

DATE:	August 27, 2020	
TIME:	12:00-1:00pm	
PLACE:	AHEC	
COMMISSIONERS:	Ed Paul, Ron Weinstein, Laura Dorrell, Christopher Nunez, Attakai, Amanda Klein	, Wendy Armendariz, Agnes
OTHERS:	Colleen Reed, Jennifer Zuniga, Amanda Perkins, Dan Derksen, Marica Martinic, Elizabeth Hall-Lipsy, Elias Villarreal, Sean Clendaniel, Gail Emrick, Carlos Gonzales, Shelley Vaughn, Beth Lewallen, Becca Harris ; Claudia Gonzales, Joena Ezroj	
CHAIRED BY:	Leila Barraza	-

	ANNOUNCEMENT/DISCUSSION	REPORTED BY:
Called to order 12:00	Welcome & Introductions	
Meeting Minutes	May 28, 2020 meeting minutes review and approval	Motion to approve Ed Paul; seconded Ron Weinstein
Financial Report	A summary was provided of the Year to Date Financial Report for quarter ending June 30, 2020.	Amanda Perkins
Program Office Updates	Tribal AHEC team is working towards tribal consultation process; meeting scheduled with tribal representatives in October to get feedback to identify steps and work that is needed to move forward. Kim Russell hopes the bill will be introduced in the 2021 Legislative Session.	Leila Barraza
	HRSA Federal Performance Data Report was submitted in July by deadline. AZ AHEC reported 1,100 trainees with a total of almost 1,800 field experiences across all AHEC Supported Programs; 1,250 pipeline club participants and 2,700 other pipeline program participants. AZ AHEC's rotations are among the highest of all AHECs across the country.	Jennifer Zuniga
	Preparation of State Report, containing both narratives and data, is underway. An additional \$200k was received from the upcoming federal award year which begins September 1.	Dan Derksen
	Commissioner Statuses - Agnes Attakai will not be seeking a second three year term as an AHEC Commissioner and will leave the commission effective August 27, 2020. Ron Weinstein is in the final year of his second consecutive term. Amanda Klein and Kristina Diaz were nominated and approved for a second term on the commission.	Leila Barraza Ed Paul nominated and Ron Weinstein seconded; approved by commissioners
Additional updates	SEAHEC 2020 NAO Award Winner for work within Winchester Heights. AHEC Scholars Immersion will focus on Farm Workers' Health within the Winchester Heights community virtually. Winchester Heights Health Organization continues to prosper and provide community related needs. SEAHEC offered Sexual Assault training for 20 nurse practitioners which provided 50 clinical hours each.	Gail Emrick
	WAHEC AHEC Scholars Immersion will focus on COVID19. Clinical rotations are facing challenges in finding placements for students; currently utilizing providers at RCFBH. Medical Mall to open in October which will offer outpatient services to serve community.	Joena Ezroj Claudia Gonzalez
	NAHEC – North Country Health Care has changed its name to Colorado Plateau Center for Health Professions. Residency program has begun with 4 residents in placements. Most programs have been converted to virtual opportunities including AHEC Scholars Immersion and Girls on The Run.	Marica Martinic Ed Paul

	CAAHEC – providing virtual provider education opportunities weekly. Focusing on telehealth engagement opportunities. CAAHEC.org website launched.	Sean Clendaniel
	EAHEC – 3 pipeline students participated in virtual MedStart summer program and 7 participated in the Future Health Leaders summer program. EAHEC purchased Butterfly Handheld ultrasound diagnostic equipment for five sites.	Laura Dorrell
	All centers are preparing for the AHEC Scholars Program Immersion (Two Year). The AHEC Scholars Program-COVID is welcoming its initial cohort.	Leila Barraza
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DATE:	November 19, 2020
TIME:	12:00-1:03pm
PLACE:	AHEC
COMMISSIONERS:	Kristen McCabe, Michael Allison, Amanda Klein, Ed Paul, Laura Dorrell, Christopher
	Nunez, Denise Burley, Wendy Armendariz
OTHERS:	Jennifer Zuniga, Colleen Reed, Jeri Byrne, Amanda Perkins, Shelley Vaughn, Joena Ezroj,
	Gail Emrick, Dan Derksen, Elias Villarreal, Carlos Gonzales, Ana Roscetti, Diane Nunez,
	Marica Martinic, Claudia Gonzales, Jonathon Cartsonis
CHAIRED BY:	Leila Barraza

