

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:** OHS Roadshow; Completed Year 5 of 5 refunding application; Transition Summit Planning, ICH-O; Oral Health Coalition, State Advisory Team

Reporting Information:

I attended the Office of Head Start Roadshow on the updated Performance Standards in Dallas November 29 & 30. It was crowded, but also a fun learning experience with the Region VI OHS and T&TA staff, as well as Region 7!

I updated my work plan and submitted my grant application prior to the deadline of December 1, 2024.

I have been gradually working on my OHS report for 2024. Due January 31, 2025.

Oklahoma has begun working on the 2025 Transition Summit. The committee has been expanded to include another Head Start program and we are finalizing dates that will most likely be in June, 2025.

Attended the NHSA Parent Conference in San Diego. This was held December 16-19, 2024 and was an excellent conference.

I continue to serve on the Region VI TA Regional Workgroup: The workgroup met December 13th.

Interagency Council on Homelessness-Oklahoma: We continue to meet bi-monthly and I am also serving on the Health Services subcommittee.

Oral Health Coalition: We held our quarterly meeting on January 8, 2025. There are quite a few different providers in Oklahoma since we switched to managed care from fee for service for Medicaid recipients. Many recipients are still struggling to find providers who take Medicaid. This is something we will be working on.

State Advisory Team: I will be presenting in February on updated Performance Standards around Mental Health and how the various mental health entities around the state can support Head Start and Infant Mental Health Consultation.

Board Action Items: None at this time

Report Attachments (if any):

Signature(s): *Paula A. Brown*

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