

ARIZONA AHEC COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Thursday, November 17, 2016
 TIME: 3:30 – 5:00 PM
 PLACE: College of Nursing Room 470
 COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Daniel McDonald, Ronald Weinstein Teleconference: Michael Allison, Rachel Behrendt, Jean Campbell, Neil Gago, Ana Robles, Jendean Sartain
 OTHERS PRESENT: Elizabeth Hall-Lipsy, Lois Loesher, Francisco Moreno, Jill de Zapien, Jennifer Zuñiga, Graham Haer, and Angelica Engle; Teleconference: Elizabeth Arredondo, Jeri Byrne, Martha McNair
 CHAIRED BY: Sally Reel

AGENDA ITEM	ANNOUNCEMENT/DISCUSSION	ACTION/FOLLOW-UP
Meeting was called to order at 3:38 p.m.	Welcome and Introductions.	
Quorum Present	Quorum was present at 3:50 p.m.	
Minutes: August 25, 2016	Dr. Reel asked Commissioners to review and approve the minutes from August 25. Dr. McDonald noted missing item under Director’s Update, Item #4 on Minutes dated August 25, 2016. It does not to reflect anticipation of funding announcement and the major changes from the federal government. AHEC has been told what the changes will be but it is not available in writing. More to be discussed under the Director’s Update.	Motion to approve August 25, 2016 minutes, with corrections by Dr. McDonald, seconded by Mr. Gago. Revised minutes will be forwarded to commission.
Financial Report:	Graham Haer provided a written summary of the Year to Date Financial Report for Q1, ending September 30, 2016.	No action necessary.
Director’s Update	Dr. Reel provided updates on the following: 1. The Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) from AHEC/HRSA was anticipated in early November but has not been received. It is still under review at the federal level. AHEC had a technical call with the National AHEC organization in late September and based on that call, the following changes are anticipated: a. There will be no federal funding for K-12 but expects emphasis on those already in health career programs. Expectation for pipelines to realign with HOSA, Department of Education and STEM. b. Emphasis must be on distribution, diversity and practice transformation within clinical education. c. Impact of geographic dispersion and success in placement in rural and medically underserved communities. Longitudinal impact available in medical school in Tucson but not in Phoenix because of its recent establishment. Reports will have to be from two different medical schools as they are separately accredited schools. d. Practice transformation – Students must be are trained in sites where they have clinical experience and	



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	<p>are practice ready to serve the underserved population.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">2. Realignment has started in contracts with centers where impact has been made from FQHC pipeline programs toward clinical education. Emphasis on operating in increased capacity to train students, or develop affiliation with organizations so they are in a position to take students.3. Annual Report has been distributed with spotlight on diversity.4. Once FOA is out, a center retreat will be held to strategize how to respond to FOA.5. Research and Project grants requests were sent out on November 17. The four different grants: Research Grants Program, Research and Small Project Grant, Interprofessional Project, and Community Engagement Research Program. All applications are due January 19.	
Regional Center Presentations	<p>WAHEC: Elizabeth Arredondo reported these highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Groundbreaking ceremony for the Somerton Medical Complex in the College of Health Careers campus was held October 13. Building should be completed July 2017.• College of Health Careers facilitated 25 classes and trained 169 students in clinical rotations, CNA, and students from medical office specialist area.• Behavioral services working with Cocopah police officers in health behavior area.• Hosting two Vista members RCBH office in Parker assisting homeless veterans.• Sponsoring Bombero project which trained 47 volunteer fire fighters. <p>SEAHEC: Neil Gago reported that the center is diligently working on current activities.</p> <p>NAHEC: No NAHEC Report</p> <p>GVAHEC – Martha McNair reported these highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All vacant positions have been filled. The new GVAHEC director is Martha McNair. The new program coordinator is Colleen Dawson, who will be at the Apache Junction office. Karsten Nash, program coordinator, has moved to the Lifebridge campus to assume the duties there.• Recruited primary care/family medicine clinical sites for the UA COM students in Phoenix. Met with Dr. Carstonis and Dr. Brite at the Phoenix COM campus to discuss ways to move forward with GVAHEC’s involvement in rural and underserved clinical locations for the COM students.• Met with Sun Life Family Health Center based in Casa Grande, who has expressed interest in taking medical students.• Re-establishing clinical rotations with Gila River Health Center at the Sacaton and Maryvale locations.	



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students created and presented on many health-related topics to communities including St. Mary’s Food Bank, Lifebridge Community Alliance, Healthy Harvest food distribution in Apache Junction, and Phoenix VA Healthy Living Fair. • GVAHEC staff is on the planning committee with UA MEZCOPH to plan a poverty simulation interdisciplinary event. GVAHEC has purchased the poverty simulation kit being used for this event. <p>EAHEC: Jeri Byrne reported these highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scope of work was approved and is moving forward. • Moved physical office to new location. Using old office as a training center. • Jean Campbell has resigned as board president, she will be taking a part time position with EAHEC. Current vice chair, Laura Dorrell, will be the new board president position. • Recruiting a couple of new board members. • Recruited new preceptors in Payson. • Payson Banner working with rural residency program at the Kino campus. • Securing additional housing for Kino campus. Graham and Greenlee counties will have new residents. • Anticipating training 20 residents in Payson. 	
<p>Presentation of 2016 Supported Projects</p>	<p>Dr. Reel introduced Dr. Francisco Moreno, associate vice president of Diversity and Inclusion and professor of Psychiatry, as one of AHEC supported projects - MedStart and the impact it has in recruiting in the medical schools.</p> <p>1. Presentation by Francisco Moreno, MD, “MedStart 2016”</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">MedStart program update included video of closing ceremony filmed by students, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E33bkKmTKkk&feature=youtu.be.</p> <p>Dr. Reel introduced Dr. Lois Loesher, associate professor in the College of Nursing, a community engagement grant recipient. Dr. Loesher and her students are researching the impact of the sun in Arizona.</p> <p>2. Presentation by Lois Loescher, “Students Training Students in Healthy Lifestyles: Project SASS as a Model to Promote Sun Safety in Rural Arizona Communities”</p>	
<p>Other Business or Informational Items (All)</p>	<p>No other business.</p>	
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>Adjourned at 5:05 p.m.</p>	