



MEETING: RHPP Directors and Regional Center Directors
 DATE: May 20, 2026
 TIME: 12:00 – 12:21pm
 PLACE: AHEC Zoom Meeting
 HOST: Leila Barraza
 RHPP Director Attendees: Bettie Coplan, Gina Buban, Amy Kennedy, Jeremy Gneck, Carrie Schuessler, Coy Collins, Chad Brinkman, Christy Pacheco
 Center Director Attendees: Jeff Axtell, Yolanda Perez, Shannan Gonzlez, Marica Martinic, Jennifer Smith, Gloria Vasquez
 Other Attendees: Jennifer Zúñiga, Rachel Ramos, Sonia Cota-Robles, Marni Valenzuela, Nicole Paredes, Edgardo Figuero, Alyssa Gough, Joe Harrison, Abby Sanchez, Hildi Williams, Jennifer Peters

ITEM	ANNOUNCEMENT/DISCUSSION	Information provided by:
Meeting 12:00pm	Welcome	Leila Barraza
Discussion	<p><u>Welcome to new RHPP Programs:</u> Welcome to the UA Physical Therapy and UA Physician Assistant programs. UA PT joined us as a new RHPP in spring of 2026. UA PA is pending accreditation. We expect them to join us for FY27. Welcome too to new RHPP Director for NAU PT, Carrie Schuessler.</p> <p><u>Rural Health Conference:</u> The Rural Health Conference will take place in Flagstaff on June 2 and 3, 2026. This will be held at the same location (High Country Conference Center) as last year. The conference hotel is also the same as last year (Drury Inn & Suites). AHEC will have a panel with Leila Barraza and all six Center Directors. The topic is CBET practices. The panel will be on Tuesday, 6/2 at 3pm. We hope to see many of you in the audience.</p> <p>The annual AHEC dinner in Flagstaff will begin at 6pm on Tuesday at 1899 Bar & Grill. This is limited to two participants from each RHPP and each Center due to space constraints and UA guidelines. RSVPs closed on 5/15 and the table is full. For RSVPs requested after that date, we will let you know if further seating becomes available. Please inform Matt Stelling of any changes to your RSVP so that we can make adjustments to the reservation as needed.</p> <p><u>Salesforce Closure for FY26 and Letters of Commitment FY27 Process:</u> We are approaching the end of the metric reporting (HRSA) year, which is 7/1/25 to 6/30/26. This is the same reporting period outlined in your award letters. Salesforce will be closed in June so that the Program Office can prepare to submit the HRSA report. Access for RHPPs will close on June 1 at 5pm, as indicated in your award letters and in email reminders. Another reminder will be sent after this meeting. The open entry window for RHPPs will be from May 28 at 9am to June 1 at 5pm. During this time, you can confirm all rotations that began before June 30. For overlapping reporting dates after July 1, it is up to you to confirm now for this fiscal year or wait to confirm in FY27. They can only be reported in one fiscal year. Regional Center Salesforce access closure will begin on June 10 at 5pm. Your open entry window is June 2 to June 5. During this time, you can enter any missed activities. You won't be able to pull reports during that closure period. If you need data, please reach out to the Program Office. We can pull reports for you. Our goal is to reopen Salesforce as close to July 1 as possible. (We have never kept it closed more than a few days beyond July 1.) All closure and open entry dates will be included in the minutes for this meeting and in email reminders to follow.</p>	<p>Leila Barraza</p> <p>Jennifer Zuniga</p> <p>Marni Valenzuela</p>

	<p>We are quickly approaching award season as well. The Program Office met with Centers and RHPPs to discuss Letters of Commitment for FY27. Support schedules were given to RHPPs to begin the LOC process. If you have any questions about your support schedule, please let us know. RHPPs should be working on these now and should be requesting meetings with Centers to complete them. Scheduling meetings with Centers sooner than later is greatly appreciated.</p> <p><u>AHEC Scholars Satisfaction Survey Distribution:</u> Preliminary results from the AHEC Scholars Satisfaction Survey were shared during our last meeting. A more formalized and completed version of the report is done and will be sent by email within the next few days. Results show that students were generally satisfied. However, reviewing the results could provide ideas for improvement.</p> <p><u>AHEC Scholars Recruitment:</u> It is still early in recruitment season for FY27. Here is an early update on applications:</p> <p><i>ASP Applications as of 5/20/26:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 8 accepted Scholars <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- 6 ASU, 1 NAU CON, 1 UA CON - 2 submitted/pending <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- 1 UA COM-T, 1 UA COPH <p>Nicole will email the “how to approve applications” guide to RHPP Directors for those who are new or need a refresher. If you still have questions, please feel free to request a Zoom meeting with her. The application deadline is September 13, 2026.</p> <p>The FY26-27 Recruitment flyer and important dates are available on the AzAHEC website.</p> <p><u>Other Updates:</u> There have been numerous National AHEC Organization emails about funding lately. We will provide updates as we have them.</p> <p>AzAHEC has not received any new updates about the Rural Health Transformation Project.</p> <p><u>Next Meeting</u> The next Center/RHPP Director meeting will be on 6/17/26 at noon via Zoom.</p>	<p>Sonia Cota-Robles</p> <p>Nicole Paredes</p>
<p>Ended 12:21pm</p>		