



6MEETING: AHEC Commission Meeting
DATE: August 28, 2025
TIME: 12:00-12:46pm
PLACE: AHEC Zoom Meeting
HOST: Leila Barraza
COMMISSIONERS: Paul Ferris, Kenny Evans, Michael Allison, Randall Flores, Lura Ryden, Matthew Bertsch, Navaz Dolasa
AHEC CENTER DIRECTORS: Marica Martinic, Gloria Vasquez, Yolanda Perez, Jeff Axtell, Ana Montoya
OTHERS: Andrea Zamora, Debbie Zagray, Rachel Ramos, Alyssa Gough, Bettie Coplan, Nicole Paredes, Angel Sanchez, Marni Valenzuela, Diane Nunez, Hildi Williams, Amy Kennedy, Becca Harris, Bryna Koch, Jennifer Zuniga, Christy Pacheco, Roy Sanchez

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Called to order	Welcome	Leila Barraza
Meeting Minutes	Review and approval of May 22, 2025, meeting minutes; motioned for approval by Paul Ferris, second by Kenny Evans. Approved by all commissioners.	Leila Barraza
Director's Updates	The Program Office reported that a partial Notice of Award had been received, amounting to approximately \$200,000 less than the previous year. It remains unclear whether additional funding may be awarded later in the year. At present, efforts are underway to ensure that all programs can continue despite this reduction. State funding remains unchanged. It was also noted that the National AHEC Organization indicated all AHECs across the country received only partial funding compared to the prior year. The NCCR from Centers is due August 31. This funding applies to FY26 and begins September 1, 2025. Two contracts will be developed: one smaller HRSA contract and one state funding contract. RHPP Request for Proposals (RFPs) are currently being reviewed and are in the process of being finalized. These will be distributed within the next few weeks. The Program Office submitted its annual HRSA report in July. This report included data on the reporting of 320,000 CBET hours by Regional Centers, reflecting significant growth due to increased collaboration with RHPPs. Charts were reviewed that showed a notable increase in center-initiated hours, as distinct from RHPP-initiated hours.	Leila Barraza Jennifer Zúñiga
Financial Report	A summary was provided of the year-to-date financial report for the quarter ending June 30, 2025.	Rachel Ramos
Additional Updates	CERE completed its second year with Arizona AHEC in July. The pipeline program expanded the total number of clubs and achieved success in working with local high schools. The number of unique CBET trainees significantly increased this year. Participation in CE/CPD programming also increased. The first cohort of AHEC Scholars completed the program this year. A Women's Wellness Forum was recently completed, drawing hundreds of participants, and the CERE reported strong engagement in health education events. At SAAHEC, Year 1 Scholars completed rotations in Nogales, while Year 2 Scholars were in Bisbee working to establish a new pipeline program at the local high school. Pipeline programming included summer camps such as the SOCHI program, which ran two cohorts (freshman/sophomore and	Kenny Evans Yolanda Perez



	junior/senior), with plans already in place to repeat the program next year. Another camp, the Gear Up Program, provided a week-long experience at the University of Arizona and included presentations. SAAHEC is developing a preceptor faculty development event in partnership with United, Mariposa, and El Rio, in response to a high need for preceptor training in the community. CBET Letters of Commitment have been finalized, and follow-up is ongoing to ensure sufficient support. The NCCR will be completed soon. CAAHEC served hundreds of CBET students and implemented an automated notification system to alert students about future support opportunities during FY25. Year 2 Scholars participated in a community dental and health fair in Apache Junction, while Year 1 Scholars completed a windshield survey in Maricopa County. Pipeline programming included an expanded learning program with a camp, a dissection workshop, and a scientific research presentation. For FY26, the center will focus on Title I schools and financial literacy. CE programming expanded thanks in large part to accreditation from the Arizona Medical Association and automation system support, and efforts will continue to add new accreditations. AIH-AHEC hired a new pathways coordinator to support students entering college and to connect them with peer mentors. Two six-week summer programs were held with San Carlos Apache and Gila River. Supplemental funding supported a two-day simulation lab workshop where high school students worked on mannequins, practiced suturing, and toured ambulances. Year 2 Scholars will rotate in Hopi, while Year 1 Scholars will rotate in Fort Defiance under the guidance of a new faculty mentor. Rotations significantly increased compared to the previous year. AIH is working with Hopi Health Care and NAU College of Nursing to create pathways into nursing. With a full team now in place, outreach efforts will be expanding. With school starting, CPCHP is ramping up its pathways programming. Recruitment is underway for the fall Future Faces of Family Medicine program, which matches students with residents for workshops and shadowing opportunities. This program is now in its third year. Year 2 Scholars are completing rotations in Winslow, while Year 1 Scholars are in Flagstaff with a new mentor. A new CE coordinator is being hired. Accreditation processes are ongoing as expected. CBET activity remains strong, with a high flow of trainees in the region. Family medicine residency is seeking to expand from four to six residents per year, pending additional funding. CPCHP's Psychiatry residency program is in development and the accreditation application was submitted earlier this month. Residencies continue to help promote a culture of teaching in the community. The NCCR will be completed soon. WAHEC recently completed the Nuestros Niños pipeline program, a six-week initiative, and launched the Path to Medicine program, a one-week mini-medical program in which trainees, guided by physician mentors, presented on diabetes to family and friends. CBET efforts included a large number of students rotating.	Gloria Vasquez Jeff Axtell Marica Martinic Ana Montoya
Ended 12:46 pm	Next meeting on November 20, 2025, at noon.	



