



MEETING: RHPP Directors and Regional Center Directors
 DATE: January 21, 2026
 TIME: 12:00 – 12:40pm
 PLACE: AHEC Zoom Meeting
 HOST: Leila Barraza
 RHPP Director Attendees: Bettie Coplan, Gina Buban, Diane Nunez, Jonathan Cartsonis, Jeremy Gneck, Christy Pacheco, Amy Kennedy, Andrea Lerner
 Center Director Attendees: Marica Martinic, Jennifer Smith, Jeff Axtell, Shannan Gonzalez, Gloria Vasquez, Yolanda Perez
 Other Attendees: Jennifer Zúñiga, Sonia Cota-Robles, Rachel Ramos, Marni Valenzuela, Nicole Paredes, Edgardo Figuero, Colleen Reed, Alyssa Gough, Matt Stelling, Jen Peters, Hildi Williams, Brooke Rector, Abby Sanchez, Lourdes Montez, Pam Barnes

ITEM	ANNOUNCEMENT/DISCUSSION	Information provided by:
Meeting 12:00pm	Welcome	Leila Barraza
Discussion	<p>Mid-Year Assessment: Each RHPP and Center Directors will get a data assessment report as of 12/31/25 along with an invitation to meet with AzaAHEC to discuss the data and related topics. We encourage Directors to extend invitations to others in your organization as we will be discussing Salesforce dashboard enhancements as well.</p> <p>2026 RHPP Conference: The 2026 RHPP Conference will take place on Friday, April 10 and Saturday, April 11. AzaAHEC has been working with Arizona Telemedicine Program (ATP) to set up the Zoom webinar for the conference. Registration will begin on March 1. Posters and poster presentations are due from students on March 15. CAAHEC will host a satellite location in Phoenix and will be reaching out to all RHPPs to determine in-person attendance interest. RHPP students may attend in person or at this satellite location. We are still looking for recommendations for speakers and volunteers for poster judges and moderators. Gloria Vasquez has volunteered.</p> <p>Contracts: Beginning January 2026, all contracts/awards will require pre-approval by the University of Arizona main campus. This will likely slow down the contract timeline for RHPPs (Centers are already incorporated into this process). AzaAHEC will let you know more as we know more, particularly after we meet with the new Purchasing director.</p> <p>Reminders to RHPPs: Mid-Year Narrative and Financial Reports are due 2/15/26.</p> <p>FY27 RHPP contracts will be performance-based, with an emphasis on MUC, Primary Care, and Rural. RHPPs will be contacted with information on FY25 activities in these areas to facilitate future planning.</p> <p>ASP Spring Community Immersions:</p> <p>The Spring ASP Community Immersion dates are: Year 1: weekend of January 30-February 1, 2026 Year 2: weekend of February 20-22, 2026</p> <p>Updates from Centers regarding plans for upcoming immersions:</p>	<p>Jennifer Zuniga</p> <p>Marni Valenzuela</p> <p>Jennifer Zuniga</p> <p>Nicole Paredes</p>

	<p>AIH: The Year 1 cohort will be in Fort Defiance in the Navajo Nation where they will watch a basketball game at Window Rock High School and participate in a cultural competency training and a sheep butchering. The Year 2 cohort will be at the Hopi Cultural Center.</p> <p>CAAHEC: The Year 1 cohort will attend a pow-wow in the Wickenburg community and will prepare handouts and information for booths. There will be a scavenger hunt on Sunday with presentations at each site. The Year 2 cohort work with Project Salt, a nonprofit organization committed to providing food and clothing and making a positive impact in the Wickenburg area. They will also tour the hospital in Wickenburg. There will be an event on Sunday to thank community partners.</p> <p>SAAHEC: The Year 1 Cohort will be in Nogales with their faculty mentor where they will volunteer at Crossroads Mission. They will serve food and hear presentations from the Executive Director, the Marana Health Center, Adult Protective Services, and the Director of Population Health. Lunch will be with the faculty mentor at an area restaurant. The Year 2 cohort will be in Bisbee with their faculty mentor and teacher(s) from Bisbee High School where they will finalize their ASP project, working on videos for high school students that discuss careers in health professions.</p> <p>Note: Immersion events are open to RHPP Directors if they are interested in attending; relevant center director should be contacted and can also provide agenda.</p> <p>CERE: The Year 1 cohort will be preparing poster presentations and planning their service-learning project for Year 2. The Year 2 cohort will be putting finishing touches on their service-learning projects before spending an afternoon at the free clinic where they will work with leadership and be active participants at the clinic.</p> <p>CPCHP: The Year 1 cohort will be in Flagstaff for presentations from the Food Bank, Crisis Mobile Unit, and Community Assistance Teams (C.A.T.s), a non-profit helping unsheltered residents with essential supplies. They will also get a tour of Flagstaff Medical Center organized by a former AHEC Scholar and a tour of HOPE Cottage. The Year 2 cohort will be in Winslow for a community fair at the Health Center, which will include an obstacle course, education booth about fast food, and community resources. They will have a booth(s) at the fair and will focus on nutrition. There will be a debrief after the event. They will work on presentations on Sunday.</p> <p>SHEC: The Year 1 cohort will be at the Food Bank in Yuma to provide community awareness about diabetes. There will be activities, including a “date night,” and resources for the homeless. The Year 2 cohort will participate in a community health fair at the Crossroads Mission in Yuma. On Sunday, there will be a panel of six providers from various areas. One speaker is a former AHEC Scholar. They will also have a dinner celebration.</p>	<p>Brooke Rector</p> <p>Lourdes Montez</p> <p>Yolanda Perez</p> <p>Jennifer Smith</p> <p>Abby Sanchez</p> <p>Shannan Gonzalez</p>
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