



MEETING: RHPP Directors and Regional Center Directors
 DATE: September 17, 2025
 TIME: 12:01 – 12:46 pm
 PLACE: AHEC Zoom Meeting
 HOST: Leila Barraza
 RHPP Director Attendees: Shelley Vaughn, Bettie Coplan, Bryna Koch, Gina Buban, Diane Nunez, Debra Illichak, Jeremy Gneck
 Center Director Attendees: Marica Martinic, Jennifer Smith, Jeff Axtel, Gloria Vasquez, Yolanda Perez, Shannan Gonzalez
 Other Attendees: Jennifer Zúñiga, Sonia Cota-Robles, Alyssa Gough, Rachel Ramos, Marni Valenzuela, Nicole Paredes, Edgardo Figuero, Angel Sanchez, Colleen Reed, Hildi Williams, Jen Peters, Joe Harrison

ITEM	ANNOUNCEMENT/DISCUSSION	Information provided by:
Meeting 12:00pm	Welcome	Leila Barraza
Discussion	AHEC Scholars Program (ASP) Updates The AHEC Scholars Cohort 2025-2027 application closed 9/14/25. As of 9/17/25, 78 scholars have been accepted into the program by their respective RHPP directors. The table below reflects the application status by program as of 9/17/25. RHPP directors must review all submitted applications by 9/19/25. RHPPs with applicants on the waitlist will be contacted by 9/19/25 if additional scholars can be accepted. Final cohort lists will be sent to centers by 9/22/25 to support planning for the fall community immersion. ASP Deadline Reminders 1) Faculty mentor monthly seminar topics were due 9/12/25. a. For those faculty mentors who did not submit their topics, Nicole Paredes will follow up. 2) ASP Year 1 Orientation is 9/23 from 6pm-8pm a. Program orientation will be from 6pm-7pm. Breakout sessions with faculty mentors and regional centers by cohort will be from 7pm-8pm. 3) Fall Community Immersion Dates by Cohort a. September 27–28: Year 2 CPCHP, AIH-AHEC, and CAAHEC groups b. October 4–5: All Year 1 groups, plus Year 2 SHEC, SAAHEC, and CERE groups FY26 Letters of Commitment with SHEC Most RHPPs have met with SHEC to finalize the FY26 letters of commitment. RHPPs who have not yet done so should reach out directly to Shannan Gonzalez, SHEC Director, to schedule a meeting. Shannan's contact information is available on the AzAHEC website. End-of-Year Report Status • Annual Narrative Report – Center/RHPP deadline to submit was 8/15/25. Thanks to all who submitted their reports. Report is in progress. • RHPP FY25 Annual Financial Report & Support Reconciliation - The deadline for RHPPs to submit the annual financial report was 9/15/25.	Nicole Paredes Leila Barraza Jennifer Zuniga

	Most reports have been received. AHEC will follow up with any outstanding reports or findings. FY26 Contracts Center/RHPP FY26 contracts are currently under review and will be awarded to all six centers in the order received. FY26 AHEC Scholar Immersion Travel Support to center In prior years, RHPPs supported AHEC Scholar travel immersion costs. During the August 2025 Center/RHPP Director meeting, it was agreed that for FY26, immersion travel support will shift to centers. AHEC will deduct these funds from RHPP FY26 awards and transfer to center FY26 budgets upon awarding. Centers are encouraged to connect early with their finance teams and follow organizational policies for student travel reimbursement. Next Meeting The next Center/RHPP director meeting will be 10/15/25 via zoom.	Rachel Ramos Leila Barraza
Ended 12:46 pm		

AHEC Scholar Program Applications Cohort 2025-27 as of 9-17-2025

RHPP	*Projected	Accepted	Submitted	Waitlisted	Not Eligible	Total Applications per RHPP
ASU CON	15	14		1	1	16
NAU CON	4	2			3	5
NAU OT	5	4			1	5
NAU PA	33	33		22		55
NAU PT	7	7				7
UA COM-T	3		1			1
UA COM- PHX	8		6			6
UA CON	6	6		4	1	11
UA COP	11	11		1		12
UA COPH	5	1				1
Total	97	78	7	28	6	119

*Projected = refers to maximum number of students prior to waitlisting