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Meeting Minutes	Review and approval of August 28, 2025 meeting minutes; motioned for approval by Kenny Evans, second by Paul Ferris. Approved by all commissioners in attendance.	Leila Barraza
Director's Updates	There was an introduction of all those on the call for new AzAHEC members. The 2025 Annual Report was sent via email. It is also available on the AzAHEC website. If you didn't receive the report via email, or if you'd like a paper copy of the report, please let the Program Office know. A one-page summary of the 2025 Annual Report is also available on the AzAHEC website. In FY25, AzAHEC supported 4,302 CBET rotations, provided over 6,000 K-16 Health Career Preparation Programs in Rural and Underserved Areas, supported health information events for nearly 3,200 community members, and provided 160 continuing education and professional events for over 4,700 health professionals.	Leila Barraza Jennifer Zúñiga
Financial Report	A financial update was provided for Quarter 1, highlighting predictable year-end spending patterns and stable lottery revenue projections.	Rachel Ramos
Regional Center Presentations	SHEC has hit the ground running as a new Center. Pipeline and pathway programs are strong. We had 160 senior citizens in attendance for a breast health awareness community event. 1,400 high school students attended a presentation on career pathways, which included a talk on the risk of vaping. With strong CBET collaborators, we can capture different rotations. Our first AzAHEC Scholars immersion weekend went well. We are working with the second cohort to host a health fair. For continuing education, we have partnered with Arizona Western College to bring the first event to the La Paz area. We are also working with Kingman Regional Medical Center to hold a virtual experience for continuing education. At CPCHP, Fall is off to a strong start. We had great enrollment for our youth programs, with about 100 students enrolled in 6 to 7 clubs. We are currently planning for summer programs, which will include the NAU summer camp. We are working with Hopi Health Care for our Tuba City expansion. We are down two coordinators right now, so we are trying not to overdo clinical rotations and continuing education events until we are fully staffed. AzAHEC Scholar immersions in Winslow went great. We had other community programs as well. What participants learned during presentations led them to the decision to host a health fair that we are now planning at the Winslow Healthcare Center in January. The Year 1 cohort completed their windshield survey in underserved populations. Our Psychiatry residency program had an accreditation site visit in	Shannan Gonzalez Marica Martinic



	October, which went well. The site visitor was very supportive. We expect full accreditation in February. Our Family Medicine residency program is interviewing for their next year of residents. We are also working on a new program to include ultrasound training for a grant for research study. CAAHEC has been very busy this Fall. We have had quite a few pipeline events, including a simulation event at University of Arizona in Phoenix, CPR training, and National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month and Stop the Bleed events. We will have a pharmacy event in the spring. Our Program Manager recently presented at the HOSA Conference. We are applying for reaccreditation with ACCME and are hoping to submit surveys soon and then move on to the site visit. Our goal is to have this completed by next October. We will also be working on accreditation for the Pharmacy program this Spring. Our AzAHEC Scholars Fall immersion in Wickenburg and Maricopa were a success. Student reactions were great; we are using their feedback to improve the Spring immersions in the same areas.	Gloria Vasquez
	AIH-AHEC has been busy this Fall as well. We have a new Academic Pathways Program to help first-generation college students get not only into college but through college to degree completion, a focus on recruitment and retention into healthcare careers. Our AzAHEC Scholars immersion was in Hopi where they saw the health center there, participated in a ceremony, and went to Fort Defiance Window Rock Hospital for a presentation on traditional healing. Our youth programs continued to elevate, with our group at Gila River Healthcare receiving national recognition and an invitation to present at a conference in Seattle. We have new HOSA clubs starting along with other high schools. Our clinical rotations have seen a steady increase (10/week). We are in the fourth year of 5-year grant cycle and are planning an assessment to see where we are going next.	Jeff Axtell
	SAAHEC signed a new affiliation agreement that will strengthen our pipelines. At El Rio, our Psychiatry and Family Medicine residency programs offer a strong pipeline for 3rd-year medical school rotations as those students begin to apply for residency. We hope that some of these students will want to stay with El Rio as employees. Our AzAHEC Scholars Year 1 cohort went to Nogales for their windshield survey, which received great feedback. Our Year 2 cohort went to Bisbee where they had an amazing opportunity to be in the community. A great CME success was a preceptor faculty development day that brought together 50 providers and health care educators to help develop preceptors at sites, topics including preventing burnout and understanding why student learners can be an asset in the workplace. A 1-minute preceptor tool was developed in conjunction with educators. We also worked to clarify the expectations at the beginning of a clinical rotation. We are planning our Summer of Community Health Exploration Academy (SOCHEA), a one-week program for Pima County high school students interested in health careers. Applications opened on 11/1/25.	Kristen Natonie
