

DATE: August 26, 2021 TIME: 12:00-12:37pm

PLACE: AHEC

COMMISSIONERS: Lisa Kiser, Kristin Grimes, Wendy Armendariz, Michael Allison, Ed Paul, Laura Dorrell Jennifer Zuniga, Colleen Reed, Amanda Perkins, Shelley Vaughn, Jessica Madrid-

Warden, Becca Harris, Jeri Byrne, Felipe Perez, Marc Verhougstraete, Andrea Lerner, Randall Flores, Diane Nunez, Christy Pacheco, Nancy Johnson, Carlos Gonzales, Jean

Campbell, Jonathan Cartsonis, Marica Martinic

CHAIRED BY: Leila Barraza

AGENDA		DEDODTED BY
ITEM	ANNOUNCEMENT/DISCUSSION	REPORTED BY:
Called to order 12:00	Welcome	Leila Barraza
Meeting minutes	Review and approval of May 27, 2021 minutes. Motion to approve by Michael Allison; seconded by Laura Dorrell – minutes approved by commissioners.  Review and approval of February 25, 2021 minutes. Motion to approve by Michael Allison; seconded by Laura Dorrell – minutes approved by commissioners.  Review and approval of November 19, 2020 minutes with noted updates. Motion to approve by Ed Paul; seconded by Michael Allison – minutes approved by commissioners.	Leila Barraza
Financial Report	A summary was provided of the Year to Date Financial Report for quarter ending June 30, 2021. New and returning commissioners will receive an invitation to attend an October 8 educational session about financial and other reports provided to commissioners.	Amanda Perkins
Director's Updates	RFP updates – Southern Arizona AHEC/El Rio Community Health Center has been awarded the new AHEC Center contract in Santa Cruz, Cochise and Pima Counties. Dr. Felipe Perez will be the director of Southern Arizona AHEC (SAAHEC).  Southeast Arizona AHEC (SEAHEC) was recognized and thanked for their years of service in this region.  Tribal Sixth Regional Center AHEC law becomes effective September 29 and at that time, a RFP will be issued in the same manner as has been done in the past for our other centers.	Leila Barraza
	AHEC's annual Performance Report was submitted before the July 31, 2021 deadline to our federal funder, Health Resources and Services Administration. This data report consolidates all efforts by Centers, RHPPs and other supported entry.	Jennifer Zuniga
	<ul> <li>a. Introduction of Randall Flores for approval to AHEC Commission Advisory Board. Motion to approve by Michael Allison; seconded by Ed Paul; motion of nomination approved by commissioners.</li> <li>b. Introduction of Jessica Madrid for approval to AHEC Commission Advisory Board. Motion to approve by Michael Allison; seconded by Ed Paul; motion of nomination approved by commissioners.</li> <li>SAAHEC board chair, Rocio Galvez-Martinez, will join AHEC Commission Advisory Board effective September 1, 2021.</li> </ul>	Leila Barraza
Additional Updates	EAHEC – Gearing up for pipeline activities. EAHEC will begin ensuring data is correctly entered in AHEC database.	Jeri Byrne



	NAAHEC – North Country Healthcare changing name to Colorado Plateau Center for Health Professions. Clinical training numbers have increased over the last year. Launched family medicine residency program in 2020 and currently have 8 residents, 5 residents are graduates of Arizona medical schools. Research programs continue to grow. Continuing to build GME, community health center, and LIC programs.	Marica Martinic
Adjournment at 12:37pm		



DATE: November 18, 2021 TIME: 12:04-12:53pm

PLACE: AHEC

COMMISSIONERS: Rocio Galvez, Jessica Madrid-Warden, Amanda Klein, Suganya Karuppana, Randall Flores,

Laura Dorrell

OTHERS: Jennifer Zuniga, Amanda Perkins, Colleen Reed, Shelley Vaughn, Anita Cleere, Jeri Byrne, Ana

Roscetti, Jessica Alcarez, Felipe Perez, Marc Verhougstraete, Marica Martinic, Nancy Johnson,

