

REGION VI HEAD START ASSOCIATION BOARD

Quarterly Reporting Form



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1. Conference calls with Maria Cervera, ACF, OHS Region VI HSSCO Liaison
2. Conference calls with Kent Mitchell, NHSA Director of State Affairs – Monthly HSSCO call and Monthly HSSCO on Homelessness hosted by Tracy Duarte (no Homelessness meeting in September)
3. Serving on Region VI T&TA Planning Group

Content Topics: Planning for Spring 2023 Virtual OKACAA Conference with complete 6 session Head Start track, Oklahoma Head Start Collaboration Office Advisory Board Meeting, Work with OKDHS and HungerFree Oklahoma on SNAP, Facilitation of Certified Healthy, Appointment to Governor's Interagency Council on Homelessness, Re-appointment by Governor to Oklahoma's Interagency Council on Early Childhood Intervention (Part C),

Reporting Information:

Fall OKACAA Conference: Head Start Track- Working with the OKACAA Conference committee and the Region VI T&TA staff, among others to complete the Head Start Track for the spring virtual conference, March 29-30,2023.

Oklahoma Head Start Collaboration Office Advisory Board Meeting-Meeting held November 9, 2022. This was a hybrid meeting, with the largest "in-person" meeting since before COVID. I updated the board on my annual report and work plan; Dr. Susan Sisson provided an update on the development of the toolkit by her group for OHS on height/weight and discussing with families; Dr. Diane Horn provided an overview of her most recent research on Educare...this data has followed these children from EHS thru 3rd grade and is providing great information on positive outcomes; Childcare preparing for launch of updated QRIS, effective January 2023;

Working with OKDHS and HungerFree Oklahoma on SNAP: Working, along with State Association President, Christin Bolinger, with HungerFree Oklahoma and OKDHS to assure that state and local

level staff are aware that SNAP is an automatic eligibility criteria for Head Start. Additionally, we are still working on assuring that Head Start is an automatic referral for those families who may qualify when they apply for SNAP and other benefits.

Facilitation of Certified Healthy Early Childhood Programs: Facilitated guest speaker at Directors' meeting with staff from Oklahoma's Certified Healthy Early Childhood Programs. She explained the process and data regarding the numbers of Head Starts in Oklahoma vs how many have participated and applied for the Certified Healthy Status. There's still a great deal of room for improvement. Additionally, connection with this group led the State Obesity Plan chair to ask me to serve on their state stakeholder group and on their early childhood workgroup.

Appointment to Governor's Interagency Coordinating Council on Homelessness: I was nominated for this earlier, but finally received the official appointment.

Re-appointment by Governor to Oklahoma's Interagency Council on Early Childhood Intervention: This was an interesting re-appointment since only a fraction of the non-agency appointees were NOT reappointed. Many were very surprised they weren't reappointed and were not asked if they wanted to be or not.

Board Action Items: None at this time

Report Attachments (if any):

Signature(s): *Paula A. Brown*

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