

REGION VI HEAD START ASSOCIATION BOARD

Quarterly Reporting Form

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1. Conference calls with Region VI T&TA Leadership & OHS Leadership for Workforce Summit
2. Direct call with Region VI, Regional Program Director, OHS
3. Regular calls with OHS staff-Beth Caron & Omair Shamim
4. Monthly HSSCO call and Monthly HSSCO on Homelessness hosted by Tracy Duarte
5. **Content Topics:** Fall OKACAA Conference, Oklahoma Head Start Collaboration Office Advisory Board Meeting held, Attended/Presented on Panel for Region VI Workforce Summit, Newly formed ICHO (Interagency Council on Homelessness-Oklahoma),

Reporting Information:

Fall 2024 OKACAA Conference with Head Start Track; The Fall conference was held September 18-20th in Oklahoma City. This year's conference was moved to a bigger venue as we have outgrown the Embassy Suites that we used for years. The Head Start track consisted of a session by Alton Carter, a personal friend with lived experience as it relates to trauma and the foster care system. He is an author of several children's book. He was very inspiring for the Head Start staff as he conveyed that they "are enough"! The next session was our 2nd annual State-wide resource fair. We had 27 agency/organization heads who came to visit with Head Start staff about their services they provide for families. This was a phenomenal track that connected programs to state-wide resources and was also a wonderful tool for recruitment for membership or research for early childhood organizations and universities. The next track was a Mental Health Manager's panel. I facilitated questions around how 3 different programs, 2 rural and 1 urban, plan to fully implement the revised performance standards around mental health services. The next session was a leadership session based on Brene' Brown's book Atlas of the Heart, and finally, we had 2 sessions from T&TA on the upcoming offerings around the Region (both virtual and in-person) and Play for the Win! Building Relation &

Trauma-Attuned Skills! The entire Head Start track was well evaluated, as was the overall Conference, which focused on celebrating 60 years of Community Action!

Oklahoma Head Start Collaboration Office Advisory Board was held October 10, 2024. We had great in-person attendance and several people who attended virtually. At the Spring meeting, this group agreed to also serve as Oklahoma's State Leadership Team on Early Childhood Inclusion. After discussing and reporting from the Collaboration office, we spent quite a bit of time working on our vision as a state related to early childhood inclusion.

Attended and Presented on Panel with my Region VI Colleagues at the Region VI Workforce Summit. Each of the Region VI Collaboration Directors presented on a panel answering questions about challenges and innovative things going on in each of our states around workforce development in Head Start. Each of us then met with our state attendees in a break-out session finding out what is going on and sharing solutions with each other.

Interagency Council on Homelessness-Oklahoma: Oklahoma's governor disbanded the Governor's Council on Homelessness in 2023, so many of the members of the original council re-formed this Council that is outside the purview of the Governor's office. I am one of the 20 voting members and am excited that this is taking off again!

Board Action Items: None at this time

Report Attachments (if any):

Signature(s): *Paula A. Brown*

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