

## **BOARD BOOK**

Friday, September 25, 2020



### MEETING BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Friday, September 25, 2020, at 1:00 p.m. Eastern Time Zone Via RingCentral/Zoom E-Meeting

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**TO:** NHSA Board of Directors

**FROM:** Damon Carson, Chairman of the Board **CC:** Yasmina S. Vinci, Executive Director

**DATE:** September 8, 2020

**RE:** Advisory notice of upcoming board meeting via e meeting (All time is

Eastern Time Zone)

The National Head Start Association provides notice of a regular meeting of the Board of Directors scheduled to take place via e meeting on

Friday, September 25, 2020

1:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.

**BOARD MEETING** 

**RSVP Click** 

Click on the RSVP link (above) to register. Not able to attend? Email <u>jsaldana@nhsa.org</u> with your notice. Thank you!

Join us for a "Virtual Balcony"! Since we cannot be together in person and it has been a long time since we have seen each other, let us join each other with a beverage and one of your favorite dishes to virtually share! Details sent via email

VIRTUAL BALCONY

Tuesday, September 22, 2020

6:30 p.m.—

Link to join will be sent via email



### Resignations on the NHSA Board of Directors as of September 25, 2020

• Kwanita McNeil, Region 1—Connecticut, Staff Representative



### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

FY 2020-2021 Roll Call

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<sup>\*</sup>Orientation will count for the term of FY2019-2020/FY2020-2021

# **Bridging the Gaps**

Kenia Estrada Gonzalez My Head Start Story | September 25, 2020









- High Ambition
- positive mind
- 1st generation high school graduate





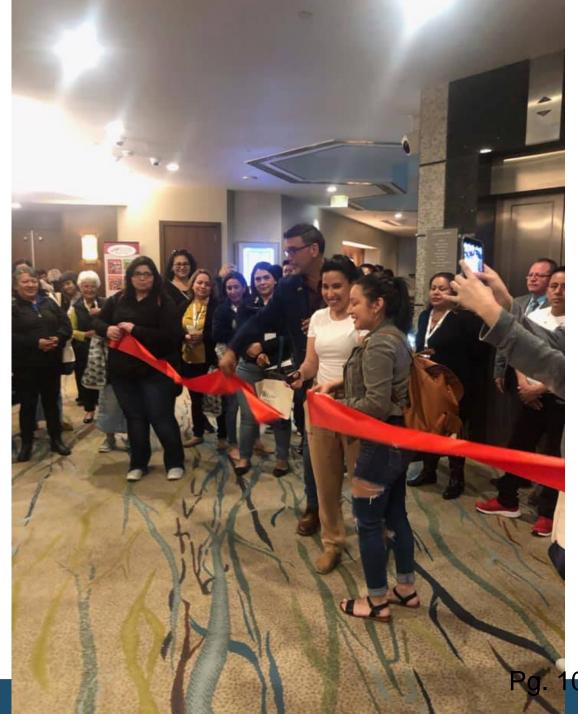
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# Building Better Futures









### **Governance Participation**



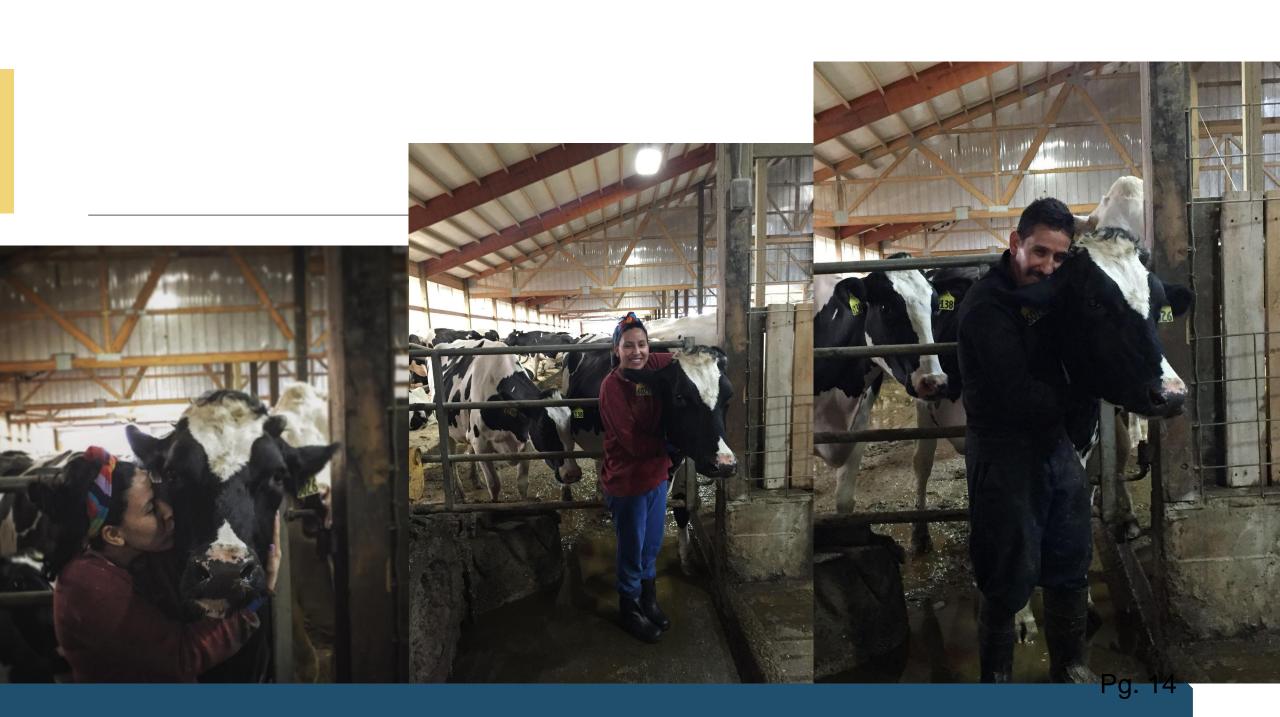
- National Migrant and Seasonal Head Start Association (Member at Large)
  - Executive Committee
- National Head Start Association (Parent Representative)
  - Governance and Nominating Committee
  - Research and Evaluation Committee
- UMOS Policy Council
  - Vice President

# **Parent Affiliate**



















### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Tuesday, July 14, 2020, at 2:00 p.m. Eastern Time Zone Via E Meeting

	MINUTES
Members Present:	$1/3$ of the Board must be present for a quorum to conduct business. $\frac{1}{2}$ of the board must be present for a quorum to elect officers.
Region I	Mary Varr, Kwanita McNeil, Jim Houlares
Region II	Reva Gershen-Lowy, Maureen Moorehead
Region III	Janet Stewart, Jessica Spradley, Dawn Ault
Region IV	Eloise McClinton, Dorothy Foster, Maritza Vasquez, David White
Region V	Debbie Beeler, Deb Wege, Kyle Hubert, Denny DeMers
Region VI	Gloria Lopez, James Evans, Albert Black
Region VII	Kelly Johnson, Pam LaFrenz
Region VIII	Vicki Lowry, Linda Meredith
Region IX	Denyse Cardoza, Damon Carson, Rosalba Barragan, Bill Donaldson
Region X	Mark Lackey
Region XI	Tina Routh, Jenny Oatman
Region XII	Lourdes Villanueva, Karelia Harding, Kenya Estrada, Isabel Garcia
Excused:	Paula Margraf, Elle Taylor, Tienaya Godes
Absent:	Pauline Riordan, Yamira Colon Rosa, Ibrahim Ramsey, Kim Sill, Tom
	Jones, Melissa Harris
Staff	
Present:	Yasmina Vinci, Robin Essandoh, Joel C. Saldaña, Jr., Tommy Sheridan
Guests:	None
Notes:	N/A

AGENDA ITEM & DISCUSSION	RESPONSIBILITY & ACTION
1.0 Call to Order	Carson
The Chairman called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m. He welcomed the board and shared hopes for being able to join in person sometime soon. Further, welcome to board members Jessica Spradley and Kenya Estrada.	ı
2.0 Roll Call	Beeler
The Secretary called the roll and a quorum was established.	beelei
3.0 Inspiring and Coalescing	Carson
A regular agenda item providing one of the Parent Representative share their Head Start story with the Board. Item is information or	s the opportunity to
<b>3.1</b> Parent Representative—My Head Start Story	Vasquez
Vasquez shared her story including: her children, criminal justice major in college, community service, and church service. Began her journey in Early Head Start and then Head Start. Inspired to study criminal justice to learn more about the system and help he son have a fair trial. Further, she is a foster parent and then joined as a policy council member. Began volunteering and learning a conferences, her passion for homelessness issues, foster care advocacy, and Community Action Board.	n o r d t
<b>4.0</b> Approval of Minutes for May 21, 2020—Action	Beeler
The Chairman entertained a move to approve the minutes a presented. A motion was properly moved and seconded, minute carried.  5.0 Financial Report	_
A regular agenda item providing the financial status of the Association	
<b>5.1</b> Approval of May 2020 Financial Report—Action	White
The Treasurer's financial report (atteched) included the following highlights: the committee met recently to review and recommend the approval of the reports; Essandoh provided highlights which included the events in the last year and the response in changing the Annual Conference to a virtual event; receipt of the federal Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan.	
The Treasurer further commented Region IV is a leader in DPC contributions. The Chairman entertained a motion to approve the report as presented. A motion was properly moved and	Moved by Hubert Second by Vasquez
seconded. Report carried.	Report approved

<b>6.0</b> Association Update	Vinci
A regular reporting item providing an update on the work of NHSA.	Items are
information only unless otherwise noted.	
<b>6.1</b> Executive Director's Report—Information	Vinci
Vinci delivered the Executive Director's report and highlighted the	
following: thanked the Board for being flexible and committed	
during the last few months; the domestic trends in the country	
including the impacts of COVID-19 and the racial injustice; and	
issues from Head Start including the virus response. Discussion	Hubert, Harding,
from the board including: parents dropping of children at child	Villanueva
care; programs' response to the virus; and impacts on migrant	
programs and families. Further, she reported how NHSA is	
responding to the pandemic and supporting Head Start	
programs; and NHSA Live conference (Annual Conference).	Sheridan
Sheridan reported on the following: political updates; COVID-19	
advocacy; Head Start appropriations the last ten years; the	
appropriations request for FY 2021; updates with the	
administration and Congress; goals/priorities for 2020; upcoming conferences; and continued DPC contributions.	
	Carson
7.0   Committee Reports  A regular reporting item whereas the business of the committee is p	
<b>7.1</b> Executive Committee	Carson
The board will be conducting an annual evaluation of the	Carson
executive director. A survey will be coming to the board in the	
coming weeks.	
7.2 Finance Committee	White
Refer to item 7.2.1.	
<b>7.2.1</b> Approval of FY 2020-2021 Budget	White
Essandoh shared the pages of the board budget. Further	Essandoh
comments on the preparation and planning for the budget. A	Moved by Wege
voice vote was called after a motion was properly moved and	Second by
seconded for report approval. Motion carried.	Cardoza
	Report approved
7.3 Governance and Nominating Committee	Cardoza
The committee will resume meeting in August.	
7.4 Government Affairs Committee	Lackey
Lackey shared the pages of the report. Further, commented on	
increased funding request and planning for the policy agenda of	
the next Congress.	

7.5 Research and Evaluation Committee	Beeler
The committee has not and will be reorganizing.	
<b>7.6</b> Resource Development and Member Services Committee	LaFrenz
The committee has not met and will plan to meet before the next	
board meeting.	
7.7 Committee Report Approval—Action	Carson
The Chairman entertained a motion to approve the committee	Moved LaFrenz
reports. A motion was properly moved and seconded, and motion	Second by
carried.	Cardoza
	Reports approved
8.0 Regional Reports—Information	Carson
The Chairman asked if any directors had further highlights other	
than presented. LaFrenz mentioned Region VII's first virtual	LaFrenz
edition of their publication.	
9.0 Announcements—Information	Carson
The Chairman referred the pages in the book for the	
announcements.	
10.0 Adjournment—Action	Carson
The Chairman entertained a motion to adjourn. A second was	Moved by
recognized. The vote was called and the motion carried. The	Houlares
meeting adjourned at 4:23 p.m.	Second by Lackey
	Adjourned

Submitted:

Debra Beeler

Secretary of the Board

Detra & Bule

### **NHSA Board of Directors**

Association Update - Executive Director's Report | September 25, 2020



### **NHSA's Vision**



#### To Lead

To be the untiring voice that will not be quiet until every vulnerable child is served with the Head Start model of support for the whole child, the family, and the community.

#### To Advocate

To work diligently for policy changes that ensure all vulnerable children and families have what they need to succeed.

### **NHSA's Mission**



To coalesce, inspire, and support the Head Start field as a leader in early childhood development and education.

We are compelled to fulfill this mission by the promise of all possible outcomes:

- · One powerful, united Head Start voice
- · A collegial, collaborative Head Start field
- Nonpartisan support of an increased federal commitment to Head Start
- Healthier, empowered children and families, and stronger, more vibrant communities

### **USA Trends**



- New and different campaign season methods
- Health disparities and inequities have become more visible with infection and death statistics
- Some parts of the economy are thriving while others are changing, adapting, morphing
- Low income families are further challenged and stressed.

