Care to better try and connect with the caseworkers.	
<i>Child Crisis</i>			Are experiencing more behaviors and situations around this area. They call DCS but it doesn't get addressed because it is seen as a cultural item. Staff are seeing more scents on clothing as well.	Caregivers are overwhelmed. They are resistant to program needs & are being more confrontative than collaborative at times.				This has been a need for adults to be able to find affordable dental care.
NACOG CSA				Financial stressors are adding an edge to everyone who is affected.	Families are struggling more financially and much of their funding has been expended			

					because it's the end of the fiscal year. Programs have limits on the amount of times families can access assistance. Have been able to reprogram some unspent funds for people in the 18 – 59 population who have no children but need help.		
MIECHV	+Peggy was able to share the information on the pilot DCS program through the Family Resource Centers to get support with car repairs. A Helping Hand - Concrete Resources Arizona		+Peggy currently heads up a screening committee that is working on a support tool for families around substance use and supports and resources. Sonya just joined. +Recommends we use the				Uptick in prenatal mothers & children experiencing Syphilis. They are working to increase awareness & to have mothers tested. They are trying to encourage providers and others to include as part of prenatal exams.

Department of Child Safety (az.gov)		<p>information Marshalle has shared with out committee to partner with the Best for Babies Court Teams around the state as they are a point of connection for families.</p>					
<p>ADE: Foster Care</p>						<p>Joey noted that at the CAP Conference the focus was on programs for Pregnant/Parenting Teens & the new initiatives that DCS currently has underway. Need to find who the contacts would be to link to since many may not be aware of EHS/HS. +Shared links for Foster Care Points of Contact because they can help with Rights & Awareness about School Homes & EHS/HS. Local Educational Agency & Child Welfare Agency Points of Contact Arizona Department of</p>	

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