AGENDA	ANNOUNCEMENT/DISCUSSION	REPORTED BY:
ITEM Called to	Welcome & Introductions	
order 12:00		
Program	New commissioner nominations:	1-Nominated by: Ed Paul
Office	1) Michael Allison	Approved by: Christopher Nunez, Wendy Armendariz, Denise
Updates	2) Kristen Grimes McCabe	Burley; 2-Nominated by: Michael Allison; approved by: Ed Paul, Christopher Nunez, Wendy Armendariz, Denise Burley
Meeting Minutes	August 27, 2020 meeting minutes review and approval	Motion to approve: Wendy Armendariz; Seconded by: Ed Paul; approved by commissioners
Financial Report	A summary was provided of the Year to Date Financial Report for quarter ending September 30, 2020.	Amanda Perkins
Director's	Ongoing discussions in tribal consultation committees around an AZ	Leila Barraza
Updates	AIAHECKim Russell is leading initiative on legislative side to get a bill introduced in the next legislative session. AIAHEC would work closely with other 5 centers to form partnerships and work with American Indian students.	Michael Allison
	Required annual report was provided to the State of Arizona Governor, AZ Legislature, and Arizona Board of Regents. Copies were distributed by mail to commissioners, programs, and others. A PDF is available on the home page of the AzAHEC website.	Jennifer Zuniga
	Innovative Funding Opportunity RFP was made available to centers in hopes of training future health care professionals in a distance learning context. Submissions were due November 17, the committee will begin review soon and decisions will be sent out as soon as possible.	Leila Barraza
Additional	WAHEC – Submitted their Innovative RFP proposal to work with UA	Joena Ezroj
Updates	COM-T on planning a clinical longitudinal rotation in the WAHEC area for 9.5 months beginning March 2021. Work continues on meeting field experience clinical rotation placements and addressing HOSA club challenges due to cancellation of in-person school activities. This week, the Parker Center is hosting a COVID19 event to provide and increase testing within the community and surrounding areas.	•
	SEAHEC – High School clubs are meeting virtually as most school districts continue with remote learning. SEAHEC is collaborating with	Gail Emrick



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	Area Health Education Centers	
	Pueblo High School HOSA club to support their club efforts. AHEC Scholars Immersion focused on farmworker health and social determinants of health at Winchester Heights Community. Another AHEC Scholar Cohort is focusing on opioid abuse and resources available within the communities. Residency program has a resident placed within Willcox. Additional collaborations with: A.T. Still School of Dentistry and NAU program to help fund PPE; Mariposa Community Health Center Pharmacy for scholar rotations; and AZ Telemedicine Program to host Acute Lung Care Webinar with emphasis on COVID.	
	EAHEC – Submitted Innovative RFP for unique student led/driven proposal for Northern Gila County. Longitudinal study ongoing in Payson focusing on LIC which has received great support from the community. Northern Gila County opening rural health clinic with Alan Michaels and Judith Hunt bringing another medical resource to the community.	Jeri Byrne
	NAHEC – Family medicine residency recruitment underway. PGY1 residents have each gone to external rotations at various locations. Interprofessional education programs continue to be developed; many programs are converting to virtual learning including high school and undergraduate programs.	Marica Martinic Ed Paul
	CAAHEC – new Director, Ana Roscetti, will provide updates at next commission meeting.	
	UA sponsored projects is still processing AHEC federal contracts; approval should occur shortly. State Lottery purchase orders have been finalized so invoices can be approved and paid.	Amanda Perkins
	College of Medicine primary care scholarships continue to be awarded to COM-T and COM-Phx applicants.	Dan Derksen
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DATE:	February 25, 2021	
TIME:	12:00-1:17pm	
PLACE:	AHEC	
COMMISSIONERS:	Amanda Klein, Laura Dorrell, Ed Paul, Ron Weinstein, Michael Allison, Wendy Armendariz, Kristen McCabe, David Chavez	
OTHERS:	Jean Campbell, Jennifer Zuniga, Colleen Reed, Amanda Perkins, Shelley Vaughn, Amanda Aguirre, Wanda Larson, Denise Burley/Dan Derksen, Jen Peters, Carlos Gonzales, Celeste Kanzig, Ana Roscetti, Gail Emrick, Joena Ezroj, Elias Villarreal, Lisa Kiser, Christy Pacheco	
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AGENDA ITEM	ANNOUNCEMENT/DISCUSSION	REPORTED BY:
Called to order 12:00	Welcome & Introductions	
Meeting minutes	Review and Approval of meeting minutes a) November 2020	Motion to approve by: Ed Paul; seconded by: Laura Dorrell; approved by commissioners
Financial Report	A summary was provided of the Year to Date Financial Report for quarter ending December 31, 2020	Amanda Perkins Motion to approve: Michael Allison; seconded by: Laura Dorrell; approved by commissioners
Director's Updates	Proposed bill for sixth AHEC (Tribal) Center is moving through processes at State Legislature.	Leila Barraza
	Project Funding Invitation: Invitation for RFPs to be submitted so that associated mobile units can offer vaccinations to underserved and rural populations. Invitations to apply have been sent to existing UA mobile units as well as NAU, ASU mobile units to share RFP with them. Participants who have additional information on other mobile units that would be interested in applying should submit their contact information to AHEC office. The intent of the RFP is also to create an interprofessional educational opportunity for health professions students with mobile units that provide COVID-19 vaccinations in hard to reach populations in rural and urban underserved areas.	
	Northern Arizona University Physical Therapy with director Andrea Lerner is our newest RHPP. This program will also work with AHEC Scholars students.	
	Interprofessional RHPP Conference will be held virtually April 9-10, 2021. Many great speakers including Dr. Ron Weinstein. Traditional AHEC and COVID Scholar Groups will present their capstone projects.	Jennifer Zuniga
	Met individually with five regional center directors and provided notification of change to RFP process for Centers. State of Arizona procurement policies require that any contracts above \$100k require a competitive process. This will occur on a rotating basis with two centers impacted per year. This will incorporate both HRSA and State guidelines regarding required characteristics of centers (e.g., 501C3 independent of UA; serving a rural or underserved community, etc.) Once the RFP process begins the AHEC Program Office is unable to comment; therefore, advance notice has been provided to all.	Leila Barraza Dan Derksen

