



MEETING: AHEC Commission Meeting
 DATE: August 22, 2024
 TIME: 12:02 – 12:46pm
 PLACE: AHEC Zoom Meeting
 HOST: Leila Barraza
 COMMISSIONERS: Paul Ferris, Michael Allison, Lura Ryden, Randall Flores, Kenny Evans, Jessica Madrid
 AHEC CENTER DIRECTORS: Jennifer Smith, Yolanda Perez, Ana Montoya, Shelli Stewart, Jeff Axtell
 OTHERS: Jennifer Zúñiga, Shelley Vaughn, Roy Sanchez, Courtney Madsen, Jim Fulford, Bryna Koch, Marni Valenzuela, Christy Pacheco, Colleen Reed, Tashina Machain

ITEM	ANNOUNCEMENT/DISCUSSION	Information provided by:
Called to order	Welcome	Leila Barraza
Welcome	Ana Montoya was introduced as the new Center Director for Western Arizona AHEC.	Leila Barraza
Meeting Minutes	Review and approval of May 23, 2024, meeting minutes; motioned for approval by Paul Ferris, seconded by Randall Flores. Approved by majority vote.	Leila Barraza
Financial Report	A summary was provided of the Year-to-Date Financial Report for the quarter ending June 30, 2024.	Jim Fulford
Director's Updates	<p>The Notice of Award for FY24/25 funding has been approved by HRSA. American Indian Health (AIH) AHEC, the sixth Arizona AHEC Regional Center, has been approved for funding for the first time. Because of the timing with regards to contracts, Centers will have additional options and will receive additional communication regarding that.</p> <p>Quarterly narratives were successfully submitted by all Centers in June. The FY23/24 data report was recently submitted to HRSA. The RHPP Request for Proposal deadline is Friday, August 30, 2024, and the AHEC Program Office will be processing contracts soon.</p> <p>The Arizona State Report will contain an annual summary of all activities from RHPPs, Centers, and other supported programs. The report will be distributed in early November and will be available on the AHEC website.</p> <p>A data summary is available in the August 22 commission packet and highlights FY23/24 totals pertaining to Community Based Education and Training (CBET), Continuing Education (CE), structured pipeline and AHEC scholars. The chart, which accompanies the data summary, highlights the rise in CBET rotations and hours from 2020 through 2024.</p> <p>The Annual State Report will be distributed to the Arizona Governor as well as the legislature. The report is an opportunity to highlight the efforts of Centers and RHPPs.</p>	<p>Leila Barraza</p> <p>Jennifer Zúñiga</p> <p>Leila Barraza</p>
Additional Updates	<p>Center Updates Western Arizona AHEC (WAHEC) is in the process of getting familiar with HOSA clubs, including assessing their needs as well as support planning. WAHEC is working with HOSA advisors, conducting college of health tours, and planning for various guest speakers.</p>	Ana Montoya



	<p>The Center for Excellence in Rural Education (CERE) is now accredited by the California Board of Registered Nursing to issue CE credits. Regarding housing, CERE has expanded into 2 additional units. CERE presently has an approximate 91% occupancy rate, which is notable considering scheduling challenges.</p> <p>CERE welcomed 3 family medicine residents in June. CERE conducted 2 community welcome events for them. CERE is looking to add a new internal medicine resident this year.</p> <p>Regarding Pipeline, CERE is offering several new opportunities this year. CERE held three Scrubs camps over the summer, where students were able to practice phlebotomy on sim models, tour hospitals, and get acquainted with a helicopter and fire truck. Positive feedback was received from parents for that event. CERE hopes to add a farm camp to that in the future.</p> <p>AIH AHEC had a large number of participants in youth programs from San Carlos, Gila River, and Native Health (now called Native Scope). Participants were able to obtain CPR certification among other activities. Community members and tribal leaders gave presentations during the events.</p> <p>AIH has established a faculty mentor for the ASP from the University of Arizona. One AIH Scholar cohort will travel to the Hopi reservation, and the other Scholar cohort will work on creating partnerships with Tohono O'odham Community College.</p> <p>Regarding continuing education, AIH is hoping to provide health professionals with needed certifications. AIH is actively creating new partnerships to provide CE involving healthcare for tribal communities. Clinical rotations began in August, and AIH is supporting trainees by providing information, housing, and other needs that are identified by trainees.</p> <p>Youth programming will begin in the upcoming semester and run through April of next year, to include a Native Health Scope program.</p>	Jennifer Smith
Ended 12:46pm	Next meeting on November 21, 2024, at noon.	Tashina Machain