



Advisory Council on Indian Health Care (AACIHC)
Virtual Board Meeting Minutes
October 23, 2023 | 2:30-4:00 pm AZ time

Members Present:

- Daniel Preston III, Tohono O’odham Nation
- Cynthia Lemesh, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
- Jocelyn Beard, Tribal Liaison, ADES

Guests and Staff Present:

- Alison Lovell, Interim Director
- Jeffrey Axtell, AACIHC Grants Coordinator
- Ashley Lazaro, AACIHC Training Officer II
- Keye Garman, AACIHC Sr. Epidemiologist
- Anthony Enoch Jr, AACIHC Program Specialist
- Archie Mariano, AACIHC Program Specialist
- Debra Gonzales, AACIHC Executive Assistant
- David Dawley, Hualapai Nation
- Darien Fuller, AACIHC Epidemiologist
- Leslie George, AACIHC Legislative Specialist
- Mckayla Keams, AACIHC Executive Projects Coordinator
- Shealee Gartner, AACIHC Training Officer III
- Tashina Machain, AACIHC Grants Coordinator-AHEC
- Tracy Lenartz, Visiting Consultant
- Verna Johnson, Inter Tribal Council AZ

I. **Meeting Called to Order - called to order at 2:35 PM**

II. **Welcome and Introductions**

III. **Roll Call / Establishment of Quorum – We did not establish a quorum so there would not be a formal meeting. Skip to VII – Presentations.**

IV. **Adoption of Meeting Agenda (Action Item)**

V. **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

a. Aug 28, 2023 (Action Item)

VI. **Reports**

a. Director’s Report

i. Staffing Updates

1. New Position Requests for SFY25

2. Filling Vacant Positions UPDATE

a. Director

- b. Business Operations Administrator
 - c. Sr. Epidemiologist
 - d. Legislative Specialist
 - e. Communications Outreach Coordinator
 - f. Grants Manager for COVID-19 Health Disparities Team
 - g. Epidemiologist for COVID-19 Health Disparities Team
 - h. Grants Coordinator for CDC-CCR Team
 - ii. Filling AACIHC Council Member Vacancies UPDATE
 - iii. Policy/Legislation Updates
 - 1. Dental Updates
 - 2. AHCCCS/ADHS Omnibus Legislative Updates
 - 3. Call to Council for Additional Legislative Priorities
 - b. Grant Reports
 - i. AIH-AHEC
 - ii. AZHIP
 - iii. CDC-CCR
 - iv. COVID-19 Health Disparities
- VII. **Presentations** – Jeff Axtell, Grant Manager AHEC will go through the Three (3) year AHEC Strategic Plan
- a. Jeff Axtell, Director of AIC-AHEC wanted to share/review with the board (that was present) the AHEC Strategic plan that his team had developed. So, what I'd like to do He turned it over to Tracy, Lenartz, of Lenartz Consultation, who was the strategic planning consultant through the process. Tracy's done quite a few other projects, with the Arizona Advisory Council, and some of the workforce, surveys and such. Tracy took 20 minutes and review the Strategic Plan and settled with question from the group. Everyone present thought it was a great well-thought-out plan.
- VIII. **Old Business**
- a. AACIHC Tribal Consultation Policy
 - b. AACIHC Strategic Plan
- IX. **New Business**
- a. Director Position - Candidate Chosen
- X. **Call to the Public**
- XI. **Next Meeting Date**
- XII. **Adjournment** at 3:31 PM