	CERE plans to support 140 students this year, and we have already received half of them, for which we provided direct support. Because CERE is in a Rural community, housing is a challenge. We've been working with MHA to provide housing. While this is going well, it requires significant time and energy. Two more Family Medicine residents will need housing along with the LIC and regular students. Our pipeline program is working closely with the high school, currently very successfully with the basketball and cross-country teams this quarter, providing health and fitness education. We have also worked very carefully	Kenny Evans



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	with the community college here to develop dual credit and pre-dual credit opportunities for high school students, particularly with the Nursing program. The goal is to provide a better pipeline for local high school students to get into the Nursing program, which is one of the best in the country. For continuing education, we continue to add to our extensive electronic library. We hope to develop a better way of distributing this resource to those in Rural areas. We held a very successful professional development community health event that paired students interested in health careers with health care workers and community members who have difficulty getting health care.	
Ended 12:41 pm	Next meeting on February 26, 2026, at noon. Calendar invitations for 2026 meetings will come from Matt Stelling.	



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Called to order	Welcome	Jennifer Zúñiga
Meeting Minutes	Quorum confirmed; introduction of attendees. Review and approval of November 20, 2025 meeting minutes; motioned for approval by Kenny Evans, second by Paul Ferris. Approved by all commissioners in attendance.	Jennifer Zúñiga
Director's Updates		
Financial Report	A financial update was provided for Quarter 2, highlighting predictable mid-year spending patterns and stable lottery revenue projections. Federal and state funds are tracking appropriately. There are no fiscal/compliance issues.	Rachel Ramos
Programmatic Report	A programmatic update was provided for Quarter 2, highlighting achievement toward HRSA performance goals. FY26 goals have already been met or are close to being met at mid-year (i.e., 12/31/25). For Centers: The 1,010 unique health professions trainees reported as of 12/31/25 is 140% of the goal of 720. The 325 pipeline (Grades 9-12) participants is 45% of the goal of 720 structured pipeline participants. This is excellent given that most pipeline programs begin after mid-year. The 2,038 continuing education/continuing health profession participants is 113% of the goal of 1,800 participants. For RHPPS, the 556 unique health profession trainees reported is 83% of the goal of 667. Two hundred nineteen (219) AHEC Scholars have been identified by RHPPs and supported by Regional Centers, achieving HRSA goals.	Jennifer Zúñiga
Regional Center Presentations	CPCHP: We are excited to report that the new Psychiatry residency program received ACGME accreditation. We will start recruiting faculty members and residents for a 2027 start. The Family Medicine residency program is waiting for match results for their next resident. Recent financial challenges haven't impacted the FM faculty or residents. The program has remained stable despite the changes. Our youth programs have shown the highest enrollment in many years. With 159 participants so far, we are way ahead of the goal of 120. However, we do not have as much capacity for clinical rotations right now due to the financial challenges. Our AHEC Scholars had successful immersions in January (Year 1) and February (Year 2). The Year 1 cohort was in Flagstaff for a sexual health clinic and presentations from the Food Bank, Crisis Mobile Unit, and Community Assistance Teams (C.A.T.s), a non-profit helping unsheltered	Marica Martinic



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	residents with essential supplies. They also attended a tour of Flagstaff Medical Center and HOPE. The Year 2 cohort was in Winslow for a community fair at the Health Center. This event had 68 participants, a great turnout. We are in process of being acquired by another fed qualified health center. This is scheduled to be finalized on April 1. Updates are forthcoming. CERE: We are pleased to announce that we are well ahead of our performance goals for this year. 140 students have requested support and most of those students did receive support. We have had 560 rotations so far, with 233 unique students. For AHEC Scholars, the Year 1 cohort prepared poster presentations and planned their service-learning projects for Year 2. The Year 2 cohort put finishing touches on