- Zoom fatigue
- Work and schooling from home fatigue
- Reskilling may be necessary for new jobs
- Different kind of management and leadership skills required
- Learning institutions adapting opportunities for reform of ECE preparation

### What we hear from Head Start...



- Much concern for the families' wellbeing – jobs, stress, stability, food insecurity, housing
- Reopening Plan A, followed by Plan B, C, D...
- Fewer children in many cases
- COVID infections in programs
- Worries about staff health upon reopening
- · Disruptions of programs and

- families by fires, hurricanes
- Some programs are actively demonstrating their value to communities, others are struggling
- . ?

### NHSA at this time – adapting...



- Listening and communicating
- Extensive continuous engagement with the Head Start community:
- Weekly Kitchen Table Talks
- Biweekly Future Fridays
- Regular calls with state and regional associations, providing latest information, resources, hearing needs
- Surveys of status and needs

- Variety of resources for programs to use (12,000+ free Noggin subscriptions)
- Adapting Parent Gauge to improve programs' connectivity to families
- ADVOCACY with Congress, and Administration for more funding and for flexibility
- Virtual learning series on most current topics

### How will we adjust our 2020 goals to position Head Start for the future?



**Strengthen Head Start** – Address the pain points in the field and prepare Head Start for 2021 and beyond - published principles

Strengthen the Head Start brand – Create a convincing powerful narrative that conveys the benefits and uniqueness of Head Start

**Strengthen NHSA** – Make sure NHSA has the resources, knowledge and capacity to achieve the above goals

### More toward the goals...



- Making trainings to strengthen social-emotional effectiveness
- Academy offerings:
  - Anti-bias micro-credential
  - Data literacy credential
  - HS/EHS Director credential
  - Revision of Health credential
  - Revision of Social Service credential

- More widely available Mind in the Updating and marketing to states of Quality Initiative program "accreditation"
  - Collaborating with the HeadStarter Network around EC workforce of the future

### **The Political Situation**



- How much can get done in light of...
  - · 2020 Elections
- Implementation
  - FY2020 Appropriations, Family First 2.0
- Discussions on the Hill
  - HEROES Act, Higher Education Act, Paid Family Leave, HS Eligibility
- · NHSA's Focus on the Hill
  - FY 2021, Impact of Trauma and ACES on our community, Building/Strengthening our network of champions



### **Regulation Updates**



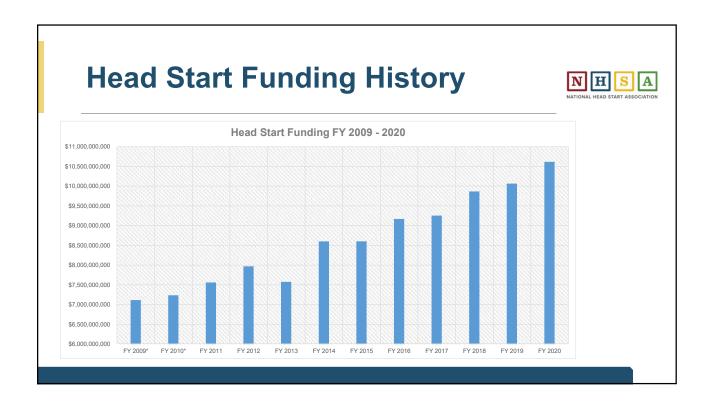


#### **Huge success:**

• DRS - final rule

#### Also:

- Quality Improvement Funding (QIF)
- EHS expansion grants



### **Latest News – Appropriations**





### FY 2020 - \$550,000,000 increase!

- . \$250,000,000 for **Quality Improvement Funding**
- \$193,000,000 for **COLA** (about 2%)
- . \$100,000,000 for EHS Expansion/CCP
- . \$4,000,000 for **Tribal College Program**

### FY 2021 Underway

- . Continuing resolution until December 11
- POTUS budget proposal expected on Feb 10
- . Head Start ask to pick up where we left off

### **COVID-19 related funding**





#### **CARES ACT -**

\$750,000,000 for COVID-related expenses and summer programming

#### **HEROES -**

Looking for additional \$1,700,000,000 for mental health and technology needs in Head Start

### 2020 BOLD Leadership Initiative



- In recognition of the extraordinary challenges of 2020, the extraordinary response by Head Start, and in honor of Head Start's 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary
- Supported by a grant from the Ford Foundation, this initiative pivots from our original 5 and 5 anniversary plan in recognition of COVID related limitations
- Timeline: Both parts announced in October (Head Start Awareness Month) and winners announced at annual conference in April

### 2020 BOLD Leadership Initiative - Part 1



### **Head Start BOLD Alumni Leaders**

Five nationally known alumni who are having major game changing impact during this difficult 2020 year.

#### Goals:

- To convey the narrative of the Head Start advantage and the power of the Head Start movement to key external audiences through the stories of these leaders
- To attract and engage Head Start alumni through the nomination process

#### Who:

 Alumni who boldly define "new approaches" to leadership, leading real change for long term outcomes

### 2020 BOLD Leadership Initiative - Part 2



## 2020 BOLD Prizes awarded to five Head Start Leaders showing courageous leadership in challenging times

#### Goals:

- To ignite passion, encourage breakthroughs, inspire undaunted, courageous leadership in the Head Start community
- To collect and share ideas, innovations, and wisdom from the field throughout the Head Start family, to members of Congress, and beyond

Who: 5 Head Start leaders who have shown courageous leadership in challenging times

#### The Awards:

**One Grand Prize:** \$10,000 plus tuition and expenses for innovative leadership program and participation in leadership conversations with each of the five BOLD leadership alumni

Four Silver Medal Prizes: \$ 5,000 each plus participation in leadership conversations with each of the five BOLD leadership alumni

### **Upcoming Conferences**



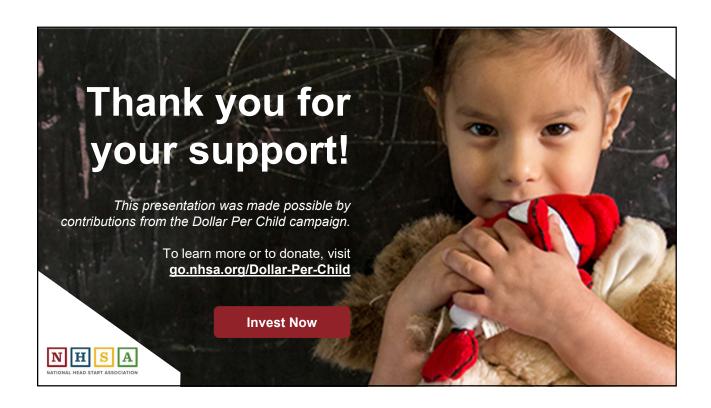


**2020 Parent and Family Engagement Conference**November 30—December 3, 2020 | New Orleans, LA

Winter Leadership Institute
January 25—29, 2021 | Washington, D.C.

2021 Annual National Head Start Conference and Expo

April 19-23, 2021 | Columbus, OH





### Board of Directors Resolution 2021-1

## HONORING LUSILA 'LUSI' ORTEGA UPON HER RETIREMENT FROM NEIGHBORS IN NEED OF SERIVCES, INC.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the National Head Start Association (the "Board" or "Corporation"), duly called and held on <u>September 25, 2020</u>, which a quorum was present and upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Directors adopts the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, Lusila "Lusi" Ortega, having provided leadership for Neighbors in Need of Services (NINOS, Inc.) in Rio Hondo, Texas, for more than 40 years; and,

**WHEREAS**, under Lusi's leadership as teacher, social worker, Parent Involvement Coordinator, and Assistant Head Start Director, thousands of children have benefitted from her compassion, wisdom, and dedication; and,

**WHEREAS**, Lusi, working with the committed team at NINOS, Inc. regularly generated more contributions to the Dollar Per Child campaign than any other program in the United States; and,

**WHEREAS**, Lusi, in addition to distinguished leadership in supporting national advocacy efforts through Dollar Per Child, was herself an active advocate, participating year after year in national events in support of Head Start and Early Head Start; and,

**WHEREAS,** Lusi, having proven herself a true Head Start hero through relentless efforts to advance Head Start locally, in Texas, and nationally;

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Damon Carson, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the National Head Start Association, and *on behalf* of the Board of Directors, do hereby issue this resolution to Lusila Ortega in recognition of her many achievements and her dedication to Head Start, and we extend our gratitude and appreciation to Lusi for her many years of exemplary service. We congratulate Lusi and wish her continued success and happiness in retirement.



### Board of Directors Resolution 2021-1

Humbly submitted by Yasmina Vinci on behalf of the Board of Directors and staff of the National Head Start Association, September 21, 2020.

**CERTIFIED:** 

Damon Carson

Chairman, Board of Directors

Yasmina Vinci

**Executive Director** 

Debbie Beeler

Secretary, Board of Directors



#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Governance and Nominating Committee

The Governance and Nominating Committee is responsible for (1) review and update of the articles and bylaws of the corporation, as well as Board operating policies and procedures; (2) orientation of new directors; and (3) review, revision and implementation of Board election procedures including the certification of election results.

Committee Meeting	September 17, 2020	1:00 p.m. Eastern Time Zone
E-Meeting	Click Link to e-Meeting	

Agenda	
1.0 Call to Order	Cardoza
2.0 Roll Call	
3.0 Approval of Minutes	
a. February 20, 2020	
4.0 Committee Priorities	Cardoza
a. Draft of Standing Rules	
5.0 Adjournment	Cardoza

The next regularly scheduled committee meeting is for Thursday, October 15, 2020, at 1:00 p.m. Eastern Time Zone. The Governance and Nominating Committee regularly meets every third Thursday of the month with the exception of November and December or otherwise noted.



### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

NATIONAL HEAD START ASSOCIATION Governance and Nominating Committee February 20, 2020 **Minutes** Members Present **Absent** Excused Cardoza, Denyse Χ Black, Albert Χ Carson, Damon Χ Colon Rosa, Yamira Χ Estrada, Kenia Χ Foster, Dorothy Χ Godes, Tienaya Χ Harding, Karelia Χ Hubert, Kyle Χ Johnson, Kelly Χ Lackey, Mark Χ Χ LaFrenz, Pam Χ Lowry, Vicki Χ McClinton, Eloise Χ McNeil, Kwanita Χ Moorehead, Maureen Χ Sill, Kimberly Χ Taylor, Elle Χ Villanueva, Lourdes Χ Wege, Deb Χ Staff Vinci, Yasmina Χ Saldaña, Jr., Joel C. Χ Whitfill, Sabrina Χ

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Governance and Nominating Committee
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Meeting Open – 1:11 p.m.

The meeting was called to order and Saldaña called the roll call.

The Chair called the minutes for approval. Saldaña provided a brief summary on the minutes. The Chair asked if they have any changes or questions on the minutes for corrections. A motion was made and properly seconded to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved without changes.

The Chair continued onto the priorities of the committee. Specifically, looking at the committee priorities A, B, and E. Priority A includes the Regional Association alignment to the National election cycle as shared in the Term of the Directors in the Bylaws. Discussion ensued on when the term of a director on the board starts and ends. The Chair moved onto Priority B, to develop an attendance policy. Discussion ensued around developing a policy and determining the number of reasons when a director may not be able to travel or attend a board meeting. Further, on whether some of these suggestions should be applied to committee meetings as well and whether the committee should think of consequences tied to the policy. The Chair continued onto Priority E, the ongoing board member development for the board. Discussion ensued on different models for board member development taking into consideration time, frequency, delivery channel, and content. The detailed notes of the drafting session will be provided for the committee.

Without any dissent from the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting and reminded everyone of the next committee meeting.

Meeting Close – 2:02 p.m.

**Summary of Recommended Actions** 

1. Approval of report



### Bylaws and Standing Rules

#### Bylaws and Standing Rules of the National Head Start Association

The current Bylaws are given in **boldface** flush left. They were amended and approved by the Board of Directors, June 27, 2008. Standing Rules are indicated by S.R. and are in regular type indented, and originally adopted on July 12, 2017.

#### S.R. 0.1.1 Defined Terms

As used in these Standing Rules, the following terms are defined as follows:

- "Board" shall mean the Board of Directors of the National Head Start Association.
- "The Corporation" shall mean the National Head Start Association.
- "The Association" shall mean the National Head Start Association.
- "Executive Committee" shall mean the Executive Committee of the Board. Adopted 07/12/17

#### S.R. 0.1.2 Purpose

These Standing Rules relate to the Association's Bylaws. Standing Rules shall be adopted, amended, or repealed by a majority vote of the Board. The purpose of these Standing Rules of the Association is to facilitate the work of the Board. The Standing Rules will determine the appropriate governance when conducting business.

Adopted 07/12/17

#### S.R. 0.1.3 Numbering

The Standing Rules noted in the document follow this naming convention: [S.R. Article Number. Section Number. Number] Name. For example S.R. 4.1.1 Class E, refers to the Standing Rule in Article 4, Members, Section 1, Classes of Members, Number 1 on Class E members.

Adopted 07/12/17

#### S.R. 0.1.4 Adoption and Amendments

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## **Article 1**

Name

The name of the corporation shall be the National Head Start Association (hereinafter referred to as "the corporation").

