**ARIZONA AHEC COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE:** Friday, April 24, 2015  
**TIME:** 3:30 p.m.  
**PLACE:** College of Nursing Room 470  
**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Michael Allison, Genevieve Notah, Jendean Sartain, Patricia Tarango, Julie Stiak, Bethany Hill, and Hart Hintze.  
**OTHERS PRESENT:** Gail Emrick, Ines Pampara, Dan Derksen, Elizabeth Hall-Lipsy, Graham Haer, Julie Kunrath, Jody Thompson, Jennifer Zuniga and Maru Serino.  
**CHAIR BY:** Sally Reel

**Meeting was called to order at 3:32pm**  
Welcome and introductions.

**3:35 p.m.**  
Quorum was present.

**Minutes: October 24, 2014**  
No corrections or additions to the minutes.  
Motion to approve the minutes by J. Stiak and seconded by H. Hintze.

**Financial Report:**  
Graham Haer gave an overview of the quarterly financial report.

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<td>Director’s Update</td>
<td>Nomination forms for commission members will be distributed and appointment approvals will be done by UA, not ABOR.</td>
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<td>1. Dr. Reel reminded commissioners that there is a three year Strategic Plan for decreasing the carry forward to one year of operational costs so that operations could be sustained.</td>
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<td>2. Graham Haer was introduced as AzAHEC’s new finance director.</td>
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<td>3. AzAHEC is a partner with the AHSC CTSA that was recently submitted by UA, and two (2) regional centers, NAHEC and WAHEC, are also data partners.</td>
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<td>4. AzAHEC visited North Carolina’s Gene Machine, a mobile bioscience lab for high schools in rural and underserved communities. AzAHEC is pursuing a similar project which has tentatively been titled the Dream Machine.</td>
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<td>5. In recent months, AzAHEC has expanded its grant programs and has supported two community engagement, seven faculty development, one IPE innovation and one career development proposals since November 2014.</td>
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<td>6. In March, we held a virtual simulation as a proof of concept for the Advanced Nursing Education Grant. The mobile ASTEC lab ran the simulation at GVAHEC, and NAHEC and WAHEC also participated. We will hold a second simulation in May with rural-based students accessing the simulation using iPads.</td>
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<td>7. AzAHEC hosted the 3rd Annual Interprofessional Rural Health Profession Conference on April 17th with 157 participants from all AHSC colleges as well as NAU, ASU, AT Still, Pima Community College, and other organizations.</td>
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<td>8. AzAHEC is working with UA Real Estate Management on addressing the housing issue in Tuba City, and we look forward to a solution in the near future.</td>
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### Other Discussions
1. Julie Stiak reported that Maricopa Community College is working toward IP integration in curriculum thanks to UA’s leadership in interprofessional education.
2. Michael Allison announced that he continues working with the San Carlos Apache Tribe. They are currently gathering race/ethnicity data for the conference which is planned for Fall 2015.
3. Dr. Reel informed the group that a grant for nurse-to-nurse-to-physician-specialist training model has been submitted.
4. Dan Derksen reported that teaching health centers (THC) funding received a two year continuation.

### Regional Center Presentations
- **EAHEC** – No report as Jeri Bryne was not present.
- **NAHEC** – No report. NAHEC should have more information about their new residency program in the next months.
- **SEAHEC** – Report from Gail Emrick: 1) SEAHEC is working to strengthen the statewide network for CHWs. They are currently working on capacity-building for CHWs and gathering information to move toward credentialing. 2) The Nogales High School health careers club is collecting data on dengue in collaboration with the Office for Border Health. 3) SEAHEC staff member, Claudia Velasco, was selected for the Leaders Across Borders program. 4) SEAHEC is working with a Somali pre-natal group on health education. 5) SEAHEC is developing three IP learning experiences for the summer. 6) SEAHEC celebrated their 30 year anniversary and awarded 10 Karen Halverson scholarships to high school students.
- **GVAHEC** – Report from Julie Stiak: 1) GVAHEC is participating in the NAO HPV training program with a CDC grant.
- **WAHEC** – Report from Ines Pampara: 1) WAHEC has eleven HOSA students attending the national competition conference in Anaheim. 2) WAHEC is recruiting an AmeriCorps member for the Lake Havasu City office. 3) The behavior health program will start to offer services in September. 4) WAHEC continues to work with the UA College of Pharmacy on the medication management program. 5) WAHEC is working on a youth mental health certification program.

### Other Information
The next commission meeting date is scheduled for Friday, July 24, 2015 at 3:30 p.m.

### Adjournment
Adjoined at 4:30 p.m.  
Motion to Adjourn by J. Stiak seconded by G. Notah