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AHSA Quarterly Meeting
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COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:		
COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:		
VISITORS:		
NEXT QUARTERLY COMMITTEE MEETING: Date: February 20, 2014 Location: Black Canyon Conference Center		
AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION/RECOMMENDATION	PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE/ PRESENTER
I. Call to Order & Welcome	Call to order at 10:08am	Mindy Zapata
II. Adoption of Agenda	Motion and second was obtained	Mindy Zapata
III. Approval of Minutes	Motion and second was obtained	Mindy Zapata
IV. Introduction of New AHSA Director	Stephen Honeyestewa was introduced to the association general membership. He shared some of the activities that he has been involved in over the past 60 days in	Stephen Honeyestewa



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	his work as the director.	
V. HSSCO and ADE	<p>Expressed appreciation and recognition of the USDOE event with Libby Doggett and Linda Smith. HSSCO strategic planning is underway. Application is due in December for March through February funding years. Other updates on ECSE certification and dispute resolution from the AZ department of education. Raising Special Kids is the identified program to support parents through the resolution process with IEP process. Amy outlined some of the steps to resolution. School Readiness definition is being vetted throughout the state. Looking for more feedback from families, kindergarten, and school principals. Presentation on Kindergarten assessment. There has been a request for information from vendors who have assessments. The DOE is going to collaborate with a 10 state consortium on developing a Kindergarten assessment. The tool will be created for pilot in 2017 and implementation in 2018. A task force from the community is also working to develop a recommendation on the creation of an assessment tool. ADE has received a grant to provide additional professional development with Kindergarten programs to increase knowledge of early childhood expectations. LETRS training to increase capacity of early literacy occurring in December. Move on When Reading opportunities throughout the state. Municipals are identifying how they will build literacy activities and focus within their communities. Opportunity for Head Start to work with their communities on this effort. Report on Town Hall event for the State work on Early Childhood Development. The group developed a set of recommendations for the State. Arizona Build Update initiative to work towards legislative action on Home visiting, Access to Pre-K, Full Day Kindergarten and Professional Development Committee. Arizona College and Career Ready Standards are under scrutiny by the public and the Head Start Association can be engaged in helping address the desire to implement common core standards in the state.</p>	Amy Corriveau



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VI. Region IX Call	<p>Please refer to power point presentation provided in packets. <u>Q & A on the use of T&TA funds for mentor/coaching:</u></p> <p>Program can charge some personnel cost to TTA for mentor/coaching. Must create and allocation based on time study for actual cost, that portion of salary could be charged to TTA.</p>	Laura Candalero Andrea Harvey
VII. Program Updates	<p>Maricopa County Juvenile Courts presented on their collaboration with Catholic Charities Westside Head Start on the Cradle to Crayons demonstration project to build an infrastructure for linking child welfare removed children ages 0 to 5 in entering quality early care and education services.</p> <p>Crisis Nursery shared the work that they are doing with this at risk, vulnerable population group. Kristen Andrews presented data on child welfare needs and the purpose of the crisis nursery and FACES program. Discussion on the program model, challenges and successes.</p>	Peggy Peixoto Kristen Andrews
VIII. Recognitions	<p>Association members who coordinated the Mental Health Symposium in October were recognized for their hard work and efforts.</p>	Mindy Zapata Natalie Alvarez
IX. NHSA Call	<p>Tommy and Yasmina shared information on advocacy work being done at the National Head Start. Sequestration remains at the top of advocacy activities. Future year projections for next round of cuts is unpredictable. If sequestration legislation stays in its current form, the cuts would be to defense only. The call was dropped due to Tommy and Yasmina's travel. Mindy took additional questions from the membership to pass onto NHSA and will disseminate the Q and A's</p>	Yasmina Vinci Tommy Sheridan
IX. Adjourn	<p>Dismissal to Standing Committee meetings. 1:50 pm.</p>	Mindy Zapata