## **Article 2**

Office

The registered office of the corporation shall be located at 1201 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., or such other place in the District of Columbia as the Board of Directors may designate from time to time.

## Article 3

#### **Purposes**

The corporation is organized and will be operated exclusively for charitable, scientific, literary, and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States internal revenue law). In furtherance of these purposes, the corporation will provide a national forum for the continued enhancement of the status of children, youth, and families.

## **Article 4**

Members

**Section 1: Classes of Members** 

The corporation shall have the following classes of members:

Class A. Class A members shall consist of those members of the corporation who are full-time directors of a Head Start grantee or delegate agency.

Class B. Class B members shall consist of those members of the corporation other than Class A members who are employed in a local Head Start program.

Class C. Class C members shall consist of those members of the corporation other than Class A or Class B members who are parents or legal guardians of children who are enrolled in a Head Start program.

Class D. Class D members shall consist of those members of the corporation other than Class A, Class B or Class C members.

Class E. Class E members shall consist of any Head Start grantee that is funded through the Department of Health and Human Services/Administration for Children, Youth and Families.

S.R. 4.1.1 Class E

The purpose of the Class E members is to allow all staff and parents of the grantees of an Early Head Start/Head Start/EHS-Child Care Partnerships grant that is funded through the Department of Health and Human Services/Administration for Children and Families to be served by the Association as members.

Adopted 07/12/17

Class F. Class F members shall consist of 50 Head Start Associations and one Head Start Association per Region. Regions recognized shall be I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, and XI (American Indians), and XII (Migrant Programs). They shall be called NHSA Affiliates, and shall qualify based on criteria established by the NHSA Board of Directors.

S.R. 4.1.2 Class F

The purpose of the Class F members is to allow all fifty (50) state associations and twelve (12) regional associations to subscribe to membership of the Association.

Adopted 07/12/17

#### **Section 2: Dues**

The Board of Directors may determine from the time to time the amount of annual dues, if any, payable to the corporation by members of each class. Dues shall be payable in advance on the first day of July in each fiscal year. Dues of a new member shall be due on the first day of the month in which such new membership becomes effective for the remainder of the fiscal year of the corporation.

## **Article 5**

**Meetings of Members** 

**Section 1: Notice** 

Meetings of members, regular or special, may be held within or without the District of Columbia upon not less than fifteen (15) days written or printed notice, delivered either personally or by mail, to each member entitled to vote at such meetings, subject to waiver of notice as provided in the District of Columbia Non-Profit Corporation Act. Such notice

shall state the special meeting, the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called. Regular meetings shall be held at least once each year or more often as established by the members. Special meetings may be called by the Chairman, the Board of Directors, or members having at least one-twentieth (1/20) of the votes entitled to be cast at such meeting.

#### **Section 2: Annual Meeting**

Amended 4/08. The annual meeting of the members shall be held at a date and time established by the Board, the purpose of which shall be the transaction of any business that may be properly brought before the meeting.

S.R. 5.2.1 Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the members of the Association shall be held during the Annual Conference every year. The membership shall be notified thirty (30) days in advance of the Annual Meeting.

Adopted 07/12/17

#### **Section 3: Voting**

Unless otherwise specified in these bylaws, each member of the corporation shall be entitled to one vote on each matter submitted to a vote for the members. A member may vote in person or by proxy executed in writing by the member or his/her duly authorized representative. In addition, voting on all matters may be conducted by mail in such manner as the Board of Directors shall determine.

#### **Section 4: Quorum**

At all meetings of members, either regular or special, one-tenth (1/10) of the members entitled to vote at such meeting, represented in person or by proxy, shall constitute a quorum. Unless otherwise specified in these bylaws, the affirmative vote of the majority of the members entitled to vote and present or represented by proxy at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be necessary for the adoption of any matter voted upon by the members.

## Article 6

**Board of Directors** 

#### **Section 1: Composition of the Board**

The corporation's affairs shall be managed by a Board of Directors composed of fortyeight (48) directors. In addition, the immediate Past Chairman shall serve as an ex officio member of the Board of Directors.

**Section 2: Election of Directors** 

Amended 6/08. Directors shall be elected by members of the corporation in each of the

twelve (12) Regional Head Start Associations to serve a term of office as provided for in Section 3 of this Article. Each Regional Head Start Association shall choose four (4) directors, one of each class of membership of Classes A, B, C, and D in the corporation. Qualification for office shall be determined as of the first day of taking office as a director and an individual shall remain qualified throughout his or her term of office. Notwithstanding the foregoing, each Regional Head Start Association must remain in good standing with the corporation in order for its representative directors to serve on the Board. Directors representing Regional Head Start Associations which are not in good standing shall be removed from the Board without need for further action of the Board.

#### S.R. 6.2.1 Election of Directors

The Election Protocol adopted by the Board on July 9, 2014 shall be followed in all elections including General and Special Elections. The Election Protocol is stated below:

#### **ELECTION PROTOCOL**

Beginning <date>, the Governance and Nominating Committee will open nominations for the following elected officer positions of the NHSA Board of Directors:

- 1. Chairman/woman
- 2. Vice Chairman/woman
- 3. Secretary
- 4. Treasurer

According to Article IX of the bylaws, all officers shall be elected from among the members of the Board of Directors by an affirmative vote of the members of the Board of Directors and shall hold office for a term of two years. The term for each elected position is two (2) years starting on July 1, <year> through June 30, <year>. The newly elected officer team will serve until June 30, <year>.

The Protocol, Officer Nomination Form (see Attachment A) and Description of Duties for each officer (see Attachment B) will be e-mailed to all NHSA Board of Directors and Regional Presidents no later than <date>.

Members of the NHSA Board of Directors who wish to run for office must submit the following three items no later than <date>.

1. One-page résumé that includes current contact information, including address, phone number and e-mail.

- 2. Letter from Regional President verifying that the candidate is duly-elected representative in their membership class and that they have the support of the Regional Board to run for an officer of the NHSA Board of Directors.
- 3. Completed NHSA Officer Nomination Form (Attachment A).

All three items must be submitted by e-mail to the NHSA Governance and Nominating Committee at the following e-mail address: nhsa-elect@nhsa.org on or before <date>.

Officer Nomination form and supporting materials will NOT be accepted by the Committee after <date> unless such candidate was subsequently recruited by the Governance and Nominating Committee.

In the event the Governance and Nominating Committee receives only one or no nomination, the Committee will identify and recruit qualified candidates, taking into account geographic diversity, membership class and area of expertise. Recruitment will be completed by <a href="https://date-no.pdf">date-no.pdf</a>.

The Governance and Nominating Committee will submit the final ballot with all candidates to the Board by <a href="tel:date">date</a> via email.

Election of the <year(two fiscal years)> Officer Team will occur on <date> at the regular Board Meeting from <time> <Time zone> at the <location address>. Prior to the vote by the NHSA Board of Directors, all prospective candidates will have an opportunity to speak for 5 minutes at the Board Meeting, regarding their candidacy, their qualifications and interest in the officer position.

The results of the election will be announced at the regular Board Meeting on <date>, and the <year(two fiscal years)> officer team will conduct their first meeting on <date>

NHSA members with questions about the nomination or election process should contact:

<Chair of the Governance and Nominating Committee>

<Contact Information>

#### **ELECTION PROTOCOL TIMELINE**

<date> Call for nominations of officers. Election procedures, NHSA Officer Nomination Form and description of duties of officers emailed to NHSA Board of Directors and Regional Presidents

<date> DEADLINE to submit Officer Nomination Form and required candidate information to the Governance and Nominating

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<date> Closing date for Governance and Nominating Committee to complete recruitment, if necessary
<date> Governance and Nominating Committee submits final ballot of candidates to the Board via e-mail
<date> Election of <year(two fiscal years)> Officer Team to be held at a Regular Board Meeting during the <conference in conjunction with board meeting>

<date> <year(two fiscal years)> Officer Team announced at the Board Meeting during the <conference in conjunction with board meeting>

<date> <year(two fiscal years)> Officer Team assumes office

#### ATTACHMENT A - OFFICER NOMINATION FORM

Electronic submission of the nomination form and supporting documents must be received no later than <date>. Please email the completed nomination form and supporting documents to nhsa-elect@nhsa.org as a PDF (non-writable format) document.

Candidate's Name:

Head Start Program:

Head Start Program Address:

Phone Number:

Mobile:

E-mail:

Candidate nomination is for one (1) of the following Officer positions:

Chairman/woman

Vice Chairman/woman

Secretary

Treasurer

On separate pages, please provide a typewritten response to each of the following questions:

1. Please describe the reason(s) why you want to be an Officer of the NHSA Board of Directors.

- 2. Please describe what skills, experiences, perspectives and relationships you would bring as an Officer that could support and advance NHSA's mission and vision.
- 3. Please describe what you think are the most important issues the Board of Directors should focus on during your term in office.

Candidate Signature Date

#### ATTACHMENT B – OFFICER DUTIES

Description of Duties

Article IX: Officers (NHSA Bylaws, amended June 27, 2008)

#### Section 7: Duties of the Chairperson

Amended 4/08. The Chairperson of the Board of Directors shall: (i) preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and all meetings of the Executive Committee at which he or she is present; (ii) nominate committee memberships and committee Chairpersons; (iii) represent the Board at public functions; and (iv) perform such other duties as may be required of him or her by the Board of Directors. The Chairperson may elect to be an ex officio member of all standing and special committees of the Board. The Chairperson, or another officer designated by the Chairperson, may sign any document or instrument requiring the signature of an officer of the corporation which is necessary and incident to the purposes of the corporation.

#### Section 8: Duties of the Vice Chairperson

Amended 4/08. In the absence of the Chairperson, or in the event of his/her death, inability or refusal to act, the Vice Chairperson, unless otherwise determined by the Board of Directors, shall perform the duties of the Chairperson, and when so acting shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the Chairperson.

#### Section 9: Duties of the Secretary

The Secretary shall keep accurate records of the acts and proceedings of all meetings of the Board of Directors and of the members. He/she shall give all notices required by law and by these bylaws. He/she shall have general charge of the corporation's books and records. He/she shall sign such instruments as may require his/her signature. He/she shall keep a register of the Post Office address of each director and officer of the corporation which shall be furnished to the Secretary by each officer and director.

He/she shall keep at the corporation's registered office in the District of Columbia a record of the names and addresses of all the corporation's members. He/she shall in general perform all duties incident to the office of the Secretary and such other duties as shall be assigned to him/her from time to time by the Chairman or

by the Board of Directors.

Section 10: Duties of the Treasurer

Amended 4/08. The Treasurer shall oversee the fiscal affairs of the Corporation, and shall report on the financial condition of the Corporation to the Board of Directors at its regular meetings, the annual meeting and at such other times as the Board may require.

Adopted 07/12/17

#### **Section 3: Term of Directors**

Amended 6/08. Each director so elected shall hold office for a period of two years starting on July 1 of the calendar year ending in an odd number and serving until his/her successor is elected and qualified, or until such time as he/she is removed as provided in this Article.

#### **Section 4: Removal of Directors**

Amended 4/08. Any director may be removed with or without cause by an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the directors then in office.

#### **Section 5: Vacancies**

Any vacancy occurring in the Board of Directors may be filled by the members from the Regional Head Start Association from which the director's vacancy occurs. Any director so elected to fill a vacancy shall be a member of the same class of members as that of his/her predecessor in office and shall be elected for the unexpired term of his/her predecessor in office.

#### **Section 6: Compensation**

Directors shall not receive any compensation for their services as directors or officers of the corporation. Directors may be reimbursed for their expenses, if any, incurred in carrying out the purposes of the corporation, provided that such reimbursement in no way adversely affects the corporation's qualification under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States internal revenue law).

#### Section 7: Duties of the Board

Amended 4/08. The Board shall be responsible, among other duties, for:

- (1) Attending to any matter which the Board determines is in the best interest of the corporation and is within the purposes and objectives of the corporation;
- (2) Setting policy, including approving public policy statements and overseeing the implementation of such policy;

- (3) Approving committee members in accordance with the provisions of these bylaws;
- (4) Periodically evaluating the corporation's achievements and using the knowledge gained to revise its mission, goals, objectives, plans and budgets as necessary and appropriate;
- (5) Developing, adopting and periodically updating the major policies of the corporation including policies concerning personnel, financial management practices and Board operations;
- (6) Hiring, annually evaluating, and, as appropriate, dismissing the Executive Director;
- (7) Approving the annual budget, long- and short-range financial plans;
- (8) Selecting the independent audit firm;
- (9) Assuring that the corporation's activities are conducted in compliance with applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations;
- (10) Taking all other necessary steps to assure the achievement of the purposes and objectives of the corporation; and,
- (11) Fulfilling any other necessary or required duties and responsibilities.

Section 8: Powers and Duties of Directors, Amended 4/08.

- (1) Directors shall act as fiduciaries to the corporation at all times including complying with the duties of care, loyalty and obedience.
- (2) No individual director shall act for the Board or the corporation except as specifically authorized by the Board of Directors.

## **Article 7**

**Meetings of the Board of Directors** 

**Section 1: Notice** 

Amended 4/08. Meetings of the Board of Directors, regular or special, may be held within or without of the District of Columbia upon not less than fifteen (15) days notice to each director, either personally or by mail, telephone, or telegram, subject to waiver of notice as provided in the District of Columbia Non-Profit Corporation Act. Unless otherwise specified in these bylaws, neither the business to be transacted at, nor the purpose of, any

regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors need be specified in the notice or waiver of notice of such meeting.