Carlos Gonzales, Andrea Lerner, Elias Villarreal, Joena Ezroj, Christy Pacheco

CHAIRED BY: Leila Barraza

AGENDA ITEM	ANNOUNCEMENT/DISCUSSION	REPORTED BY:
Called to order 12:00	Welcome	Leila Barraza
Meeting minutes	Review of August 26, 2021 meeting minutes. Motion to approve by: Laura Dorrell, seconded by: Randall Flores. Minutes approved by commissioners.	Leila Barraza
Financial Report	A summary was provided of the Year to Date Financial Report for quarter ending September 30, 2021.	Amanda Perkins
Director's Updates	RFP processes continue. Legislation passed for the formation of a Sixth AHEC Regional Center. The RFP process will begin early 2022. Southern Arizona RFP process was awarded to El Rio Community Health Center represented by Dr. Felipe Perez, Rocio Galves, and Nancy Johnson. Eastern Arizona RFP process ended and will reopen later this year.  The AHEC Annual State Report for the 2020-21 program funding year can be found on our website <a href="https://azahec.uahs.arizona.edu/sites/default/files/ahec-annual-report-2021.pdf">https://azahec.uahs.arizona.edu/sites/default/files/ahec-annual-report-2021.pdf</a> .	Leila Barraza
Additional Updates	<u>CAAHEC</u> – Pipeline programs have over 300 students enrolled. Presented information about AHEC center services at November HOSA Leadership Conference. Working on AHEC Scholars spring hybrid immersion for graduates and undergraduates.	Ana Roscetti
	SAAHEC – Continuing to build center team and placing students in rotations for second semester; 10 DNP placements. Meetings in December within Santa Cruz and Cochise counties to discuss healthcare workforce needs. Presented programming information to Pima County JTED students.	Nancy Johnson
	<u>EAHEC</u> – working with community health departments to provide handwashing presentations for K-2 participants. Working with high schools to gear up interest in Future Health Leader and Med Start programs. Several students placed in rotations within Globe, Safford, and Payson. LIC program in Payson currently has 2 students participating and has received 9 applications for 3 slots which open in February. Discussions involving the development of a residency program have begun.	Jeri Byrne
	NAHEC – changing name to Colorado Plateau Center for Health Professions. Family medicine residency program developing for third class which begins July 2022. Ed Paul will be leaving residency program next summer and Sara Coles will be joining the team. Met with RHP programs to discuss student needs including housing in NAHEC region. LIC program developing after school programs for Window Rock region.	Marica Martinic
	<u>WAHEC</u> – College of Health Careers placed/hired MA's for clinics. HOSA program has over 200 students enrolled. Promoting Med Start and Future Health Leaders. Migrant parent presentations presented at PTO meetings to provide AHEC center information.	Joena Ezroj
Adjournment at 12:53pm		



MEETING: AHEC Commission Meeting
DATE: February 24, 2022
TIME: 12:00-12:45pm

PLACE: AHEC Zoom Meeting
HOST: Leila Barraza

COMMISSIONERS: Michael Allison, Ed Paul, Laura Dorrell, Suganya Karuppana, Randall Flores,

Kristen Grimes McCabe, Jessica Madrid

OTHERS: Jennifer Zuniga, Amanda Perkins, Colleen Reed, Joena Ezroj, Felipe Perez,

Anita Cleere, Ana Roscetti, Becca Harris, Christy Pacheco, Jonathan Cartsonis,

Andrea Lerner, Shelley Vaughn

ITEM	ANNOUNCEMENT/DISCUSSION	Information
Called to order	Welcome	provided by: Leila Barraza
Meeting Minutes	Review of November 18, 2021, meeting minutes. Change was requested to the minutes by NAHEC related to the last sentence of their November report as follows: : LIC program is in development. Youth Programs is planning activities for HOSA program at NAU for 01/20/22.  Motion to approve by Ed Paul, seconded by Suganya Karuppana. Minutes approved	
Financial Report	by commissioners.  A summary was provided of the Year-to-Date Financial Report for quarter ending December 31, 2021. Note: SEAHEC and SAAHEC are both listed on the report as the program office was finalizing payments to SEAHEC. SAAHEC became the regional center for Southern Arizona on September 1, 2021.	Amanda Perkins
Director's Updates	The RFP has been received for the five-year competing HRSA grant and the proposal is now being prepared by the Program Office. Program Office has met with RHPP and Center Directors to discuss proposed grant changes to be reflected in the submittal.	Leila Barraza
	American Indian/Tribal AHEC RFP was released. The RFP link can be found on AHEC website or Procurement's website. First year of funding will be from the state. As part of the competing continuation to HRSA, a sixth center focusing on tribal issues is being proposed.	
	The 10th Annual Interprofessional RHPP Conference will be held April 8 and 9. The conference will be offered virtually again this year. All center and RHPP directors have been invited to participate in planning meetings. This year we are adding a video engagement award.	Leila Barraza Jennifer Zuniga
	Commissioners are asked to complete Conflict of Interest Forms and return to program office.	
Additional Updates	CAAHEC – ASP Immersions were offered individually for cohorts. YR2 scholars participated at the Casa Grande Fair by offering pre-diabetes screening to approximately 120 community members. YR1 scholars completed a windshield survey and community assessment of Prescott with afternoon presentations focusing on veteran services and homeless needs. The undergraduate scholars immersion was held in Phoenix and focused on homeless shelters and underserved community needs. Pipeline programming has expanded reaching 13 school districts and 325 high school students. Hosting PACE Conference at UA COM-P April 4th. CAAHEC has completed 13 CE events thus far; with 17 planned to address various community needs.	Ana Roscetti
	SAAHEC – ASP Immersions were combined and focused on a community assessment of South Tucson with a community tour provided by community	Felipe Perez