their service-learning projects before spending an afternoon at the free clinic where they worked with leadership and helped the residency program with QAQC and tracking metrics. Our K – 16 program is robust and our enrichment program at Payson High School is going very well, with 8 video presentations created for students so far. Our scrubs camp has partnered with the local community colleges in Payson and Globe. Continuing Medical Education is moving along well also. 174 continuing professional development attendees have been reported so far. We are at 100% for our scope of work requirements and are now looking for overperformance. CAAHEC: We have partnered with Collaborative Health Sciences to conduct a survey for school admins to determine what courses are offered and if there are any clubs like HOSA that we might be able to support. We are looking into shadowing or training opportunities for students after they graduate from high school. Among other events, we are also helping with two IHART (national nonprofit) events scheduled for April, one at A. T. Still University in Mesa and one at University of Arizona in Tucson. These events will be titled “Rising Healers: A Native American Youth Health Expo.” One program alumna said that she was able to get a job in an Arizona State University lab because of her experience in this program. For AHEC Scholars, the Year 1 cohort attended a pow-wow in the Wickenburg community and toured Wickenburg Hospital. The Year 2 cohort worked with Project Salt, a nonprofit organization committed to making a positive impact in the Wickenburg area. There was scavenger hunt on Sunday. We are in phase 1 of getting our reaccreditation from ACGME. This is due at the end of March. We’ll know by October if we are reaccredited. For CBETS, we are on track to overperform. AIH: Our pipeline activities include a Research Mentors program that offers clinical research for high school students. This is tied in with other areas of clinical healthcare and provides a great opportunity to analyze and discuss articles. A poster presentation is coming next weekend. The students will choose a research topic, find articles, and create a presentation that looks like an advanced degree presentation. Our Year 1 AHEC Scholars were in Fort Defiance in the Navajo Nation where they had a tour of the Navajo Council Chambers and participated in a scavenger hunt at the Gallup Flea Market. The Year 2 cohort will have their community immersion on the weekend of March 27-29.	Kenny Evans Gloria Vasquez Angel Sanchez
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	SHEC: Our CBET numbers are improving as we refine our processes and become more familiar with Salesforce. We are right at 97 unique trainees with more waiting to be validated, putting us on track to meet our performance goals. We have a new Radiology program with Arizona Western College and will be supporting those trainees with their travel. Our Year 1 AHEC Scholars cohort was at the Food Bank in Yuma to provide community awareness about diabetes. They also had a “date night” in the date fields outside of Yuma. The Year 2 cohort participated in a community health fair at the Crossroads Mission in Yuma, hosting three different booths. On Sunday, there was a panel of providers from various specialties, with one speaker a former AHEC Scholar. We have lots of other things underway with Arizona Western College and other local university campuses as we build our presence in La Paz and Mojave. One continuing education event is planned for each location and will be virtually streamed as well now that we have that capability. This will allow for additional CE opportunities. SAAHEC: We started recruitment efforts for our summer program at El Rio, an exploration health academy. That program has 83 applications already in progress. The first week will be for freshmen and sophomores; the second week will be for juniors and seniors. We have another summer program that lasts 6 weeks and is for rising high school seniors. We developed two new high school HOSA chapters in addition to other pipeline programs. For CME, our biggest annual research and innovation summit will take place on May 7. This is a poster fair on the first day and a conference on the second day. Additionally, we are developing CME workshops in the fall and spring. These will be designed to meet the needs of partners, for example those hoping to start a residency program. For AHEC Scholars, the Year 1 cohort was in Nogales with their faculty mentor where they toured the Crossroads Mission and met with representatives from the Marana Health Center, Adult Protective Services, and Population Health. They also attended a car show put on by a Nogales High School student. The Year 2 cohort was in Bisbee with their faculty mentor where they gave workshops to high school students. Workshops included CPR, suturing, public health, and PT. Our CBET numbers are strong at 79% of the Scope of Work goals at mid-year.	Shannan Gonzalez Yolanda Perez
Other Business	The 2026 Interprofessional Rural Health Professions Program Conference will be held on Friday, April 10 and Saturday, April 11 via Zoom. This conference represents the work of RHPP students and AHEC Scholars. An agenda and registration link will be distributed shortly.	Jennifer Zúñiga
