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**AZHSA Quarterly Meeting
Standing Committee Agenda & Meeting Minutes
Disabilities & Mental Health
August 19, 2021**

DATE OF MEETING: Time: August 19, 2021		LOCATION OF MEETING: Hybrid In-Person and online Zoom Ak-Chin Casino Virtual/In-Person Hybrid 15406 N Maricopa Rd, Maricopa, AZ 85139 Registration opens at 8:00AM
COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT		
Julissa Leal	Diane Pollack	Kyla Hernandez
Stephanie Collier	Adriana Soto	Carina Brokamp
Maria Pimentel	Toni Limbrick	Paola Ayala
Lisa Adams	Ana Herron-Valenzuela	
VISITORS: Erika Argueta ECE Specialist, Brooke Colvin ECE Specialist, Laura Lee ECE Specialist, Tami Philips ECE Specialist		
NEXT QUARTERLY COMMITTEE MEETING: Date: September 22, 2021 Location: Zoom – online		
AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION/RECOMMENDATION	PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE/ PRESENTER
I. Call to Order & Welcome	Call to Order at 1:34 pm	Ana Herron-Valenzuela



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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. First Motion by Toni Limbrick, second motion to adopt agenda by Maria Pimentel	Ana Herron-Valenzuela
III. Approval of February 2021 Meeting Minutes	Meeting Minutes sent out after February Meeting First motion by Richelle Kimura, second motion by Carina Brokamp	Ana Herron-Valenzuela
IV. New member introductions	Clarrisa Tudela, Disabilities Manager with Urban Strategies Richelle Kimura, Mental Health Specialist PGCCS Khadijah Daniels, EHS Support Services Coordinator with Child Crisis Arizona Phoenix and Mesa Sites Committee members let the group know that JoAnna Bellizzi with Child Crisis Arizona and Sabrina Walton with Catholic Charities are no longer in their positions and can be removed from the committee list.	Ana Herron-Valenzuela
VI. Head Start Collab Office & ADE	1:36 pm: Laura Lee, Brooke Colvin, Tami Philips and Erika Argueta introduced themselves to committee members. They gave short description of what purpose of unit is. ADE ECSE Regional Cohorts meetings the week of August 23, 2021, meeting information on ADE website.	Ana Herron-Valenzuela
VII. HSSCO Strategic Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review approved HSSCO Strategic Plan • Identify Long Range Goals and Objectives that fall within scope of work for committee • Create timelines based on priorities, create and workgroups • Consider meeting monthly to work on various process goals See attachment, areas to consider <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Long Range Goal 3, pages 15-17 	Ana Herron-Valenzuela



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- Long Range Goal 5, Short-term objective F, pages 24-25
- Long Range Goal 6, pages 25-28

2:05 pm: Committee members had 10-15 minutes to review goals pertaining to the committee.

Discussed LRG 3 as a possible starting point.

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.

- Committee members asked how agencies are doing with enrollment of children with IFSPs/IEPs in general due to the pandemic. Responses: Families are keeping children on the waitlist due to covid-19 and the delta variant. Programs across the state are struggling with enrollment.
- Tami Philips ECE Specialist shared that during a federal webinar that the number of children (ages 0-5) being identified for IDEA across the country is down. This in turn means that preschool enrollment is down due to covid.
- Committee members asked what happens when there are no HS programs close to a family or a family wants to enroll in an out of area HS program because it is close geographically. Members discussed communicating with the other HS program and working out a wavier to enroll families that are out of area. Several programs across the state do this now.

Group discussed focusing on LRG 3 and 5 to start with. Committee Members will meet in a month to further discuss goals and initial goal



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	activities. Set meeting date for 9/22/2021 1:00 – 2:30 pm, online via Zoom platform.	
VIII. Updates	<p>AzEIP and Head Start Collab Office Leadership Workgroup</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stephanie Collier reached out to HS Collab office to create a workgroup to rollout the new AZEIP and HS Collab Office MOU. Lori Masseur with the Collab office facilitated an initial meeting between AzEIP office (Alicia Sharma and Caroline Ogilvie) and Moises Gallegos, Stephanie, and Ana. - It was decided that a workgroup is needed to bring together Head Start programs, AzEIP providers/contractors and School Districts together (by area) so it can be decided who does what and when in order to be in compliance with the signed MOU. <p>Ana and Stephanie asked committee members if anyone for the Disabilities and Mental Health Committee would like to participate on the leadership workgroup in place of Stephanie Collier. Toni Limbrick volunteered to be a part of the leadership workgroup.</p>	Ana Herron-Valenzuela and Stephanie Collier
X. Co-Chair Elections	<p>It is time to elect a new co-chair for the committee. Let me know if you are interested in running so elections can be held. There are no term limits.</p> <p>The Chair and Vice-Chair of the 4 Standing Committees now serve 2-year terms and are elected in alternate years. Ana asked committee members to send an email if they are interested in being the committee Vice-Chair for elections.</p>	Ana Herron-Valenzuela



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Follow up items for next Quarterly Mtg.		All Members
Adjourn	Meeting adjourned at 3:04 pm.	Ana Herron-Valenzuela