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**AHSA Quarterly Meeting**  
**Standing Committee Agenda & Meeting Minutes**  
**Disabilities & Mental Health**  
**November 18, 2021**

DATE OF MEETING: 11/18/2021 Time: 1:00 PM		LOCATION OF MEETING: Zoom - online
COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT		
Maria Pimentel, CPLC	Paolya A , CPLC	Clarissa Tudela, Urban Strategies
Stephanie Collier, CoP	Rosemary Sigala, CoP	Ana Herron-Valenzuela, CoP
Carina Brokamp, CPC	Tessa Brock, CPC	Toni Limbrick, PGCCS
Richelle Kimura, PGCCS	Khadijah Daniels, Child Crisis	
VISITORS: Erika Argueta, ADE ECSE Specialist, Tami Philips, ADE ECSE Specialist; Suzie Perry, Director ECSE/619 Coordinator		
NEXT QUARTERLY COMMITTEE MEETING: Date: 4/17/2022, D & MH Committee to follow after at 1:00 pm Location: Virtual		
AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION/RECOMMENDATION	PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE/ PRESENTER
I. Call to Order & Welcome	Welcome and Introductions	Ana
II. Adoption of Agenda Call to Order & Welcome	Adoption of the Agenda: Carina moved to adopt the agenda, Tessa second the motion. Motion approved by all, no oppose, no abstain.	Ana



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III. Approval of Minutes	Approval of 10/20/2021 Meeting Minutes: Tessa moved to approve the minutes, Stephanie second the motion. Motion approved by all, no oppose, no abstain.	Ana
IV. Vote on Vice-Chair Nomination:	Rosemary Sigala submitted her name for approval as Vice-Chair. Chair moved the approval forward to committee members. Maria moved to approve Rosemary as Vice-Chair of Committee. Richelle second the motion. Motion approved by all, no oppose, no abstain.	Ana
V. Strategic Plan Updates <b>Long Range Goal 3</b>	As a group looked at and discussed edits to the behavioral health, mental health education flyer for recruitment purposes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Include a blurb to talk about why behavior/social-emotional development is important in Early Childhood</li> <li>- Highlight behavioral/mental health services and supports offered in HS birth to five</li> <li>- Highlight all supports and services offered to children and families</li> <li>- Ana will create a mockup of new flyer and send out to committee for review and additional edits</li> </ul>	Ana
VI. AzEIP and Collab Office MOU Leadership Workgroup Update	Workgroup meets again tomorrow, 11/19/2021 from 2-4 pm Ana and Toni participate in workgroup as Committee representation  Suzie Perry has been guiding workgroup through an Action Planning Process. Caroline Nailor Oglesby with AzEIP is proposing presenting on the AzEIP/HS MOU at the upcoming EI/ECSE Summit. Workgroup will discuss during 11/19 meeting. Lori Masseur is offering to co-present if needed. More details to come.	Ana and Toni
VII. Announcements	<b><u>AzEIP ICC</u></b> Stephanie shared that the Transition Committee she chairs finalized a parent education brochure and video on the topic of transition out of AzEIP. Items are	Stephanie Collier



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in the final stages and almost ready to be shared with the public. The video mentions Head Start as a placement option after AzEIP transition two times 😊

- ICC Committees are recruiting members, do not have to be a part of AzEIP to participate.

- Transition Committee
- Fiscal Committee
- Family Engagement Committee
- Development Committee

If you are interested in learning more or participating as a committee member, contact Stephanie at [stephanie.collier@phoenix.gov](mailto:stephanie.collier@phoenix.gov)

Stephanie writes a Head Start Recruitment article for the AzEIP Email Newsletter that goes out state-wide. If you are interested in submitting an article let her know.

You can sign up for the AzEIP Newsletter on their website.

**- 2022: EI/ECSE Summit "We Are All in This Together: A Universal Design for All Young Learners"** Registration is

OPEN <https://ems.azed.gov/home/calendar?sd=8940> [ems.azed.gov]

Here is the link to the **Summit web page!** Join us as a presenter, exhibitor or as an attendee!! <https://www.azed.gov/specialeducation/early-intervention-and-early-childhood-special-education-summit-2022-virtual-event> [azed.gov]

If you would like to present we are accepting proposals for presenters

- <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSekJU6G->

Erika Argueta  
Suzie Perry  
Tami Philips



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Vendors and Exhibitors

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**- ADE Regional Cohort Meetings**

First week of December

Topic: Preschool Environments & LRE


<https://www.azed.gov/specialeducation/early-childhood-special-education-regional-meetings-2021>

**Inclusion Taskforce**

New education campaign being created



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	 <p><b>“Just Move 2 Kids”</b></p> <p><i>If every district that serves children with disabilities (103 that have kids in RECP's) in Arizona determined that the LRE was a Regular Early Childhood Setting for just two more of their kids, were able to place them into a regular early childhood program, and provide the special education services in that program, that would improve children's outcomes tremendously!</i></p> <p><i>And we would move from 27.2% to 29.7% in the RECP.</i></p> <p>Talking to school districts on how to deliver services in an itinerant model. Provide information, training, coaching during Regional Cohort Meetings, summits, and 1:1 meetings (ADE ECE Specialists).</p>	
VIII. New updates	<p>10 Percent status for programs: programs discussed status of total program enrollment and 10 percent status</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All programs are under enrolled</li> <li>- Staffing shortages</li> <li>- Having to change schedules and classrooms to accommodate ratios</li> </ul>	All Members
IX. Follow up items for next Quarterly Mtg.	<p>Ana to email Lori Masseur: who will have direct access to the Arizona HS Dashboard discussed during the General Meeting?</p> <p>Submit articles to Raising Special Kids, AzEIP and other program newsletters to support state-wide recruitment.</p>	All Members
Pending updates		All Members
Adjourn	Meeting adjourned at 2:27 pm	Ana



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