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Area Health Education Centers	
members. Pipeline program assessment underway to develop pipeline entry level career paths for MAs and CHWs. Rotations underway with onboarding occurring to support underserved communities and continuing to support current RHPP students. Working towards becoming a CME provider for AACME AMA Category 1 credit. Holding a conference on March 10th which will award AFP credit and a conference on April 1 which will award AMA credit.	
EAHEC – concentrating efforts on where will be allowed to do programming within schools. Holding virtual LASSO Conference March $5^{\rm th}$ . Also, working to secure appropriate housing for students.	Laura Dorrell
WAHEC – ASP Immersion focused on the impact of the pandemic on assessing mental health services for children. Working with Kingman school to support their staff including behavioral coaches who will be able to assist in classrooms with teachers to provide ongoing support for children. Center is developing new affiliation agreements with NAU School of Psychology and NAU PA programs to provide clinical rotations. Increased housing to include 3 additional apartments to support student housing needs. Applying for AHEAD AZ Grant with hopes to increase services offered	Joena Ezroj
CPCHP – Marica Martinic returns from leave on March 28. Dr. Sarah Coles will start as new residency director on March 7. Center is currently interviewing for Residency Associate Director and Residency Coordinator positions. Match day will be March 18 with a virtual celebration on March 24. ASP Immersions were held on January 29th and 30th, with two YR1 cohorts and one YR2 cohort. Participants participated virtually and in-person with focus on housing and transportation issues. On January 30th students from Window Rock HS toured NAU. Youth programs planning health career day in late March at Summit High School in Flagstaff. Family Medicine Residents will also talk to students from their Teen Parents program to discuss post-partum depression. Met with CAAHEC and SAAHEC staff to assist in on-boarding and will begin to collaborate quarterly to support each other. CE planning includes offering regular mental health first aide and launching CE resource pages on our website for basic life support and substance use disorders to promote as a resource to providers and staff. Applying for AHEAD AZ Grant to focus on resiliency efforts.	Anita Cleere
The AHEAD grant program is providing funding from UA Center for Rural Health. This is separate from AzAHEC funding to Centers. The program is providing funding opportunities for programs working with public health practitioners.	Leila Barraza



MEETING: AHEC Commission Meeting

DATE: May 26, 2022

TIME: 12:00-12:45pm

PLACE: AHEC Zoom Meeting

HOST: Leila Barraza

COMMISSIONERS: Rocio Galvez-Martinez, Kristin Grimes McCabe, Laura Dorrell, Sarah

Benatar, Randall Flores, Michael Allison, Suganya Karuppana,

OTHERS: Jennifer Zuniga, Amanda Perkins, Colleen Reed, Joena Ezroj, Yolanda Perez,

Marica Martinic, Andrea Lerner, Shelley Vaughn, Bettie Coplan, Joena Ezroj, Ana Roscetti, Jonathan Cartsonis, Diane Nunez, Christy Pacheco, Carlos