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Director's Updates		
Financial Report	A financial update was provided for Quarter 3, highlighting predictable mid-year spending patterns and stable lottery revenue projections. Federal and state funds are tracking appropriately. There are no fiscal/compliance issues.	Rachel Ramos
Programmatic Report	Non-Competing Continuation Report Summary: Arizona AHEC's Non-Competing Continuation Report for the reporting period (9/1/25–3/31/26 (58% of FY26): 1. In total, Regional Centers reported 228,858 hours of Community Based Education and Training (CBET) for an achievement of 212% of the 108,000 projected annual hours required by HRSA. 2. In total, Regional Centers reported 905 unique CBET trainees, which represents 126% of the required annual number of 720 unique trainees required by HRSA. 3. Regional Centers reported greater than 100% of annual metrics in all HRSA-required areas. With an additional five months of reporting in FY26, significantly greater metrics can be anticipated for Objective 1.1 (Health Profession Trainees), Objective 2.1 (Pipeline Participants) and Objective 3.1 (Continuing Education). No FY26 activity will occur for AHEC Scholars. AHEC Scholar Highlights: Arizona AHEC Scholars Program has expanded significantly since inception in FY18; 508 scholars have now completed the program and an additional 100 Scholars are scheduled to complete the program in FY27. The wide variety of health profession disciplines who have completed or are currently enrolled include 53 (8.7%) medical students, 189 (31%) nurse practitioner students, 74 (12.2%) pharmacy students, 212 (34.9%) physician assistant students, and 80 (13.2%) in all other disciplines.	Jennifer Zúñiga



Regional Center Presentations	CERE: Introduction of new Program Manager, Laurie Eells. For pipeline programs, CERE will be offering an 8-week non-credit course at Payson High School that will take place quarterly. They have developed videos that demonstrate 8 different healthcare careers, including videos from dietitians, Banner Health flight nurses, physical and occupational therapists, hospice nurses, and surgery nurses. Curriculum targeting the local nursing program and Gila Community College is in the final stages of development for the upcoming academic year. Scrubs Camp in Payson and Globe are approaching. Camps will include a hospital tour, guest speakers, dental activities, dissections, helicopter and ambulance tours, simulations, and fire station tours. CERE is in the early planning phase of a shadowing program with the University of Arizona College of Medicine Phoenix Family Medicine residency program. High School students will spend 20+ hours in clinic beside residents and doctors. planning that. They are hoping to launch the shadowing program this fall. CAAHEC: Announcement of a staffing change. Angela Bryant left CAAHEC, so they will be hiring a new pipeline program manager. Gloria Vasquez is covering those duties in the meantime. CAAHEC has officially launched a dual enroll program. High school students will get college credit by taking courses with local community colleges. These courses must be in healthcare and related to math and science. CAAHEC will track the initial 10 dual enrollment students for 3 years to determine the impact of this DE opportunity. The idea is for this to be a larger program open to more students from three different high schools. The first 10 students have already been selected and will begin the program at the end of July. CAAHEC had a Research Mentors program at the end of April, during which they worked with multiple high school students to research healthcare careers. These students shadowed physicians and other healthcare professionals and then put together research posters. The work produced was very impressive and the feedback from students was positive. For continuing education, CAAHEC is working with ACCME to continue accreditation for their physician CE. They are also working on accreditation for their pharmacy program. Their medical assistant program provides opportunities for employees at community health centers across the state, allowing them to take certification exams. The third cohort will begin in October. CAAHEC is also planning sessions for both years of the AHEC Scholars Program for the upcoming academic year. CPCHP: It was a busy third quarter for CPCHP. El Rio Health purchased North Country Healthcare, including the affiliated AHEC. This purchase was effective on April 1, 2026. CPCHP is still in the process of transferring contracts, but activities related to their scope of work are continuing. Their new name is Elk Ridge Community Health. El Rio will host two AHEC centers now, CPCHP and SAAHEC. The two regional centers will serve different regions and will have different staff and board members. During the transition, CPCHP has continued clinical rotations and housing for the OBGYN program and will have capacity for placements in FY26-27. Other specialties are limited during the transition. Please reach out to their coordinator for details. For continuing education, CPCHP has maintained its two partners as well as Yavapai County Community Health Services. Their youth programs held a summer camp in July, during which 14 high school students got to tour the local hospital, the community college, and Northern Arizona University. Overall, they have exceeded their scope of work for youth programs for the year. For their AHEC Scholars Program, they are recruiting a new faculty mentor for the incoming cohort. Their Girls on the Run program will continue at El Rio in the northern region. They are planning events for fall. Likewise, their Family Medicine program will be continuing with El Rio. No changes to curriculum or	Laurie Eells Gloria Vasquez Abby Sanchez
