



**MINUTES FOR THE VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE
ARIZONA ADVISORY COUNCIL
ON INDIAN HEALTH CARE**
Monday April 15, 2024
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

AACIHC BOARD MEETING MINUTES - APR 15, 2024

Voting Members Present:

Candida Hunter, First Things First
Christine Holden, Tribal Liaison, AHCCCS
Gerilene Haskon, Tribal Liaison, ADHS
Verna Johnson, Inter Tribal Council AZ
David Dawley, Hualapai Nation

Federal Technical Advisor Present:

Cynthia Lemesh & Ryan Martin, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

Staff, Guests and Visitors Present:

Alison Lovell, AACIHC Business Op Administrator
Anthony Enoch Jr, AACIHC Program Specialist
Archie Mariano, AACIHC Program Specialist
Ashley Lazaro, AACIHC Grants Coordinator - CCR
Debra Gonzales, AACIHC Executive Assistant
Dr. John Ward Molina, AACIHC Director
Corey Hemstreet, AACIHC Legislative Specialist
Jeffrey Axtell, AACIHC Grants Director - AHEC
Keye Garman, AACIHC Sr. Epidemiologist
Kiani Becerra, AACIHC Communications Coordinator
Mckayla Keams, AACIHC Executive Projects Coordinator
Shealee Gartner, AACIHC Training Officer III
Darien Fuller, AACIHC Epidemiologist
Mckayla Keams, AACIHC Exec Projects Coordinator
Shealee Gartner, AACIHC Training Officer III
Tashina Machain, AACIHC Grants Coordinator-AHEC
Wesley Kortuem, Data Analytics Section Lead, AZDHS

Meeting Called to Order – Meeting was called to order at 10:05 but initially there was not a quorum of voting board members, so as we were going to provide the presentation to the board we elected to start the presentation.

Community Statistical Areas (CSAs)/Primary Care Areas (PCAs) – Wes Kortuem, Data Analytics Section Lead, AZDHS

- ADHS is seeking input on whether they should include all tribal lands in the dashboard and how Tribes would like any information pertaining to their Tribe to be broken down, data-wise, such as by race, ethnicity, and geographic area. Also discussed how it would potentially be helpful for the communities they serve. Wes went through his PowerPoint presentation then agreed to share it so that he could collect feedback from the board later.

Roll Call / Establishment of Quorum - We did not have quorum until a few minutes into the meeting but did not claim quorum until after the presentation. Quorum was called at 10:20 AM.

Adoption of Meeting Agenda (Action Item) - Moved to accept by Candida Hunter, seconded by David Dawley – Agenda was passed.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

- **Dec 14, 2023 (Action Item)** (there was no quorum last meeting Jan 29, 2024, so minutes of previous meeting 12/14 were not approved) - Moved to accept minutes by Candida Hunter, Seconded by Gerilene Haskon – Minutes of Dec 14, 2023, were accepted.

Reports

- **Director's Report** - Attached – Dr. Molina reviewed his report that had been sent ahead of time, here is a brief review:
 - Updating of the AACIHC Strategic plan is still underway, are hopeful that at the next board meeting we will share where we are at with this.
 - We have been busy with legislative hearings and providing testimony and also tracking bills that impact public health for our tribal communities.
 - AACIHC has been attending conferences and tabling at the conferences when appropriate.
 - Working with AHCCCS Finance to secure AACIHC Budgets
 - We've applied for an interesting Grant that's called the Strengthening Public Health Systems Grant which is on the national scope
 - Dr. Molina has joined to Governor's task force on MMIP
 - We hosted the Tribal Health Literacy Summit and we're hoping to do this again next year.
- **AIH-AHEC Presentation** - Jeff Axtell reviewed the structure of the AHEC Advisory Council that is overseeing the program and listed each member and indicated he would be providing this to the board.
- **AZHIP Updates** - Mckayla Keams provided an overview of AzHIP and the accomplishments for this grant.
 - Mckayla reviewed the AzHIP advisory group members.
 - The task of developing a MOU with the four partnered agencies and are at the point of acquiring signatures. However, within the last year we've noticed that there has been a lot of change one in elected government and with new state agencies CEOs we're really

working on defining that relationship. And so that really hindered our process and establishing a MOU. So the actual next step was to create an official letter from our organization to recognize that through AzHIP we've been able to kind of strengthen our foundation in our relationship with our four partnered agencies.

- Conducted a community and resource assessment on housing, and we were able to complete that in early January.
 - On May 8th we will coordinate a state tribal epidemiology Summit
 - we are working on the last deliverable which is to create joint training for tribal leaders on the goals and programs structure of the five-state agencies
 - AzHip Advisory Group will disseminate a survey to our stakeholders through Survey Monkey – will be open for two weeks – less than ten questions – asking the Board to review the questions and provide feedback/suggestions if we can move forward with this
- **Infographic of CDC-CCR Team Achievements** – Dr. John Molina and Ashley Lazaro – Looking for questions/concerns on this as Alison indicated that this had been sent out on Friday to all members with the directors report. Shealee reviewed what the CDCCCR Team has been working on:
 - CDCCHR Conference held last fall in Tucson
 - Multiple Site Visits have been conducted
 - Attending several conferences both state and country wide – in fact Ashley is presenting at the Envision Conference in Spokane with NAU currently.

 - **Policy/Legislation Updates** – Corey Hemstreet – skipped due to time

Old Business

- AACIHC Strategic Plan Creation Strategy Overview/Update - John Molina (Some was reviewed in director's notes)
 - Currently working on Strategic plan – once we have a draft it will be presented to the board

New Business

- Presentation on Root Cause Analysis - Mckaya Keams and Corey Hemstreet
 - Presented on the fraudulent providers of sober living homes, and indicated they have conducted a root cause analysis to identify the root causes of the fraudulent provider and sober living home crisis in Arizona, to attain a better understanding of the processes and the systems and loopholes and barriers that contributed to the issue enhance awareness surrounding the issue in order to address the root cause and collaborate with key partners and stakeholders to develop a feasible corrective actions to mitigate this issue the providers and so we're living homes crisis that committed are the Sober Living homes that committed fraud is very large-scale and it also is a multifaceted issue therefore this root cause analysis does not cover or adjust the full extent of the problem
 - This presentation will be sent to the board with request for feedback and then will move forward with proposed recommendations

Call to the Public - No Public at this meeting.

Next Meeting Date – June 17th

Adjournment @ 11:48AM