

REGION VI HEAD START ASSOCIATION BOARD

Quarterly Reporting Form



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Reporting Information:

- Oklahoma Head Start Agencies have been working hard to maintain open classrooms during this year of the COVID-19 Pandemic. The Association has stayed in close contact throughout the year by transitioning our scheduled monthly meetings to virtual meetings. We have scheduled other virtual meetings as needed to discuss ideas, strategies, talk over policies, and to encourage each other in finding the best ways to meet the needs of our State HS families and Head Start children.
- Several Oklahoma HS/EHS Directors are participating in State and National Committees and Workgroups to discuss the path forward from the pandemic. We are actively involved in the HSPS Reauthorization Workgroups discussing Income Eligibility & Categorical Eligibility. Oklahoma HS/EHS Directors are participating in State Committees looking at Mothers & Newborns Affected by Opioids (OMNO)/Safer OK IDTA, OK State Licensing & QRIS, OKFutures Compensation Parity Workgroup, and many others.
- OKACAA (Oklahoma Community Action Agencies) Virtual Conference was on March 24th – 25th. The conference provided Trauma Informed Care Training for Early Head Start/Head Start staff and Managers. The Oklahoma HS/EHS Health Managers were provided training on the newly updated Oklahoma COVID-19 Guidelines to meet the recent CDC changes. The Region VI Office, Jean Marie & Immaculate work monthly to assist in securing State, Regional, & National Training for our State Health Managers.
- The Oklahoma Region VI Conference Committee has been meeting twice a month since September. Today we will be making a presentation that is a result of the last several months of work.

- Virtual meetings have provided the opportunity for several HS/EHS Oklahoma Directors to serve on a number of National committees this past year.
- Oklahoma Head Start Directors next meeting will be May 18,2021

As always, we are Oklahoma strong and will continue to advocate for the children, families, and communities we serve!!!

Board Action Items: (None)

Report Attachments (if any): (None)

Signature: *Kathy Castleberry*

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