#### **Section 2: Meetings**

Amended 4/08. The annual meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held at such time as determined by the Board of Directors the purpose of which shall be the transaction of such business as may be properly brought before the meeting. In addition, the Board of Directors may provide, by resolution, the time and place, either within or without the District of Columbia, for the holding of additional regular meetings. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the Chairperson or by written request of at least five directors. The place of the meeting shall be specified on the notice of the meeting.

#### S.R. 7.2.1 Frequency of Meetings

There shall be three face-to-face meetings of the Board scheduled concurrently with the two annual Leadership Institutes and the Annual Conference. There will also be three meetings by telephone conference call.

Adopted 07/12/17

#### S.R. 7.2.2 Annual Calendar Release

NHSA staff will distribute and release an annual calendar of meetings to the Board in May of each year.

Adopted 07/12/17

#### S.R. 7.2.3 Powers to Cancel Meetings

The NHSA Executive Director and Chairman/woman in agreement may cancel a scheduled Board meeting at their discretion.

Adopted 07/12/17

#### S.R. 7.2.4 Absence and Excused Policy

Should a director not be able to attend a board meeting, regular or special, they shall notify the Executive Director or his/her/their designee that they will not be attending the board meeting with as much advance notice as possible. The notification can be via email or telephone and should include the reason the director cannot attend the board meeting. An excused absence will ultimately be determined by the Governance and Nominating Committee however, conflicts on a directors schedule for business reasons shall be counted as excused. Conflicts on a directors schedule for personal reasons will generally not be counted as excused, unless they are for an emergency, sickness, or bereavement. The record will be reflected in the roll call.

Adopted XX/XX/XX

**Section 3: Quorum** 

Amended 8/07. At all meetings of the Board of Directors, either regular or special, one-third (1/3) of the directors then in office shall constitute a quorum except for any meeting at which an election for officers of the corporation shall take place in which case the quorum requirement shall be one-half (1/2) of the directors then in office. Unless otherwise specified in these bylaws, the act of a majority of the directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of Directors.

#### **Section 4: Action Without A Meeting**

Any action required or permitted to be taken at a meeting of the Board of Directors may be taken without a meeting if consent in writing, setting forth the actions so taken, shall be signed by all of the directors.

#### **Section 5: Telephone Meetings**

Unless otherwise provided in the Articles of Incorporation or these bylaws, any or all directors may participate in a meeting of the Board of Directors by means of conference telephone or by any means of communication by which all persons participating in the meeting are able to hear one another. Such participation shall constitute presence in person at the meeting.

S.R. 7.5.1

During FY2017-2018, the Board will adopt a trial period of reviewing the practice of attendance at board meetings by allowing board members the opportunity to dial-in for in-person board meetings. Should a board member request to dial-in for a scheduled in-person board meeting, that board member shall notify the Executive Director of NHSA a minimum of two weeks prior to the board meeting. The Association will then ensure a conference telephone is available at the inperson meeting. At the end of the trial year, the Governance and Nominating Committee of the NHSA Board of Directors will review S.R. 7.5.1. It is understood that the Board is exploring this change in practice, as board members have by tradition and previous agreement, agreed to attend three board meetings in-person per year and three board meetings via conference telephone per year, while only allowing board members to dial-in only for the portion of the General Election.

Adopted 07/12/17

S.R. 7.5.2

Upon analysis and subsequent review from the trial period referenced in S.R. 7.5.1, no changes will be made to the bylaws with regard to Article 7, Section 5. Should a board member request to dial-in for a scheduled in-person board meeting, that board member shall notify the Executive Director of NHSA a minimum of two weeks prior to the board meeting. The Association will then ensure a conference telephone is available at the in-person meeting.

Adopted 10/08/18

## **Article 8**

#### **Committees**

#### **Section 1: Standing Committees**

Amended 4/08. A standing committee is a permanent committee that shall consist of directors and members who shall be nominated by the Chairperson, subject to the approval of the Board. Standing committees, with the exception of the Executive Committee, may include persons who are not directors but are members of the corporation. Committee members shall be appointed by the Board for terms of one year each, provided, however that each committee shall include at least two directors and that the Chairperson of each committee is a director. All standing committees shall operate within the policies of the Board of Directors. The standing committees are:

- (a) Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall be comprised exclusively of directors and shall be authorized to act for the corporation in all matters during the interim periods between meetings of the Board of Directors. The Executive Committee shall consist of the Board officers and the Chairpersons of each standing committee and shall notify the Board of any actions that it has taken. Such actions shall not conflict with the policies and expressed wishes of the Board, and all matters of major importance shall be referred to the Board. The Executive Committee is also responsible for making recommendations regarding the personnel policies of the Corporation, employment practices, employee benefits and personnel relations and for reporting on issues related to compliance with the policies as well as all state and federal laws and regulations.
- (b) Finance Committee. The Finance Committee is responsible to monitor and make recommendations regarding the financial status and policies of the corporation, including fiscal planning, budgeting, policy development, and financial performance. The Finance Committee is also responsible for making recommendations on the selection of an audit firm, reporting on and overseeing the annual independent financial audit and ensuring that any valid audit findings are resolved or corrected.
- (c) Governance and Nominating Committee. The Governance and Nominating Committee is responsible for: (i) review and update of the articles and bylaws of the corporation, as well as Board operating policies and procedures; (ii) orientation of new directors; and (iii) review, revision and implementation of Board election procedures including the certification of election results.
- (d) Government Affairs Committee. The Government Affairs Committee is responsible for developing the corporation's legislative and regulatory agenda, formulating strategies for advancing that agenda, soliciting input from members including State and Regional Head Start Associations on state and federal policy issues, and overseeing a communications system that educates members and the public about the corporation's position on issues of importance.

- (e) Research and Evaluation Committee. The Research and Evaluation Committee is responsible for: (i) tracking research on the Head Start program, as well as other services that affect low-income and at-risk pre-kindergarten children and their families; (ii) developing and implementing processes for soliciting input from member programs on issues and areas of interest, and informing members and the Board of the results of current research;
- (f) Resource Development and Member Services Committee. The Resource Development and Member Services Committee is responsible for developing, implementing and evaluating member services, developing and implementing strategies for retaining and increasing membership, ensuring that the corporation is responsive to the needs of its members and fund development.

#### S.R. 8.1.1 Scheduling of Executive Committee

The Executive Committee meetings shall be scheduled as needed by Board Chairman/woman or Executive Director.

Adopted 07/12/17

S.R. 8.1.2 Combined Executive Committee and Board Meetings

Combined meetings of the Board of Directors and Executive Committees may be scheduled as needed by the Board Chairman/woman or Executive Director.

Adopted 07/12/17

S.R. 8.1.3 Executive Committee Evaluation of the Executive Director

The Executive Committee shall be responsible for conducting the Executive Director's annual performance assessment and will present it to the full Board for action at the Annual Conference Meeting. Any wage change resulting from the annual performance assessment will be effective the beginning of the fiscal year.

Adopted 07/12/17

#### S.R. 8.1.4 Director and Member Participation and Voting

Section 1 Standing Committees details the ability of directors and members to serve on committees at the nomination of the Chairperson and approval of the Board of Directors. A director has the ability to vote on business before a committee, a member may join the meeting as part of the stated nominated and approved process, and discuss business before the committee meeting but has no voting power.

#### **Section 2: Special Committees**

Amended 4/08. Special committees may be created by a resolution of the Board. Except as otherwise provided in such resolution, each member of such a committee shall be a director

appointed to the committee by the Board. Any member thereof may be removed by vote of the Board whenever in the Board's judgment such removal is in the best interests of the Corporation.

#### **Section 3: Duties**

Amended 4/08. It shall be the duty of each committee to make regular reports to the Board and at such other times as may be requested by the Chairperson of the Board. In addition to the respective duties specifically assigned to the various committees by these bylaws, each committee shall perform such other duties as may be requested by the Board. The recommendations of all committees shall be subject to examination, review and approval by the full Board.

#### **Section 4: Term of Office**

Amended 4/08. Each member of a committee shall continue as such until his/her successor is appointed, unless the committee shall be sooner terminated, or unless such member resigns from the committee or is removed from the Board.

#### **Section 5: Committee Chairperson**

Amended 4/08. One member of each committee shall be appointed committee Chairperson by the Chairperson of the Board, except that the Chairperson of the Board shall be the Chairperson of the Executive Committee and the Treasurer shall be the Chairperson of the Finance Committee. All committee Chairpersons shall be members of the Board of Directors.

#### **Section 6: Resignation**

Amended 4/08. Any member of a committee may resign at any time by giving written notice of such resignation to the Chairperson of the committee or the Chairperson of the Board.

#### Section 7: Resignation or Removal from the Board

Amended 4/08. Resignation or removal from the Board of Directors shall constitute resignation or removal from any committee of the Board on which that director serves.

#### **Section 8: Vacancies**

Amended 4/08. Vacancies in the membership of any committee may be filled by appointments made in the same manner as provided in the case of the original appointments.

#### **Section 9: Meetings**

Amended 4/08. Each committee shall meet upon the call of the Chairperson thereof, or upon the call of the Chairperson of the Board, or the Secretary, which call shall indicate the date, time and place of the meeting. If regular meeting times are established, no notice of committee meetings is necessary. If a special meeting is called, the notice provision of Article VII, Section 1 of these Bylaws shall apply.

#### S.R. 8.9.1 Changes and Cancellations

The meeting Chairperson, with concurrence of the Executive Director, may change or cancel any regular meeting when deemed necessary.

Adopted 07/12/17

#### **Section 10: Quorum and Voting Requirements**

Amended 4/08. The presence at any committee meeting of a majority of the members of such committee shall be sufficient to constitute a quorum for taking such action as the committee is authorized by these Bylaws or the full Board to take. Action by a majority of the committee members present at such meeting shall constitute action of the committee.

#### **Section 11: Minutes**

Amended 4/08. All committees shall maintain minutes of the meetings of the committee.

S.R. 8.11.1 Committee Reporting

Committee reports to the Board are due two (2) weeks prior to the regularly scheduled Board meeting.

Adopted 07/12/17

S.R. 8.11.2 Regional Reporting

The annual Board Certification process adopted by the Board on May 16, 2016 will identify the individual responsible for submitting regional reports due two (2) weeks prior to the regularly scheduled Board meeting.

Adopted 07/12/17

# Article 9 Officers

#### **Section 1: Officers of the Corporation**

Amended 4/08. The officers of the corporation shall consist of an Executive Director, a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and such other categories of officers as the Board of Directors may determine from time to time. No person may hold more than one office.

#### Section 2: Election, Appointment and Term of Elected Officers

Amended 6/08. All elected officers of the corporation shall be elected from among the members of the Board of Directors by an affirmative vote of the members of the Board of Directors. An officer, so elected, shall hold office for term of two years and until his/her successor shall have been elected and qualified or until such time as he/she is removed as provided in Section 3 of this article.

#### **Section 3: Removal of Elected Officers**

Amended 4/08. Any officer or agent elected by the Board of Directors may be removed at any time by the affirmative vote of a majority of the directors then in office whenever, in their judgment, the best interests of the corporation will be served thereby.

#### **Section 4: Vacancies**

Amended 6/08. Any vacancy occurring in an elected office of the corporation may be filled by the affirmative vote of a majority of the directors then in office. Any officer so elected to fill a vacancy shall be elected for the unexpired term of his/her predecessor in office; such term will not count for purposes of determining a limitation on serving in office as provided for in Section 5 below.

#### **Section 5: Limitation of Term**

Amended 6/08. No member of the Board of Directors may serve more than two consecutive terms in any single office, and no member of the Board of Directors may serve more than four consecutive terms in any office of the corporation. Only terms of office starting on or after July 1, 2009 shall be counted in determining whether a member is prohibited from running for a Board office as provided for herein.

#### **Section 6: Bonds**

Amended 4/08. The Board of Directors may by resolution require any officer, agent, or employee of the corporation to give bond to the corporation, with sufficient sureties, conditioned on the faithful performance of the duties of his/her respective office or position, and to comply with such other conditions as may be required from time to time by the Board of Directors. The premiums for all such bonds shall be paid by the corporation.

#### **Section 7: Duties of the Chairperson**

Amended 4/08. The Chairperson of the Board of Directors shall: (i) preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and all meetings of the Executive Committee at which he or she is present; (ii) nominate committee memberships and committee Chairpersons; (iii) represent the Board at public functions; and (iv) perform such other duties as may be required of him or her by the Board of Directors. The Chairperson may elect to be an ex officio member of all standing and special committees of the Board. The Chairperson, or another officer designated by the Chairperson, may sign any document or instrument requiring the signature of an officer of the corporation which is necessary and incident to the purposes of the corporation.

#### **Section 8: Duties of the Vice Chairperson**

Amended 4/08. In the absence of the Chairperson, or in the event of his/her death, inability or refusal to act, the Vice Chairperson, unless otherwise determined by the Board of Directors, shall perform the duties of the Chairperson, and when so acting shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the Chairperson.