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	Link to the last RFP (from 2019) and the State Procurement Guidelines are available on the AzAHEC Home Page at https://azahec.uahs.arizona.edu/under the "Spotlight" section.	
	Gail Emrick read a prepared statement regarding the Regional Center RFP requirements. Each center (NAHEC excluded due to absence) was provided an opportunity to discuss their concerns, Open discussion ensued.	
	Celeste Kanzig with the UA Procurement and Contracting Services explained anytime the university is paying out funding over \$100k, an RFP is required. All funding, regardless of source coming into UA, is subject to procurement rules.	
Additional Updates	Due to RFP discussion Centers will provide regional updates at the next commission meeting.	Leila Barraza
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May 27, 2021
12:06-12:47pm
AHEC
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Martinic, Elias Villarreal, Christy Pacheco, Gail Emrick, Ana Roscetti, Jonathan Cartsonis,
Dan Derksen
Leila Barraza

ANNOUNCEMENT/DISCUSSION REPORTED BY: AGENDA ITEM Called to Welcome Leila Barraza order 12:00 Meeting Review and Approval of February meeting minutes did not occur due minutes to no quorum present. Financial A summary was provided of the Year to Date Financial Report for **Amanda Perkins** Report quarter ending March 31, 2021 **Director's** Recognition of commissioner appointments ending: Dr. Ron Weinstein, Rachel Leila Barraza Updates Behrendt. Commissioners were thanked for their insight and serving on the AHEC Commission. Interprofessional RHPP Conference occurred on April 9-10, 2021 with Jennifer Zuniga approximately 300 attendees. RFP Regional Centers Distribution has occurred, proposal submissions are due June 9, 2021. Additional NAHEC family medicine residency program begins on June 28th. Marica Martinic **Updates** Currently able to accommodate 8 residents. Received funding to begin development of a psychiatry residency. North Country has developed a strategic plan for 2021-23 which has identified 3 strategic initiatives: Changing name to Colorado Plateau Center of Health Professions; Expand Family Medicine Residency program; Developing and enhancing teaching culture with faculty development and supporting preceptors. In 2020, facilitated over 20,000 hours of clinical training. Currently developing summer camp opportunities. CAAHEC through the COVID-19 AHEC Funding opportunity was able Ana Roscetti to provide a service learning opportunity for individuals to provide education, health screenings, and COVID-19 vaccines to tribal community members in collaboration with Gallup Indian Medical Center. In addition, this funding provided opportunities for community health representatives to provide training, certification, and deployment of contact tracers in the Navajo Nation. Funding also supported internship opportunities and CHW access to care training. Additional funding has been secured to support community outreach programs and augmenting additional educational training opportunities. A summit will be offered in September to discuss strategies on improving clinical opportunities in AZ. Continuing development of summer camp opportunities and educational days. SEAHEC graduated 9 seniors each of whom received center Gail Emrick scholarships. Offered CBET course, Milagro, in collaboration with UA Health Science faculty. Interprofessional students completed course work and clinical hours at a migrant shelter in Tucson. Center is working with IRC and Catholic Community Services to establish a migrant welcome center to provide services including COVID-19 testing for asylum seeking migrants. Awarded CDC foundation grant

	to provide COVID-19 outreach and care coordination in collaboration with outside AHECs to track asylum seekers as they move to other communities in the US. Center will be sharing their farm worker model for health equity with the federal office of rural health policy.	
	EAHEC Center Director was not present and no update was available.	
	WAHEC Center Director was not present and no update was available.	
	Tribal AHEC bill was signed by the Governor's office. Will be in effect 90 days after the end of the current legislative session. At which time, a call for proposals will be sent out. Additional details surrounding new center will be provided as the process continues.	Leila Barraza
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at 12:47pm		