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	faculty are expected. Their fourth class of residents will be graduating, and a new class will be starting in June. Their Psychology program received initial ACGME accreditation with no citations. SAAHEC: SAAHEC is ready for their summer program, SOCHEA, a one-week program designed to give teenagers in Pima County an insight into health careers. This program focuses on the role of health providers in a community health center setting, provides college preparedness opportunities, university and college campus tours, team building activities, and an opportunity to engage with peers with similar goals. This is offered to 28 students, 14 freshmen and sophomores, 14 juniors and seniors. They will also be holding career fairs in Bisbee that will include resume presentations and interactions with the Scrubs team from University of Arizona. For CME, SAAHEC had their annual Research and Innovation Summit over two days in May. There was a poster session on the first day. 4 awards were given. 40 posters were submitted. 100 people participated in the poster session at El Rio. The second day was a conference-style CME session with a theme of "Caring for the Caregiver." Resources for providers were given to the 40 to 50 participants. CAAHEC is also planning a biannual conference series for its partnering health centers who are interested in resources for preceptor and residency development and education training. In the fall, there will be a leadership and scholarship track. In spring, the focus will be on preceptor and teaching development. For CBETs, SAAHEC is working with Rural Health Professions Programs from the three ABOR schools to establish their Letters of Commitment for the upcoming year. AIH: AIH hired a community outreach intern, a master's degree student in the Arizona State University Healthcare Administration program. The intern will be taking over social media and campaigning for AIH. AIH is getting ready for their summer programs. In spring, they had their Gila River Health Care Elev8 Simulation Experience, during which 100 students came together for guided simulations that explored real-world clinical scenarios with learning skills, building confidence, and discovering career possibilities in medicine and allied health. This was a 6-week program. They also had their AHEC Scholars Program community immersion in the Hopi community in March. They partnered with Hopi Relief Food Distribution and created a "Seeds of Wellness" Hopi Family Workbook and Coloring Book. In June, they will be having a career day in the Hopi community and will be sharing the workbook there. This was a project that they'll be able to share and use for many years to come. AIH worked with the Window Rock HOSA club and had a very successful experience. They will be sponsoring 4 students to go to Nationals. They are working on their Academic Pathways program and their mentor programs at the 3 ABOR universities, introducing new college students to experienced college students who can acclimate them to college life. This program will be rolling out in the fall. AIH will be having an AHEC Advisory Council meeting in Flagstaff before the Rural Health Conference on June 2 and 3, 2026. They will be reviewing programs and their 3-year strategic plan. SHEC: SHEC continues to build their pipeline programs. 31 students just completed their mentorship program, which allowed them one-on-one time with Family Medicine residents and encouraged them to continue their pursuit of a career in healthcare. SHEC also continues to strengthen their partnerships with Yuma High School HOSA clubs, of which there are 10 overall. They received data for all 287 students for the year. For continuing education, they are producing new material in 3 counties and are collaborating with Sunset Health. The new Family Medicine residency kicks off on July 27, 2026. For CBETs, they have supported hundreds of students	Yolanda Perez Jeff Axtell Shannan Gonzalez
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	from various programs, including the local community college nursing program. They have begun to plan for the upcoming AHEC Scholars community immersion weekend. The Year 1 cohort will be in Kingman; the Year 2 cohort will be in Yuma. They will be focusing on substance abuse and behavioral health.	
Other Business	The AzAHEC Program Office moved from 1834 E. Mabel St. in Tucson to the Health Sciences Innovation Building on the University of Arizona Health Sciences campus. The new address is 1670 E Drachman St, Tucson, AZ 85721. We have appropriate commissioner representation from the regional centers, but we need commissioners from the community. If you know anybody who might be a good fit, please let the Program Office know.	Leila Barraza
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