### Section 9: Duties of the Secretary

The Secretary shall keep accurate records of the acts and proceedings of all meetings of the Board of Directors and of the members. He/she shall give all notices required by law and

by these bylaws. He/she shall have general charge of the corporation's books and records. He/she shall sign such instruments as may require his/her signature. He/she shall keep a register of the Post Office address of each director and officer of the corporation which shall be furnished to the Secretary by each officer and director. He/she shall keep at the corporation's registered office in the District of Columbia a record of the names and addresses of all the corporation's members. He/she shall in general perform all duties incident to the office of the Secretary and such other duties as shall be assigned to him/her from time to time by the Chairman or by the Board of Directors.

#### **Section 10: Duties of the Treasurer**

Amended 4/08. The Treasurer shall oversee the fiscal affairs of the Corporation, and shall report on the financial condition of the Corporation to the Board of Directors at its regular meetings, the annual meeting and at such other times as the Board may require.

Section 11: Selection, Evaluation, Removal and Duties of the Executive Director Amended 4/08.

(a) Selection: The Board of Directors will select, hire, annually evaluate the performance of, and, at its discretion, terminate the Executive Director.

#### (b) Duties:

- i. The Executive Director is an agent of the Board and is accountable to the Board. He or she shall be subject to the control of the Board of Directors, shall have responsibility for the general care, supervision, and direction of corporate affairs in furtherance of the policies and programs established by the Board of Directors. The Executive Director's duties and compensation will be consistent with these bylaws, and shall be prescribed in an employment contract by the Board of Directors.
- ii. The Executive Director may negotiate and execute grants and contracts for the corporation, and report such actions that may have a material impact upon the corporation promptly to the Board of Directors; except that the Board of Directors may specify from time to time limits on the authority of the Executive Director to execute such documents without prior Board approval and may also designate specific proposed contracts to be submitted to the Board for approval prior to execution.
- iii. The Executive Director shall have the authority to employ, supervise, and discharge staff in accordance with the policies established by the Board of Directors.
- iv. The Executive Director shall have the authority to conduct an annual self-assessment of the corporation and its operations and to amend the corporation's policies to establish procedures for conducting and reviewing the results of the annual self-assessment.

- v. The Executive Director shall perform such other duties and exercise such other powers as may be assigned by the Board of Directors.
- vi. The Executive Director or his/her designee shall attend all meetings of the corporation's Board of Directors and its committees, unless the Board requests the Executive Director's absence during evaluation of his or her performance or during other meetings as determined by the Board.

S.R. 9.11.1 Evaluation of the Executive Director

Refer to S.R. 8.1.3 Executive Committee Evaluation of the Executive Director, for further guidance.

Adopted 07/12/17

## Article 10

#### Contracts, Loans, Checks, and Deposits

#### **Section 1: Contracts**

The Board of Directors may authorize any officer or officers, agent or agents, to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the corporation, and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

#### **Section 2: Loans**

No loans shall be contracted on behalf of the corporation and no evidence of indebtedness shall be issued in its name unless authorized by a resolution of the Board of Directors. Such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

#### **Section 3: Checks and Drafts**

All checks, drafts, or other orders for the payment of money issued in the name of the corporation shall be signed by such officer or officers, agent or agents of the corporation, and in such manner as shall be determined from time to time by resolution of the Board of Directors.

#### **Section 4: Deposits**

All funds of the corporation not otherwise employed shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the corporation in such depositories as the Board of Directors may select.

## **Article 11**

#### **General Provisions**

**Section 1: Waiver of Notice** 

Whenever any notice is required to be given to any director or other person under the provisions of these bylaws, the Articles of Incorporation, or by applicable law, a waiver thereof in writing signed by the person or persons entitled to such notice, whether before or after the time stated therein, shall be equivalent to the giving of such notice.

#### **Section 2: Auditors**

Amended 4/08. A certified public accountant shall be employed to audit the books of the corporation, or any fiscal year of the corporation, and at such other time or times, and for such periods as the Board may deem advisable, and to furnish reports on such audits to the Board.

#### Section 3: Prohibition Against Sharing in Corporate Earnings

No member, director, officer or employee of, or person connected with the corporation, or any other private individual shall receive at any time any of the net earnings or pecuniary profits from the operations of the corporation, provided that this shall not prevent the payment to any such person of such reasonable compensation for services rendered to or for the corporation in effecting any or its purposes as shall be fixed by the Board of Directors; and no such person or persons shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the corporate assets upon the dissolution of the corporation. All members, directors, and officers of the corporation shall be deemed to have expressly consented and agreed that upon such dissolution or winding up of the affairs of the corporation, whether voluntary or involuntary, the assets of the corporation, after all debts have been satisfied, then remaining in the hands of the Board of Directors shall be distributed, transferred, conveyed, delivered, and paid over, in such amounts as the Board of Directors may determine or as may be determined by a Court of competent jurisdiction upon application of the Board of Directors, exclusively to charitable, religious, scientific, literary, or educational organizations that would then qualify under the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States internal revenue law).

#### **Section 4: Exempt Activities**

Notwithstanding any other provision of these bylaws, no member, director, officer, employee, or other representative of this corporation shall take any action or carry on any activity by or on behalf of the corporation not permitted to be taken or carried on by an organization exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States internal revenue law) or by organizations contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of such Code (or the corresponding provision of any future United Sates internal revenue law).

#### **Section 5: Fiscal Year**

The fiscal year of the corporation shall begin on the first day of July and end on the last day of June in each year.

## **Article 12**

#### **Amendments**

Amended 4/08. These bylaws may be amended or repealed and new bylaws may be adopted by the affirmative vote of a majority of the directors then in office, provided that prior written notice has been given to all members of the Board of Directors of the proposed amendments at least fifteen (15) days in advance of the meeting, and provided further that no such action shall be taken if it would in any way adversely affect the corporation's qualification under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States internal revenue law) and provided further that any such action that would affect the voting rights of the members of the corporation shall be posted on the corporation's website and the corporation shall inform its members of that posting by using its customary methods of conveying information to its membership.

Priority	Description	Rationale	Tools	Drafting Notes
A	Continue work towards the cohesiveness and alignment of the Regional Associations and NHSA governance model including elections, terms, and shared mission	<ol> <li>From committee description responsibility 1) review and update of the articles and bylaws of the corporation, as well as Board operating policies and procedures</li> <li>Provides for good governance of the board all beginning on time and ending on time as promised in their term of two years beginning on July 1 of the calendar year ending in an odd number</li> <li>Unity of regional associations and NHSA</li> </ol>	Bylaws Article 6, Board of Directors, Section 3 Term of Directors	Clarity on the governing term - if a member comes in within a term, how long do they serve? They will serve the board term that they land in.    Clarity on the governing term - if a member comes in within a term, how long do they serve? They will serve the board term that they land in.

В	Develop a standing rule absence policy to ensure the committee monitors attendance for directors and it is not left to staff to adjudicate absences.	<ol> <li>Currently, the Bylaws nor the Standing Rules describe what constitutes an absence or excuse for a meeting whether committee or board meeting.</li> <li>Historically, Board members will share with staff their absence reason and staff have marked the Board member as excused.</li> <li>This priority should provide guidance on how to count an absence as excused or complete absence.</li> </ol>	Bylaws Article 7, Meetings of the Board of Directors, and Article 8, Committees	<ul> <li>If a person is ill or if they cannot travel - that could be justifiable.</li> <li>At the time of the meeting, if a HS grantee is going through a review, they should be excused from the meeting.</li> <li>Bereavement</li> <li>Considering weather issues</li> <li>Military leave</li> <li>Travel can be made by agencies - what if the travel is not approved by an agency? E.g. VI Governor may not approve the request made by a program director/executive director.</li> <li>Possible to use the same set of standards for committee and board meetings.</li> <li>Connectivity issues if a member is not able to join during an e-meeting.</li> <li>What if we are traveling in between conferences and not able to join?</li> <li>Just in case of emergency pops up right before or if we are having difficulty with our technology and not able to fix it ourselves? We need to consider this.</li> <li>Consideration for travel which is either a flight delayed or canceled.</li> <li>Consequences are not really a part of this priority.</li> </ul>

C	Develop a standing rule on non-board member committee participation including clarification of role and non-voting power.	<ol> <li>Committees, such as Government Affairs and Finance, there are non-NHSA board members allowed to attend due to political knowledge or professional knowledge.</li> <li>Article 8 Committees, Section 1, allows for non-board members to join the committees (except the Executive Committee).</li> </ol>	Bylaws Article 8, Committees	
		3. The Bylaws nor the Standing Rules prescribe the voting powers of non-board members joining committees of the Board.		

Develop and conduct an impactful board member orientation (on going).	1. Continuous quality improvement! With a successful September 2019 orientation and welcoming of the Board, how do we keep making things better?	Run of Show  Chairman Presentation	•
	2. For board members that join the board after the Fall orientation of the first year of the term (September 2019 for this term), the board members do not have a scheduled orientation.	Executive Director Presentation  Vice-Chairwoman Presentation	
	<ul> <li>3. This matter highlights the need for Priority A.</li> <li>4. The linked article from Harvard Business Review shares learnings of onboarding which include involving as many members.</li> </ul>	Board Manual  Harvard Business Review article	
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E	Develop and conduct ongoing board member development sessions for the in-person board meetings in Fall, Winter, and Spring.	<ol> <li>This proceeds from Priority D, and encourages the exploration of additional board development sessions during in-person board meetings at the September, January, and April board meetings.</li> <li>Historically, we have done this haphazardly and staff believe we are missing the opportunity if it is a priority.</li> <li>If the priority is not relevant and important, the matter is null.</li> </ol>		<ul> <li>If in-person - could that be at some set time such as the first 30 minutes?</li> <li>We like the idea of board development sessions, but they can be difficult for some of us during those months due to our agency operating schedule (September, January, and April).</li> <li>At the last board meeting at WLI, we started at 1PM with the business meeting. Since we already have the board members there, maybe we can do an hour ahead of time for board development session.</li> <li>Is there a possibility to schedule something at the conference where most board members are attending? That could help in getting people together.</li> </ul>
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## NHSA Board of Directors

## Governance and Nominating Committee

### FY 2019-2020 Committee Priorities

- A. Continue work towards the cohesiveness and alignment of the Regional Associations and NHSA governance model including elections, terms, and shared mission.
- B. Develop a standing rule absence policy to ensure the committee monitors attendance for directors and it is not left to staff to adjudicate absences.
- C. Develop a standing rule on non-board member committee participation including clarification of role and non-voting power.
- D. Develop and conduct an impactful board member orientation (on going).
- E. Develop and conduct ongoing board member development sessions for the in-person board meetings in Fall, Winter, and Spring.

## **Priority Rationale**

Priority	Description	Rationale	Tools
Α	Continue work towards	<ol> <li>From committee description responsibility 1)</li> </ol>	Governing Years
	the cohesiveness and	review and update of the articles and bylaws of	
	alignment of the Regional	the corporation, as well as Board operating	Bylaws Article 6,
	Associations and NHSA	policies and procedures	Board of Directors,
	governance model		

Priority	Description	Rationale	Tools
	including elections, terms, and shared mission	<ul> <li>2. Provides for good governance of the board all beginning on time and ending on time as promised in their term of two years beginning on July 1 of the calendar year ending in an odd number</li> <li>3. Unity of regional associations and NHSA</li> </ul>	Section 3 Term of Directors
В	Develop a standing rule absence policy to ensure the committee monitors attendance for directors and it is not left to staff to adjudicate absences.	<ol> <li>Currently, the Bylaws nor the Standing Rules describe what constitutes an absence or excuse for a meeting whether committee or board meeting.</li> <li>Historically, Board members will share with staff their absence reason and staff have marked the Board member as excused.</li> <li>This priority should provide guidance on how to count an absence as excused or complete absence.</li> </ol>	Bylaws Article 7, Meetings of the Board of Directors, and Article 8, Committees
С	Develop a standing rule on non-board member committee participation including clarification of role and non-voting power.	<ol> <li>Committees, such as Government Affairs and Finance, there are non-NHSA board members allowed to attend due to political knowledge or professional knowledge.</li> <li>Article 8 Committees, Section 1, allows for non-board members to join the committees (except the Executive Committee).</li> </ol>	Bylaws Article 8, Committees

Priority	Description	Rationale	Tools
		<ol> <li>The Bylaws nor the Standing Rules prescribe the voting powers of non-board members joining committees of the Board.</li> </ol>	
D	Develop and conduct an impactful board member orientation (on going).	1. Continuous quality improvement! With a successful September 2019 orientation and welcoming of the Board, how do we keep making things better?	Run of Show  Chairman Presentation  Executive Director
		<ol> <li>For board members that join the board after the Fall orientation of the first year of the term (September 2019 for this term), the board members do not have a scheduled orientation.</li> </ol>	Presentation  Vice-Chairwoman  Presentation
		<ul><li>3. This matter highlights the need for Priority A.</li><li>4. The linked article from Harvard Business Review shares learnings of onboarding which include involving as many members of the Board.</li></ul>	Board Manual  Harvard Business Review article
E	Develop and conduct ongoing board member development sessions for the in-person board meetings in Fall, Winter, and Spring.	<ol> <li>This proceeds from Priority D, and encourages the exploration of additional board development sessions during in-person board meetings at the September, January, and April board meetings.</li> <li>Historically, we have done this haphazardly and staff believe we are missing the opportunity if it is a priority.</li> </ol>	

Priority	Description	Rationale	Tools
		3. If the priority is not relevant and important, the	
		matter is null.	