Gonzales, Elizabeth Hall-Lipsy

ITEM	ANNOUNCEMENT/DISCUSSION	
		provided by:
Called to order	Welcome	Leila Barraza
12:00		
Meeting	Review of February 24, 2022, meeting minutes.	
Minutes	Motion to approve by Michael Allison, seconded by Randall Flores. Minutes	
	approved by commissioners.	
Financial	A summary was provided of the Year-to-Date Financial Report for quarter	Amanda
Report	ending March 31, 2022.	Perkins
Director's	HRSA RFP continuation grant submitted ahead of deadline and included	Leila Barraza
Updates	changes for AHEC Scholars program and sixth regional center.	
	The sixth regional center for the American Indian/Tribal AHEC RFP closed at	
	the end of April and applications are under review.	
	The 10th Annual Interprofessional RHPP Conference occurred on April 8 and 9	Jennifer Zuniga
	with 230 participants attending remotely. Events included poster showcase,	
	AHEC Scholars presentations, panel discussions, and keynote speakers. A	
	recording of the conference is available on the AzAHEC website.	
	Droporation for LIBCA Deviarmance (Data) report developed from information	
	Preparation for HRSA Performance (Data) report, developed from information	Jennifer Zuniga
	centers and programs input into Sales Force, has begun and has a July due	
	data. The report takes over a month to prepare and submit into the HRSA	
	Electronic Handbook system. AzAHEC program data for clinical rotations	
	represent 10% of all AHEC programs throughout the US.	
	Commissioners are asked to complete Conflict of Interest Forms.	Leila Barraza
	The AZ Rural Health Conference will occur on June 14-15, 2022 and will	Lelia Barraza
	include a panel presentation by all Regional Centers.	
	Next commission meeting will be held August 25, 2022.	
Additional	SAAHEC – Busy meeting clinical rotation needs; recently met with Pascua Yaqui	Yolanda Perez
Updates	Medical Director to expand rotations in their area. Currently in pre-application	
	phase for continuing medical education accreditation; CME workshop offerings	
	held in April; currently preparing for summer programs; El Rio received AHEAD grant and SAAHEC will be implementing programs in Cochise County soon.	
	grain and SAATILE will be implementing programs in Course County soon.	
	CAAHEC – AZ Alliance received AHEAD Grant and will be piloting a 6 month	
	fast track medical assistant program which currently has 32 students enrolled.	Ana Roscetti



<b>5</b> .	Area Health Education Centers	
	CAAHEC is coordinating SEARCH partners meeting which will be held June 17, also hosted the International Health Service Conference for primary care students in medicine and behavioral health on April 20 with 34 in attendance, and held PACE conference with 140 students attending. Currently coordinating upcoming summer events and campus visits for several programs and partnering with several organizations to offer continuing education events.	
	CPCHC – Coordinating summer youth programs, including Indigenous Pride Health Workers and MedStart and planning for LIC program student. Received AHEAD grant funds and plan to offer workforce resiliency workshops to support all health care professionals along with developing a resiliency action plan. Family Medicine residency program welcomed new program director in March; a new class of FM residents begins in June. Also received Health First Foundation grant to support interprofessional team-based care curriculum for FM residency. Addressing strategic plan needs to support preceptors by defining faculty roles to include development of an associate faculty role. Working to develop a teaching health center week to help engage staff at CHCs. Finally, CPCHC is preparing for AHEC Scholar program changes surrounding increased center involvement.	Marica Martinic
	WAHEC – Will be presenting with Dr. Gonzales at the 48th annual rural health conference to address challenges for recruiting resident physicians into rural areas. Offering 2-3 CMEs monthly and currently developing summer camp programs including hosting Future Health Leaders virtually this summer. Continuing development of HOSA clubs throughout school districts in the region, offering workforce development for CHC workers, and WAHEC also received AHEAD Grant funds.	Joena Ezroj
	EAHEC — Developing summer programs including Summer Scrubs camp for Globe and Payson, with possible additional camp in Thatcher. Co-sponsoring a GIFT-STEM camp for students in June. Partnering with Banner, CME programs are offered monthly via zoom to health professionals throughout the region. New LIC students settled in the Payson area and have begun their new program. Other clinical students from UA, NAU, ASU, Marquette and Grand Canyon Universities are among the institutions that have health profession students rotating throughout the region in Podiatry, Dental, PA, NP, MD, and medical residents. Dr. Hunt will be representing EAHEC at the rural health conference in Flagstaff. Working with the AHEC Scholars Program	Laura Dorrell

to prepare for next year's groups and program changes.

Ended 12:45pm