

REGION VI HEAD START ASSOCIATION BOARD

Quarterly Reporting Form



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The HSSCO is working on the following initiatives and activities from the HSSCO's strategic plan. Some of these activities and initiatives include:

1. EHS/Head Start Program Updates

- Programs: Opened/Virtual/Both
- Plans for HS/EHS Programs re-Opening
- Recognition of children hit hard due to COVID-19/Travel Funds
- QRIS 1302.53 (b) (2) Requires that HS must participate in QRIS and must accept the HS Monitoring Data
- EHS/EHS-CCP Awards
-Scheduled Meeting w/EHS-CCP – TBA
- State Institute – August 31st –September 3rd

2. Fatherhood and Family Initiative

-Brochure Dissemination

3. Homelessness

- Collaboration w/State MV Liaisons
- Summit – April 30th
- Transportation
- Funding – State & Federal

4. American Council/Global Ties

- Purpose

- Armenia

5. Racial Equity

- A. 6DREECE – ~~Feb.~~, April, June, August, October, December
- B. SUTEAR Professional Development Model
- C. National Presentation

6. Opioid/Substance Use – April 6, 2021 (168 registered/138 Attended)

7. School Readiness Summit Results -100 Schools Initiative

8. New for 2021

- Preschool Inclusion Team
- Child Find/Disability Indicators/State Plan
- Homelessness

Arkansas Early Childhood Commission (AECC)

The AECC meets every quarter to share and discuss specific topics centered on the goals for the AECC. Many state agencies and partners have an opportunity to report on the activities and events in their organizations. The HSSCO director will return to the AECC as a board member in June, 2022.

Office of Head Start (April 13-14, 2021)

Upcoming Funding...

-**CRRSA** – COVID Response & Relief Supplemental Appropriation Act (\$250 Million) Will be awarded this spring (1,536 grants will be awarded for COVID Relief and it goes directly from Federal to local grantees.

-**ARP** – America Rescue plan (\$1 Billion) Appropriated for awards September, 2022, but will be released this summer. This is a temporary one-time funding that is based on the grantees enrollment.

-**Cares Act** (\$750 Million) awarded to all grantees.

OHS/Racial Equity & National Presentation

EHS/HS Enrollment Updates (COVID-19)

NHSA/AHSA - Dollar per Child

The AHSA is working to build and meet the Dollar per Child for 2021. Dollar per Child amounts submitted are not going well. However, currently, we have collected \$3,075.81.

REGION VI HEAD START ASSOCIATION

The HSSCO director serves on the Region 6 Board and provides quarterly, oral and written reports that outlines all activities for the previous quarter. Since the last Region 6 Board meeting, the HSSCO director has been engaged in the following:

- Met with the new DRO Systems Specialist, Cheryl Angell.
- Completed and submitted invoices for web-site and web master (3 times).
- Called Gloria Lopez to set a date for the Region 6 Board to meet after a year of no contact.
- Providing and sending out the link for the Region 6 Board meeting this month (April).
- Posting information on the Region's web-site.
- Checking and ensuring that Region VI membership dues are paid.
- Making plans for 2022 for the Region 6 Conference in Arkansas.
- In the process of Reviewing the Policies and Procedures for Region 6. I plan to check on the committee appointments so that I can set up a Bylaws committee meeting.

REGION VI MEMBERSHIP

Arkansas' Region VI 2021 membership dues in the amount of \$500.00 has not been paid due to not receiving an invoice.

REGION VI WEB-SITE.

The webmaster has updated the security on the web site. This called for the transferring of data back over to the site. The web site will look a little different since this update has been made. Also, additional information was sent out regarding the April meeting, as well as, uploading reports. The webmaster is now asking for new photos from board members, state presidents, and advisors to update the list on the web site.

AHSA CLASS - Every Other Monthly Meetings

The AHSA meets every other month to plan, coordinate, and network with EHS/Head Start programs through different classes. The classes are made up of directors, staff, parents, and

friends. Guest speakers are scheduled and invited to attend meetings to share updated information that would be of interest to the classes. The AHSA has met several times this year for their Institute planning, Class, and Board meetings. During the past year all meetings have been virtual. For the first time in September (2018), the AHSA/HSSCO sponsored a Directors/Coordinators retreat. This joint adventure allowed directors and coordinators from all across the state to greet, meet, plan, and implement new strategies for maintaining compliance with the HSPPS.

ARKANSAS INSTITUTE ACTIVITIES

The AR Institute planning committee meets every other month in planning for the AHSA Institute each year. The last institute was held in 2019 in Little Rock, Arkansas at the Robinson/Double Tree Hotel on *April 14-18*. Arkansas specific activities included the awards and degree recognition ceremony, Silent Auction, Reading is Electric Read-A-Thon Awards, great speakers, small group sessions, and Affiliate and State meetings. We also reserved sessions for EHS/Head Start Round Tables in specific content areas. The theme for this event was *“Little Lives Matter: Improving Early Childhood Education in Arkansas.”* We did raise \$1,070.50 for our silent auction, whereby, the proceeds goes to the Arkansas Imaginary Library (ARIL) to support statewide efforts to provide this opportunity for children to receive free books in every county by 2020.

The AHSA did not have an annual institute in 2020 due to Covid-19, but is scheduled to have the next one on August 31 – September 3 of this year (2021). This will be a face-to-face institute at the Robinson Center/Double Tree Hotel in Little rock.

AHSA Board. The funding flows through the Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education to the Arkansas Head Start Association office. The Arkansas Head Start Association Board plays a vital role in determining the direction and activities of the Association and the Head Start State Collaboration Office.

The HSSCO director provides a report to the Head Start directors and the Arkansas Head Start Association at bi-monthly meetings. The Arkansas Head Start Association approves the proposed budget for the HSSCO application, as well as their support of the goals and objectives set forth in the refunding application. The Collaboration Director holds a position with efficient authority and access to ensure that the collaboration within the state is effective and involves a range of state agencies as evidenced by the work the HSSCO does with a variety of state committee members and partners. The current arrangement has worked by establishing and retaining strong connections to the Head Start community, while expanding partnerships with state pre-k, child care, health and education and open access to the Governor's office.

STATE HEALTH ADVISORY NETWORK

Arkansas created for the first time in the state, a health advisory network with all Health coordinators in EHS/Head Start programs across the state. This will be the fifth year for these grand meetings. Directors have agreed for their health coordinators to engage, plan, share, learn from each other, other professionals, and share resources. Health coordinators have agreed to meet every quarter to plan webinars, trainings, conference calls, etc. with the ongoing support of the HSSCO. The first Health Advisory Coordinators meeting was held in May, 2016 under the support and assistance of Jan Cox and Jean Marie Gueinot and the meetings/trainings are still going strong, with the exception due to the COVID-19 IN 2020! The meetings/trainings continue based on the needs of the programs for the participating health coordinators in Arkansas. This meeting takes place in the AHSAHSSCO every quarter!

BOARD ACTION ITEMS:

Membership Invoice Needed
Web-site Payments for 2020 and 2021

Report Attachments (if any):

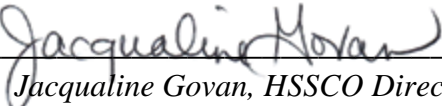
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Signature(s):



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Date: 4/14/2021



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