## **Priority Calendar**

			2019-2020												2	2020	-2021	1							
		Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Мау	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Мау	Jun.
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## Documents

Governing Years

Bylaws and Standing Rules

Board Manual



## Bylaws and Standing Rules

### Bylaws and Standing Rules of the National Head Start Association

The current Bylaws are given in **boldface** flush left. They were amended and approved by the Board of Directors, June 27, 2008. Standing Rules are indicated by S.R. and are in regular type indented, and originally adopted on July 12, 2017.

#### S.R. 0.1.1 Defined Terms

As used in these Standing Rules, the following terms are defined as follows:

- "Board" shall mean the Board of Directors of the National Head Start Association.
- "The Corporation" shall mean the National Head Start Association.
- "The Association" shall mean the National Head Start Association.
- "Executive Committee" shall mean the Executive Committee of the Board. Adopted 07/12/17

#### S.R. 0.1.2 Purpose

These Standing Rules relate to the Association's Bylaws. Standing Rules shall be adopted, amended, or repealed by a majority vote of the Board. The purpose of these Standing Rules of the Association is to facilitate the work of the Board. The Standing Rules will determine the appropriate governance when conducting business.

Adopted 07/12/17

#### S.R. 0.1.3 Numbering

The Standing Rules noted in the document follow this naming convention: [S.R. Article Number. Section Number. Number] Name. For example S.R. 4.1.1 Class E, refers to the Standing Rule in Article 4, Members, Section 1, Classes of Members, Number 1 on Class E members.

Adopted 07/12/17

#### S.R. 0.1.4 Adoption and Amendments

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Adopted 07/12/17

## **Article 1**

Name

The name of the corporation shall be the National Head Start Association (hereinafter referred to as "the corporation").

## **Article 2**

Office

The registered office of the corporation shall be located at 1201 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., or such other place in the District of Columbia as the Board of Directors may designate from time to time.

## **Article 3**

#### **Purposes**

The corporation is organized and will be operated exclusively for charitable, scientific, literary, and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States internal revenue law). In furtherance of these purposes, the corporation will provide a national forum for the continued enhancement of the status of children, youth, and families.

## **Article 4**

**Members** 

**Section 1: Classes of Members** 

The corporation shall have the following classes of members:

Class A. Class A members shall consist of those members of the corporation who are fulltime directors of a Head Start grantee or delegate agency.

Class B. Class B members shall consist of those members of the corporation other than Class A members who are employed in a local Head Start program.

Class C. Class C members shall consist of those members of the corporation other than Class A or Class B members who are parents or legal guardians of children who are enrolled in a Head Start program.

Class D. Class D members shall consist of those members of the corporation other than Class A, Class B or Class C members.

Class E. Class E members shall consist of any Head Start grantee that is funded through the Department of Health and Human Services/Administration for Children, Youth and Families.

S.R. 4.1.1 Class E

The purpose of the Class E members is to allow all staff and parents of the grantees of an Early Head Start/Head Start/EHS-Child Care Partnerships grant that is funded through the Department of Health and Human Services/Administration for Children and Families to be served by the Association as members.

Adopted 07/12/17

Class F. Class F members shall consist of 50 Head Start Associations and one Head Start Association per Region. Regions recognized shall be I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, and XI (American Indians), and XII (Migrant Programs). They shall be called NHSA Affiliates, and shall qualify based on criteria established by the NHSA Board of Directors.

S.R. 4.1.2 Class F

The purpose of the Class F members is to allow all fifty (50) state associations and twelve (12) regional associations to subscribe to membership of the Association.

Adopted 07/12/17

#### **Section 2: Dues**

The Board of Directors may determine from the time to time the amount of annual dues, if any, payable to the corporation by members of each class. Dues shall be payable in advance on the first day of July in each fiscal year. Dues of a new member shall be due on the first day of the month in which such new membership becomes effective for the remainder of the fiscal year of the corporation.

## **Article 5**

**Meetings of Members** 

**Section 1: Notice** 

Meetings of members, regular or special, may be held within or without the District of Columbia upon not less than fifteen (15) days written or printed notice, delivered either personally or by mail, to each member entitled to vote at such meetings, subject to waiver of notice as provided in the District of Columbia Non-Profit Corporation Act. Such notice

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shall state the special meeting, the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called. Regular meetings shall be held at least once each year or more often as established by the members. Special meetings may be called by the Chairman, the Board of Directors, or members having at least one-twentieth (1/20) of the votes entitled to be cast at such meeting.

#### **Section 2: Annual Meeting**

Amended 4/08. The annual meeting of the members shall be held at a date and time established by the Board, the purpose of which shall be the transaction of any business that may be properly brought before the meeting.

S.R. 5.2.1 Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the members of the Association shall be held during the Annual Conference every year. The membership shall be notified thirty (30) days in advance of the Annual Meeting.

Adopted 07/12/17

#### **Section 3: Voting**

Unless otherwise specified in these bylaws, each member of the corporation shall be entitled to one vote on each matter submitted to a vote for the members. A member may vote in person or by proxy executed in writing by the member or his/her duly authorized representative. In addition, voting on all matters may be conducted by mail in such manner as the Board of Directors shall determine.

#### **Section 4: Quorum**

At all meetings of members, either regular or special, one-tenth (1/10) of the members entitled to vote at such meeting, represented in person or by proxy, shall constitute a quorum. Unless otherwise specified in these bylaws, the affirmative vote of the majority of the members entitled to vote and present or represented by proxy at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be necessary for the adoption of any matter voted upon by the members.

## **Article 6**

**Board of Directors** 

**Section 1: Composition of the Board** 

The corporation's affairs shall be managed by a Board of Directors composed of fortyeight (48) directors. In addition, the immediate Past Chairman shall serve as an ex officio member of the Board of Directors.

**Section 2: Election of Directors** 

Amended 6/08. Directors shall be elected by members of the corporation in each of the

twelve (12) Regional Head Start Associations to serve a term of office as provided for in Section 3 of this Article. Each Regional Head Start Association shall choose four (4) directors, one of each class of membership of Classes A, B, C, and D in the corporation. Qualification for office shall be determined as of the first day of taking office as a director and an individual shall remain qualified throughout his or her term of office. Notwithstanding the foregoing, each Regional Head Start Association must remain in good standing with the corporation in order for its representative directors to serve on the Board. Directors representing Regional Head Start Associations which are not in good standing shall be removed from the Board without need for further action of the Board.

#### S.R. 6.2.1 Election of Directors

The Election Protocol adopted by the Board on July 9, 2014 shall be followed in all elections including General and Special Elections. The Election Protocol is stated below:

#### **ELECTION PROTOCOL**

Beginning <date>, the Governance and Nominating Committee will open nominations for the following elected officer positions of the NHSA Board of Directors:

- 1. Chairman/woman
- 2. Vice Chairman/woman
- 3. Secretary
- 4. Treasurer

According to Article IX of the bylaws, all officers shall be elected from among the members of the Board of Directors by an affirmative vote of the members of the Board of Directors and shall hold office for a term of two years. The term for each elected position is two (2) years starting on July 1, <year> through June 30, <year>. The newly elected officer team will serve until June 30, <year>.

The Protocol, Officer Nomination Form (see Attachment A) and Description of Duties for each officer (see Attachment B) will be e-mailed to all NHSA Board of Directors and Regional Presidents no later than <date>.

Members of the NHSA Board of Directors who wish to run for office must submit the following three items no later than <date>.

1. One-page résumé that includes current contact information, including address, phone number and e-mail.

- 2. Letter from Regional President verifying that the candidate is duly-elected representative in their membership class and that they have the support of the Regional Board to run for an officer of the NHSA Board of Directors.
- 3. Completed NHSA Officer Nomination Form (Attachment A).

All three items must be submitted by e-mail to the NHSA Governance and Nominating Committee at the following e-mail address: nhsa-elect@nhsa.org on or before <date>.

Officer Nomination form and supporting materials will NOT be accepted by the Committee after <date> unless such candidate was subsequently recruited by the Governance and Nominating Committee.

In the event the Governance and Nominating Committee receives only one or no nomination, the Committee will identify and recruit qualified candidates, taking into account geographic diversity, membership class and area of expertise. Recruitment will be completed by <a href="https://date-no.pdf">date-no.pdf</a>.

The Governance and Nominating Committee will submit the final ballot with all candidates to the Board by <date> via email.

Election of the <year(two fiscal years)> Officer Team will occur on <date> at the regular Board Meeting from <time> <Time zone> at the <location address>. Prior to the vote by the NHSA Board of Directors, all prospective candidates will have an opportunity to speak for 5 minutes at the Board Meeting, regarding their candidacy, their qualifications and interest in the officer position.

The results of the election will be announced at the regular Board Meeting on <date>, and the <year(two fiscal years)> officer team will conduct their first meeting on <date>

NHSA members with questions about the nomination or election process should contact:

<Chair of the Governance and Nominating Committee>

<Contact Information>

#### **ELECTION PROTOCOL TIMELINE**

<date> Call for nominations of officers. Election procedures, NHSA Officer Nomination Form and description of duties of officers emailed to NHSA Board of Directors and Regional Presidents

<date> DEADLINE to submit Officer Nomination Form and required candidate information to the Governance and Nominating

Committee.	nhsa-elect@nhsa.org

<date> Closing date for Governance and Nominating Committee to complete recruitment, if necessary

<date> Governance and Nominating Committee submits final ballot of candidates to the Board via e-mail

<date> Election of <year(two fiscal years)> Officer Team to be held at a Regular Board Meeting during the <conference in conjunction</p>

with board meeting>

<date> <year(two fiscal years)> Officer Team announced at the Board

Meeting during the <conference in conjunction with board

meeting>

<date> <year(two fiscal years)> Officer Team assumes office

#### ATTACHMENT A - OFFICER NOMINATION FORM

Electronic submission of the nomination form and supporting documents must be received no later than <date>. Please email the completed nomination form and supporting documents to nhsa-elect@nhsa.org as a PDF (non-writable format) document.

Candidate's Name:

Head Start Program:

Head Start Program Address:

Phone Number:

Mobile:

E-mail:

Candidate nomination is for one (1) of the following Officer positions:

Chairman/woman

Vice Chairman/woman

Secretary

Treasurer

On separate pages, please provide a typewritten response to each of the following questions:

1. Please describe the reason(s) why you want to be an Officer of the NHSA Board of Directors.

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- 2. Please describe what skills, experiences, perspectives and relationships you would bring as an Officer that could support and advance NHSA's mission and vision.
- 3. Please describe what you think are the most important issues the Board of Directors should focus on during your term in office.

Candidate Signature Date

#### ATTACHMENT B – OFFICER DUTIES

Description of Duties

Article IX: Officers (NHSA Bylaws, amended June 27, 2008)

#### Section 7: Duties of the Chairperson

Amended 4/08. The Chairperson of the Board of Directors shall: (i) preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and all meetings of the Executive Committee at which he or she is present; (ii) nominate committee memberships and committee Chairpersons; (iii) represent the Board at public functions; and (iv) perform such other duties as may be required of him or her by the Board of Directors. The Chairperson may elect to be an ex officio member of all standing and special committees of the Board. The Chairperson, or another officer designated by the Chairperson, may sign any document or instrument requiring the signature of an officer of the corporation which is necessary and incident to the purposes of the corporation.

#### Section 8: Duties of the Vice Chairperson

Amended 4/08. In the absence of the Chairperson, or in the event of his/her death, inability or refusal to act, the Vice Chairperson, unless otherwise determined by the Board of Directors, shall perform the duties of the Chairperson, and when so acting shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the Chairperson.

#### Section 9: Duties of the Secretary

The Secretary shall keep accurate records of the acts and proceedings of all meetings of the Board of Directors and of the members. He/she shall give all notices required by law and by these bylaws. He/she shall have general charge of the corporation's books and records. He/she shall sign such instruments as may require his/her signature. He/she shall keep a register of the Post Office address of each director and officer of the corporation which shall be furnished to the Secretary by each officer and director.

He/she shall keep at the corporation's registered office in the District of Columbia a record of the names and addresses of all the corporation's members. He/she shall in general perform all duties incident to the office of the Secretary and such other duties as shall be assigned to him/her from time to time by the Chairman or

by the Board of Directors.

Section 10: Duties of the Treasurer

Amended 4/08. The Treasurer shall oversee the fiscal affairs of the Corporation, and shall report on the financial condition of the Corporation to the Board of Directors at its regular meetings, the annual meeting and at such other times as the Board may require.

Adopted 07/12/17

#### **Section 3: Term of Directors**

Amended 6/08. Each director so elected shall hold office for a period of two years starting on July 1 of the calendar year ending in an odd number and serving until his/her successor is elected and qualified, or until such time as he/she is removed as provided in this Article.

#### **Section 4: Removal of Directors**

Amended 4/08. Any director may be removed with or without cause by an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the directors then in office.

