

Linda also asked the board who would be willing to open each presentation by welcoming all participants, introduce the sponsor, introduce the speaker(s) then close with what's coming next and thanking everyone for their participation and support of AZNHA. Zach will take first, Kathy the second, Steve the third, Dayna the fourth, and Keffory will close out the series and give some type of teaser as to what AZNHA will be offering next.

Education: Dayna reported that Education and Conference were one in the same through the end of 2020.

Care Provider Alliance (EPDPA): Aaron reported that the MCOs have advised they are putting together a plan for going forward, and that there have been no recent meetings.

He also reported that the provider payment was almost approved and that a \$3.40 payment on top of the current rates would be made. If ratified, payments should be made in August and will be a 3 month combined payment. He also mentioned that there is other funding that will be paid fairly quickly.

Communications: Email communications have gone to all AZNHA members in the Phoenix area about Lisa Mac's Hopi donation program, and that the June Fireside chat had been recorded and posted. Linda will send a second notice about Lisa Mac's Hopi project and ask those who donate to take photos for social media.

Zach also mentioned that Honor, Mayo and Banner receives the Google Sheet of AZNHA member agencies who are accepting COVID 19 clients. He asked that everyone check the sheet and make sure the information is correct.

Member Benefits: Zach reported that AKOS was set to do testing of AZNHA members and their staff at three locations. If this is a success, more testing sites will be scheduled. Linda also suggested that photos be taken at the testing sites (but no pictures of people without their permission) and post on social media.

EPDPA: Aaron reported that AHCCCS is seeking approval from CMS to distribute \$20M to EPD Providers by Mid-August and that 80% must be spent on the DCWs and 20% can be spent on PPE and Office Staff. Providers will have 45 days to spend the funds. Also, they continue to source PPE from the county stockpile to distribute to EPD providers and have received 3 deliveries thus far. EPDPA is going to be looking for opportunities to lobby for increased rates moving forward to help ensure the workforce stays committed. DDD has increased their rates, but AHCCCS has been unable to do so. And, EPDPA will be sending out invoices for Dues starting in August and will be including \$300 for ANZHA as a bundle package

Legislative: Steve reported that since the legislature is not in session and since conference has been cancelled, there is nothing to report.

New Business: Keffory asked if any of the speakers in the Conference Presentation Series were going to address COVID. Dayna responded that each of them would address different aspects of the pandemic. Keffory wants to reinforce and magnify the value of what this series is offering in the form of weekly or bi-weekly communication.

Kathy has another site available for AKOS testing and Keffory asked if this was a PR opportunity. Zach would like to see how the first three go before taking it further.

The next meeting will be virtual on Thursday, August 20, at 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:43 PM

Respectively submitted by
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