

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/Hybrid (if needed)
- Collaboration w/Arkansas PBS (Teachers and Parents)
- Homelessness in Programs
- Return of the EHS/EHS-CCP Quarterly Meetings
- AHSA State Institute – August 31st –September 3rd

2. Fatherhood and Family Initiative

- Powerful Conversations w/Fathers for 2022 (Virtual)
- Topical Survey
- Three times in 2022

3. Homelessness

- Collaboration w/State MV Liaisons
- Continuation Summits (Twice a Year)
- Transportation

4. American Council/Global Ties

- Positive Youth Development
- Armenia Collaboration
- Magical Results

5. Racial Equity
 - A. 6DREECE – ~~Feb., April, June, August~~, October, December
 - B. SUTEAR Professional Development Model
 - C. Time set up to share with NHSA

6. Opioid/Substance Use for 2022
 - AHSA/Region 6 Pre-conference in 2022
 - Collaboration with Other 4 States

7. School Readiness Summit
 - Fall of 2022
 - Pyramid Model/Social Emotional Development

8. Other Work w/State Partners in Arkansas Include:
 - Preschool Inclusion Team
 - Child Find/Disability Indicators/State Plan
 - State Interagency Coordinating Council
 - Excel by Eight
 - FASD/None for Nine Workgroup
 - AECC/State Advisory Council
 - AHVN Collaboration & Planning
 - Safe Babies Court Team
 - Oral Health Coalition
 - Community of Practice (COP)/”*Making Pre-school Inclusion Work*” Book Review
 - Arkansas Childhood Obesity Prevention (ARCOP)
 - Arkansas Early Childhood Association (AECA)
 - Arkansas Imagination Library (ARIL)

NHSA/AHSA - Dollar per Child

NHSA has been working on several issues to improve things in our EHS/Head Start programs by working on the reauthorization, sharing facts on the American Rescue Plan’s new guidance for supplemental funding to support general CCDBG state goals, and other important issues for states. It feels really great since NHSA (Kent Mitchell) is meeting with Collaboration Directors and getting their input on critical issues , as well as, what’s working well in our states.

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 \$6,082.44.

Office of Head Start (OHS)

Karen Heying is definitely keeping Collaboration directors in the loop on the national level by consistently inviting representatives to our monthly call to discuss and share, as well as, manage issues in our states.

Collaboration w/Dallas Regional Office

It has been really nice working with Joseph Lassiter and Cheryl Angell with the Dallas Regional Office. They both have given great information and referred me to great resources to assist with much of the work that I am doing in Arkansas. I have made a request for Cheryl to attend an association meeting so that everyone will know who she is, as well as, other requests and waiting to hear back.

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:

- Providing and sending out the link for the Region 6 Board meeting this month (April).
- Posting information on the Region's web-site.
- Checking on the Region VI membership dues, but received no response.
- Making plans for 2022 for the Region 6 Conference in Arkansas.
- Still waiting to establish another By Laws committee once all officers are in place.

REGION VI MEMBERSHIP DUES

Arkansas' Region VI 2021 membership dues in the amount of \$500.00 has not been paid due to not receiving an invoice and no communications with the treasurer.

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 July 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 (2021) for their Institute planning, Class, and Board meetings. There will be a directors' strategic planning meeting in November, 2021. This will be a five year strategic plan for the association (2022-2027). This will be our first face-to-face meeting unless otherwise noted.

ARKANSAS INSTITUTE ACTIVITIES

The AR Institute planning committee meets every other month in planning for the AHSA Institute each year. The AHSA did not have an annual institute in 2020 due to Covid-19, but held a virtual institute on August 31 – September 3 of this year (2021). We celebrated 56 years for Head Start and 26 years for EHS!

ARKANSAS/Region 6 Conference 2022

Arkansas has begun the conversation and the planning for the five state conference in 2022. The AHSA will have a combined conference/institute with Region 6. The dates for the conference has been approved by the AHSA Board for (TBA). We are asking for this date to be approved by the Region 6 Board (See Board Action Items Below). Because this conference/institute is being planned for all of us, I am asking each of you to assist us with the selection of a theme by voting for the one you prefer (Share Screen).

AHSA Board. The funding for the HSSCO 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 a health advisory network with all Health coordinators in EHS/Head Start programs across the state. This will be the sixth 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. The meetings take place at the AHSA/HSSCO in Little Rock, however, they have not resumed due to COVID-19!

BOARD ACTION ITEMS:

Membership Invoice Needed
Date for Region VI Conference in 2022/Theme

Report Attachments (if any):
None

Signature(s):

Jana Bays, *AHSA Board President*

Date: _____

Jacqueline Govan, HSSCO Director

Date: _____