#### **Section 5: Vacancies**

Any vacancy occurring in the Board of Directors may be filled by the members from the Regional Head Start Association from which the director's vacancy occurs. Any director so elected to fill a vacancy shall be a member of the same class of members as that of his/her predecessor in office and shall be elected for the unexpired term of his/her predecessor in office.

#### **Section 6: Compensation**

Directors shall not receive any compensation for their services as directors or officers of the corporation. Directors may be reimbursed for their expenses, if any, incurred in carrying out the purposes of the corporation, provided that such reimbursement in no way adversely affects the corporation's qualification under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States internal revenue law).

#### **Section 7: Duties of the Board**

Amended 4/08. The Board shall be responsible, among other duties, for:

- (1) Attending to any matter which the Board determines is in the best interest of the corporation and is within the purposes and objectives of the corporation;
- (2) Setting policy, including approving public policy statements and overseeing the implementation of such policy;

- (3) Approving committee members in accordance with the provisions of these bylaws;
- (4) Periodically evaluating the corporation's achievements and using the knowledge gained to revise its mission, goals, objectives, plans and budgets as necessary and appropriate;
- (5) Developing, adopting and periodically updating the major policies of the corporation including policies concerning personnel, financial management practices and Board operations;
- (6) Hiring, annually evaluating, and, as appropriate, dismissing the Executive Director;
- (7) Approving the annual budget, long- and short-range financial plans;
- (8) Selecting the independent audit firm;
- (9) Assuring that the corporation's activities are conducted in compliance with applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations;
- (10) Taking all other necessary steps to assure the achievement of the purposes and objectives of the corporation; and,
- (11) Fulfilling any other necessary or required duties and responsibilities.

Section 8: Powers and Duties of Directors, Amended 4/08.

- (1) Directors shall act as fiduciaries to the corporation at all times including complying with the duties of care, loyalty and obedience.
- (2) No individual director shall act for the Board or the corporation except as specifically authorized by the Board of Directors.

#### Article 7

**Meetings of the Board of Directors** 

**Section 1: Notice** 

Amended 4/08. Meetings of the Board of Directors, regular or special, may be held within or without of the District of Columbia upon not less than fifteen (15) days notice to each director, either personally or by mail, telephone, or telegram, subject to waiver of notice as provided in the District of Columbia Non-Profit Corporation Act. Unless otherwise specified in these bylaws, neither the business to be transacted at, nor the purpose of, any

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regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors need be specified in the notice or waiver of notice of such meeting.

#### **Section 2: Meetings**

Amended 4/08. The annual meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held at such time as determined by the Board of Directors the purpose of which shall be the transaction of such business as may be properly brought before the meeting. In addition, the Board of Directors may provide, by resolution, the time and place, either within or without the District of Columbia, for the holding of additional regular meetings. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the Chairperson or by written request of at least five directors. The place of the meeting shall be specified on the notice of the meeting.

#### S.R. 7.2.1 Frequency of Meetings

There shall be three face-to-face meetings of the Board scheduled concurrently with the two annual Leadership Institutes and the Annual Conference. There will also be three meetings by telephone conference call.

Adopted 07/12/17

#### S.R. 7.2.2 Annual Calendar Release

NHSA staff will distribute and release an annual calendar of meetings to the Board in May of each year.

Adopted 07/12/17

#### S.R. 7.2.3 Powers to Cancel Meetings

The NHSA Executive Director and Chairman/woman in agreement may cancel a scheduled Board meeting at their discretion.

Adopted 07/12/17

#### S.R. 7.2.4 Absence and Excused Policy

Should a director not be able to attend a board meeting, regular or special, they shall notify the Executive Director or his/her/their designee that they will not be attending the board meeting with as much advance notice as possible. The notification can be via email or telephone and should include the reason the director cannot attend the board meeting. Conflicts on a director's schedule for business reasons shall be counted as excused. Conflicts on a director's schedule for personal reasons will generally not be counted as excused, unless they are for an emergency, sickness, or bereavement. The record will be reflected in the roll call. When a director does not attend three consecutive meetings, the Secretary shall make a good conscious effort to communicate with the Region that the said director's absence is detrimental to the regional representation and that the Association values the opinion of the Region. Should the director continue to not attend meetings, the Board of Directors may remove a director as stated in the

### powers of Article 6, Section 4, Removal of Directors. Adopted XX/XX/XX

#### **Section 3: Quorum**

Amended 8/07. At all meetings of the Board of Directors, either regular or special, one-third (1/3) of the directors then in office shall constitute a quorum except for any meeting at which an election for officers of the corporation shall take place in which case the quorum requirement shall be one-half (1/2) of the directors then in office. Unless otherwise specified in these bylaws, the act of a majority of the directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of Directors.

#### **Section 4: Action Without A Meeting**

Any action required or permitted to be taken at a meeting of the Board of Directors may be taken without a meeting if consent in writing, setting forth the actions so taken, shall be signed by all of the directors.

#### **Section 5: Telephone Meetings**

Unless otherwise provided in the Articles of Incorporation or these bylaws, any or all directors may participate in a meeting of the Board of Directors by means of conference telephone or by any means of communication by which all persons participating in the meeting are able to hear one another. Such participation shall constitute presence in person at the meeting.

S.R. 7.5.1

During FY2017-2018, the Board will adopt a trial period of reviewing the practice of attendance at board meetings by allowing board members the opportunity to dial-in for in-person board meetings. Should a board member request to dial-in for a scheduled in-person board meeting, that board member shall notify the Executive Director of NHSA a minimum of two weeks prior to the board meeting. The Association will then ensure a conference telephone is available at the in-person meeting. At the end of the trial year, the Governance and Nominating Committee of the NHSA Board of Directors will review S.R. 7.5.1. It is understood that the Board is exploring this change in practice, as board members have by tradition and previous agreement, agreed to attend three board meetings in-person per year and three board meetings via conference telephone per year, while only allowing board members to dial-in only for the portion of the General Election.

Adopted 07/12/17

S.R. 7.5.2

Upon analysis and subsequent review from the trial period referenced in S.R. 7.5.1, no changes will be made to the bylaws with regard to Article 7, Section 5. Should a board member request to dial-in for a scheduled in-person board meeting, that board member shall notify the Executive Director of NHSA a

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minimum of two weeks prior to the board meeting. The Association will then ensure a conference telephone is available at the in-person meeting. Adopted 10/08/18

#### **Article 8**

#### **Committees**

#### **Section 1: Standing Committees**

Amended 4/08. A standing committee is a permanent committee that shall consist of directors and members who shall be nominated by the Chairperson, subject to the approval of the Board. Standing committees, with the exception of the Executive Committee, may include persons who are not directors but are members of the corporation. Committee members shall be appointed by the Board for terms of one year each, provided, however that each committee shall include at least two directors and that the Chairperson of each committee is a director. All standing committees shall operate within the policies of the Board of Directors. The standing committees are:

- (a) Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall be comprised exclusively of directors and shall be authorized to act for the corporation in all matters during the interim periods between meetings of the Board of Directors. The Executive Committee shall consist of the Board officers and the Chairpersons of each standing committee and shall notify the Board of any actions that it has taken. Such actions shall not conflict with the policies and expressed wishes of the Board, and all matters of major importance shall be referred to the Board. The Executive Committee is also responsible for making recommendations regarding the personnel policies of the Corporation, employment practices, employee benefits and personnel relations and for reporting on issues related to compliance with the policies as well as all state and federal laws and regulations.
- (b) Finance Committee. The Finance Committee is responsible to monitor and make recommendations regarding the financial status and policies of the corporation, including fiscal planning, budgeting, policy development, and financial performance. The Finance Committee is also responsible for making recommendations on the selection of an audit firm, reporting on and overseeing the annual independent financial audit and ensuring that any valid audit findings are resolved or corrected.
- (c) Governance and Nominating Committee. The Governance and Nominating Committee is responsible for: (i) review and update of the articles and bylaws of the corporation, as well as Board operating policies and procedures; (ii) orientation of new directors; and (iii) review, revision and implementation of Board election procedures including the certification of election results.
- (d) Government Affairs Committee. The Government Affairs Committee is responsible for developing the corporation's legislative and regulatory agenda, formulating strategies for advancing that agenda, soliciting input from members including State and Regional

Head Start Associations on state and federal policy issues, and overseeing a communications system that educates members and the public about the corporation's position on issues of importance.

- (e) Research and Evaluation Committee. The Research and Evaluation Committee is responsible for: (i) tracking research on the Head Start program, as well as other services that affect low-income and at-risk pre-kindergarten children and their families; (ii) developing and implementing processes for soliciting input from member programs on issues and areas of interest, and informing members and the Board of the results of current research;
- (f) Resource Development and Member Services Committee. The Resource Development and Member Services Committee is responsible for developing, implementing and evaluating member services, developing and implementing strategies for retaining and increasing membership, ensuring that the corporation is responsive to the needs of its members and fund development.

#### S.R. 8.1.1 Scheduling of Executive Committee

The Executive Committee meetings shall be scheduled as needed by Board Chairman/woman or Executive Director.

Adopted 07/12/17

#### S.R. 8.1.2 Combined Executive Committee and Board Meetings

Combined meetings of the Board of Directors and Executive Committees may be scheduled as needed by the Board Chairman/woman or Executive Director.

Adopted 07/12/17

#### S.R. 8.1.3 Executive Committee Evaluation of the Executive Director

The Executive Committee shall be responsible for conducting the Executive Director's annual performance assessment and will present it to the full Board for action at the Annual Conference Meeting. Any wage change resulting from the annual performance assessment will be effective the beginning of the fiscal year. Adopted 07/12/17

#### S.R. 8.1.4 Director and Member Participation and Voting

Article 8, Section 1 Standing Committees details the ability of directors and members to serve on committees at the nomination of the Chairperson and approval of the Board of Directors. A director has the ability to vote on business before a committee, a member of the Association may join the meeting as part of the stated nominated and approved process, and discuss business before the committee meeting but has no voting power.

#### **Section 2: Special Committees**

Amended 4/08. Special committees may be created by a resolution of the Board. Except as otherwise provided in such resolution, each member of such a committee shall be a director appointed to the committee by the Board. Any member thereof may be removed by vote of the Board whenever in the Board's judgment such removal is in the best interests of the Corporation.

#### **Section 3: Duties**

Amended 4/08. It shall be the duty of each committee to make regular reports to the Board and at such other times as may be requested by the Chairperson of the Board. In addition to the respective duties specifically assigned to the various committees by these bylaws, each committee shall perform such other duties as may be requested by the Board. The recommendations of all committees shall be subject to examination, review and approval by the full Board.

#### **Section 4: Term of Office**

Amended 4/08. Each member of a committee shall continue as such until his/her successor is appointed, unless the committee shall be sooner terminated, or unless such member resigns from the committee or is removed from the Board.

#### **Section 5: Committee Chairperson**

Amended 4/08. One member of each committee shall be appointed committee Chairperson by the Chairperson of the Board, except that the Chairperson of the Board shall be the Chairperson of the Executive Committee and the Treasurer shall be the Chairperson of the Finance Committee. All committee Chairpersons shall be members of the Board of Directors.

#### **Section 6: Resignation**

Amended 4/08. Any member of a committee may resign at any time by giving written notice of such resignation to the Chairperson of the committee or the Chairperson of the Board.

#### Section 7: Resignation or Removal from the Board

Amended 4/08. Resignation or removal from the Board of Directors shall constitute resignation or removal from any committee of the Board on which that director serves.

#### **Section 8: Vacancies**

Amended 4/08. Vacancies in the membership of any committee may be filled by appointments made in the same manner as provided in the case of the original appointments.

#### **Section 9: Meetings**

Amended 4/08. Each committee shall meet upon the call of the Chairperson thereof, or upon the call of the Chairperson of the Board, or the Secretary, which call shall indicate the date, time and place of the meeting. If regular meeting times are established, no notice

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of committee meetings is necessary. If a special meeting is called, the notice provision of Article VII, Section 1 of these Bylaws shall apply.

S.R. 8.9.1 Changes and Cancellations

The meeting Chairperson, with concurrence of the Executive Director, may change or cancel any regular meeting when deemed necessary.

Adopted 07/12/17

#### **Section 10: Quorum and Voting Requirements**

Amended 4/08. The presence at any committee meeting of a majority of the members of such committee shall be sufficient to constitute a quorum for taking such action as the committee is authorized by these Bylaws or the full Board to take. Action by a majority of the committee members present at such meeting shall constitute action of the committee.

#### **Section 11: Minutes**

Amended 4/08. All committees shall maintain minutes of the meetings of the committee.

S.R. 8.11.1 Committee Reporting

Committee reports to the Board are due two (2) weeks prior to the regularly scheduled Board meeting.

Adopted 07/12/17

S.R. 8.11.2 Regional Reporting

The annual Board Certification process adopted by the Board on May 16, 2016 will identify the individual responsible for submitting regional reports due two (2) weeks prior to the regularly scheduled Board meeting.

Adopted 07/12/17

# Article 9 Officers

#### **Section 1: Officers of the Corporation**

Amended 4/08. The officers of the corporation shall consist of an Executive Director, a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and such other categories of officers as the Board of Directors may determine from time to time. No person may hold more than one office.

