

# REGION VI HEAD START ASSOCIATION BOARD

## Quarterly Reporting Form

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### Correspondence:

1. Conference calls with Maria Cervera, ACF, OHS Region VI HSSCO Liaison
2. Conference calls with Katie Dufford-Melendez NHSA Director of State Affairs – Monthly HSSCO call and Monthly HSSCO on Homelessness hosted by Tracy Duarte (no Homelessness meeting in May)

**Content Topics:** Planning for Fall 2023 In-Person OKACAA Conference with complete 6 session Head Start track, Oklahoma Head Start Collaboration Office Advisory Board Meeting, Work with Oklahoma's Obesity Stakeholder's Group; Oklahoma's Governor disbands GICH; Oklahoma's Head Start Health Network Support

### 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 fall in-person conference, September 20-22 in Oklahoma City. Collab program assistant has met with Head Start staff across the state to gather input for the conference topics. I have secured Oklahoma's Secretary of Human Services as our keynote on Poverty in Oklahoma. Our theme is "Strengthening Community through Connection".

Oklahoma Head Start Collaboration Office Advisory Board Meeting-Meeting held March 20, 2023. This was a hybrid meeting, with the largest "in-person" meeting since I've been in this role. I updated the board on my annual report and work plan; Dr. Susan Sisson provided an new update on the development of the toolkit by her group for OHS on height/weight and discussing with families; Discussion about Oklahoma's Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation learning collaboratives;

OKACAA's upcoming summer-camps; Updates on Oklahoma's Preschool Development Grant including the Transition Summit that is written into the grant-there will be 8 regional transition summits that coincide with Oklahoma's Childcare Resource & Referral Districts-working with StartEarly and Oklahoma Partnership for School Readiness to get these going.

Working with Oklahoma's Obesity Stakeholders Group: I joined the Obesity Plan Stakeholders Group meeting on 2/15/23. Dr. Ashley Weeden provided a high-level overview of the AAP's Clinical Practice Guidelines on The Evaluation & Treatment of Childhood Obesity. I will be a continuing member of the overall state group and also a member of the early childhood workgroup.

Governor Stitt disbands Governor's Interagency Coordinating Council on Homelessness: This was a shock to the entire state. His reasons were that he "never heard from the group and didn't know what was going on", but the executive committee has documentation of all of the information that has been shared with his office. We are working on a way to continue to meet, but it will be under a different name.

Our office supports Oklahoma's Health Network on a monthly basis through scheduling of the Zoom meeting, communicating with T&TA, and health network members. The office also helps schedule special speakers/presentations at each meeting.

**Board Action Items:** None at this time

**Report Attachments (if any):**

**Signature(s):** *Paula A. Brown*

**Date:** 05/22/0/2023