#### Section 2: Election, Appointment and Term of Elected Officers

Amended 6/08. All elected officers of the corporation shall be elected from among the members of the Board of Directors by an affirmative vote of the members of the Board of Directors. An officer, so elected, shall hold office for term of two years and until his/her

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successor shall have been elected and qualified or until such time as he/she is removed as provided in Section 3 of this article.

#### **Section 3: Removal of Elected Officers**

Amended 4/08. Any officer or agent elected by the Board of Directors may be removed at any time by the affirmative vote of a majority of the directors then in office whenever, in their judgment, the best interests of the corporation will be served thereby.

#### **Section 4: Vacancies**

Amended 6/08. Any vacancy occurring in an elected office of the corporation may be filled by the affirmative vote of a majority of the directors then in office. Any officer so elected to fill a vacancy shall be elected for the unexpired term of his/her predecessor in office; such term will not count for purposes of determining a limitation on serving in office as provided for in Section 5 below.

#### **Section 5: Limitation of Term**

Amended 6/08. No member of the Board of Directors may serve more than two consecutive terms in any single office, and no member of the Board of Directors may serve more than four consecutive terms in any office of the corporation. Only terms of office starting on or after July 1, 2009 shall be counted in determining whether a member is prohibited from running for a Board office as provided for herein.

#### **Section 6: Bonds**

Amended 4/08. The Board of Directors may by resolution require any officer, agent, or employee of the corporation to give bond to the corporation, with sufficient sureties, conditioned on the faithful performance of the duties of his/her respective office or position, and to comply with such other conditions as may be required from time to time by the Board of Directors. The premiums for all such bonds shall be paid by the corporation.

#### **Section 7: Duties of the Chairperson**

Amended 4/08. The Chairperson of the Board of Directors shall: (i) preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and all meetings of the Executive Committee at which he or she is present; (ii) nominate committee memberships and committee Chairpersons; (iii) represent the Board at public functions; and (iv) perform such other duties as may be required of him or her by the Board of Directors. The Chairperson may elect to be an ex officio member of all standing and special committees of the Board. The Chairperson, or another officer designated by the Chairperson, may sign any document or instrument requiring the signature of an officer of the corporation which is necessary and incident to the purposes of the corporation.

#### **Section 8: Duties of the Vice Chairperson**

Amended 4/08. In the absence of the Chairperson, or in the event of his/her death, inability or refusal to act, the Vice Chairperson, unless otherwise determined by the Board of Directors, shall perform the duties of the Chairperson, and when so acting shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the Chairperson.

#### **Section 9: Duties of the Secretary**

The Secretary shall keep accurate records of the acts and proceedings of all meetings of the Board of Directors and of the members. He/she shall give all notices required by law and by these bylaws. He/she shall have general charge of the corporation's books and records. He/she shall sign such instruments as may require his/her signature. He/she shall keep a register of the Post Office address of each director and officer of the corporation which shall be furnished to the Secretary by each officer and director. He/she shall keep at the corporation's registered office in the District of Columbia a record of the names and addresses of all the corporation's members. He/she shall in general perform all duties incident to the office of the Secretary and such other duties as shall be assigned to him/her from time to time by the Chairman or by the Board of Directors.

#### **Section 10: Duties of the Treasurer**

Amended 4/08. The Treasurer shall oversee the fiscal affairs of the Corporation, and shall report on the financial condition of the Corporation to the Board of Directors at its regular meetings, the annual meeting and at such other times as the Board may require.

Section 11: Selection, Evaluation, Removal and Duties of the Executive Director Amended 4/08.

(a) Selection: The Board of Directors will select, hire, annually evaluate the performance of, and, at its discretion, terminate the Executive Director.

#### (b) Duties:

- i. The Executive Director is an agent of the Board and is accountable to the Board. He or she shall be subject to the control of the Board of Directors, shall have responsibility for the general care, supervision, and direction of corporate affairs in furtherance of the policies and programs established by the Board of Directors. The Executive Director's duties and compensation will be consistent with these bylaws, and shall be prescribed in an employment contract by the Board of Directors.
- ii. The Executive Director may negotiate and execute grants and contracts for the corporation, and report such actions that may have a material impact upon the corporation promptly to the Board of Directors; except that the Board of Directors may specify from time to time limits on the authority of the Executive Director to execute such documents without prior Board approval and may also designate specific proposed contracts to be submitted to the Board for approval prior to execution.
- iii. The Executive Director shall have the authority to employ, supervise, and discharge staff in accordance with the policies established by the Board of Directors.
- iv. The Executive Director shall have the authority to conduct an annual self-

assessment of the corporation and its operations and to amend the corporation's policies to establish procedures for conducting and reviewing the results of the annual self-assessment.

- v. The Executive Director shall perform such other duties and exercise such other powers as may be assigned by the Board of Directors.
- vi. The Executive Director or his/her designee shall attend all meetings of the corporation's Board of Directors and its committees, unless the Board requests the Executive Director's absence during evaluation of his or her performance or during other meetings as determined by the Board.

S.R. 9.11.1 Evaluation of the Executive Director

Refer to S.R. 8.1.3 Executive Committee Evaluation of the Executive Director, for further guidance.

Adopted 07/12/17

#### Article 10

Contracts, Loans, Checks, and Deposits

#### **Section 1: Contracts**

The Board of Directors may authorize any officer or officers, agent or agents, to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the corporation, and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

#### **Section 2: Loans**

No loans shall be contracted on behalf of the corporation and no evidence of indebtedness shall be issued in its name unless authorized by a resolution of the Board of Directors. Such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

#### Section 3: Checks and Drafts

All checks, drafts, or other orders for the payment of money issued in the name of the corporation shall be signed by such officer or officers, agent or agents of the corporation, and in such manner as shall be determined from time to time by resolution of the Board of Directors.

#### **Section 4: Deposits**

All funds of the corporation not otherwise employed shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the corporation in such depositories as the Board of Directors may select.

#### **Article 11**

#### **General Provisions**

#### **Section 1: Waiver of Notice**

Whenever any notice is required to be given to any director or other person under the provisions of these bylaws, the Articles of Incorporation, or by applicable law, a waiver thereof in writing signed by the person or persons entitled to such notice, whether before or after the time stated therein, shall be equivalent to the giving of such notice.

#### **Section 2: Auditors**

Amended 4/08. A certified public accountant shall be employed to audit the books of the corporation, or any fiscal year of the corporation, and at such other time or times, and for such periods as the Board may deem advisable, and to furnish reports on such audits to the Board.

#### **Section 3: Prohibition Against Sharing in Corporate Earnings**

No member, director, officer or employee of, or person connected with the corporation, or any other private individual shall receive at any time any of the net earnings or pecuniary profits from the operations of the corporation, provided that this shall not prevent the payment to any such person of such reasonable compensation for services rendered to or for the corporation in effecting any or its purposes as shall be fixed by the Board of Directors; and no such person or persons shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the corporate assets upon the dissolution of the corporation. All members, directors, and officers of the corporation shall be deemed to have expressly consented and agreed that upon such dissolution or winding up of the affairs of the corporation, whether voluntary or involuntary, the assets of the corporation, after all debts have been satisfied, then remaining in the hands of the Board of Directors shall be distributed, transferred, conveyed, delivered, and paid over, in such amounts as the Board of Directors may determine or as may be determined by a Court of competent jurisdiction upon application of the Board of Directors, exclusively to charitable, religious, scientific, literary, or educational organizations that would then qualify under the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States internal revenue law).

#### **Section 4: Exempt Activities**

Notwithstanding any other provision of these bylaws, no member, director, officer, employee, or other representative of this corporation shall take any action or carry on any activity by or on behalf of the corporation not permitted to be taken or carried on by an organization exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States internal revenue law) or by organizations contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of such Code (or the corresponding provision of any future United Sates internal revenue law).

#### **Section 5: Fiscal Year**

The fiscal year of the corporation shall begin on the first day of July and end on the last day of June in each year.

#### **Article 12**

#### **Amendments**

Amended 4/08. These bylaws may be amended or repealed and new bylaws may be adopted by the affirmative vote of a majority of the directors then in office, provided that prior written notice has been given to all members of the Board of Directors of the proposed amendments at least fifteen (15) days in advance of the meeting, and provided further that no such action shall be taken if it would in any way adversely affect the corporation's qualification under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States internal revenue law) and provided further that any such action that would affect the voting rights of the members of the corporation shall be posted on the corporation's website and the corporation shall inform its members of that posting by using its customary methods of conveying information to its membership.



# Board of Directors Regional Head Start Association Report

Region: 1

Date of Report: 9/10/2020

Section I: Brief description of regional issues or concern: (NHSA is interested in understanding issues occurring in your region that affect your ability to operate high quality programs.)

- Because HSSCO dollars do not cover full salary and fringe for director positions, there are numerous challenges within states related to the scope and workload for the director positions.
- Staffing challenges within programs. Remote or hybrid school schedules for children of employees have resulted in resignations and leave requests.
- Increased costs of operations.
- Variations between rules of partnership programs and their related regulatory bodies (State DOE, Child Care, etc.).

Section II: PROPOSED RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NHSA TO PURSUE (Describe issues that have a national perspective that are not on NHSA's current Policy Agenda.)

 Ample funding for Head Start State Collaboration Offices to allow for single focus positions.

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## Board of Directors Regional Head Start Association Report

Region: Region 3

Date of Report: September 16, 2020

Section I: Brief description of regional issues or concern:

Enrollment is a major concern.

Many programs are under enrolled for the first time. Families are just not engaged.

How to track attendance in the HSES blended, virtual, hybrid, asynchronous

How will 3-year and 4-year old Universal Pre-K affect HS programs?

Also, if Universal Pre K programs are suffering in terms of enrollment due to COVID 19, what does that mean for Head Start providers. We are already in competition for slots and it seems that both are feeling the effects.

Staffing: programs are struggling to find enough teachers and staff to fill positions.

Staff are not able to return to work since Public Schools are all virtual and they need to be at home.

Staff still are uncertain about returning to work based on health concerns.

Subsidy dollars are on the verge of ending September 31st, which affect EHS/HS providers and especially our Child Care Partners.

Grantees are unsure about expenses that were allocated to budget lines that were around in person, i.e., transportation, meals, etc.

#### Section II: PROPOSED RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NHSA TO PURSUE

Assess if programs will be able to use the 1.7B in stimulus funding we are asking for. Now that it appears most programs will be virtual for a significant part of this academic year they are wondering how they will spend all of their grant funding.

#### Section III Comments:

NHSA's response has been excellent supporting programs during the Covid - 19 Pandemic.

Keep preparing us so we are ready if reauthorization of Head Start becomes a possibility.

Submitted by Jamal Berry, Region 3 Vice President (Acting President)

# NHSA Board of Directors Regional Head Start Association Report

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**Region:** Region 4 Head Start Association **Date of Report:** September 18, 2020

#### Section II: Brief Description of Regional Issues or Concern

- 1. Present risk and future impact of COVID 19:
  - a. Grantees navigating operations and balancing safety during pandemic
  - b. Sustainability of state/regional associations
  - c. Possibility of additional CARES Act funding and FY 2020 funding updates
- 2. Amidst the Black Lives Matter movement, grantees must elevate the voices and lives of people of color through policies, practices, curriculum and actions to create equity in the classroom/agency and respect for history, culture and experiences.
- 3. Selection and onboarding of new Regional Program Manager for Region 4. Position vacated 5/8/20.
- 3. Current administration's plans for Head Start (i.e. funding levels, options).

#### Section III: Proposed Recommendations for NHSA to Pursue

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# **Board of Directors**Regional Head Start Association Report

Region: V

Date of Most Recent Board Meeting: July 23, 2020

#### Section I: Brief description of regional issues or concern:

(NHSA is interested in understanding issues occurring in your region that affect your ability to operate high quality programs.)

- As the start of a new school year draws near, will Head Start programs have adequate staff to operate if public schools are providing services virtually? (Many staff members have young children and if public schools are operating virtually staff may have to remain at home with their children.)
- Will programs continue to have wage flexibility after September 30<sup>th</sup>?

#### Section II: Issues forwarded to NHSA for consideration:

- 1. Minimum wage increases in some states are impacting Head Start and Early Head Start eligibility.
- 2. Early Head Start needs to be included as a home visiting model in the Family First Prevention Services Act.
- Continue to identify Head Start as the premier early childhood intervention system in the United States which must be sustained and continually improved.
- 4. Continue to strengthen state associations so that the strength of NHSA is multiplied by 50.

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Report submitted by: Debbie Beeler

Title: Director Representative from Region V

Date: September 19, 2020



# Board of Directors Regional Head Start Association Report

Region: VII

Date of Report: September 18, 2020

Section I: Brief description of regional issues or concern: (NHSA is interested in understanding issues occurring in your region that affect your ability to operate high quality programs.)

- Building relationships/partnerships while being apart
- Best practices for providing an environment of calm and safety
- Addressing additional trauma due to Covid and isolation
- Clear OHS direction for use of Covid funds, and operating requirements

Section II: PROPOSED RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NHSA TO PURSUE (Describe issues that have a national perspective that are not on NHSA's current Policy Agenda.)

Report submitted by: Mike Baugher

Date: September 18, 2020

Title: Director of Executive Services

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# Head Start Mourns the Passing of CONGRESSMAN JOHN LEWIS

July 18, 2020

WASHINGTON, DC – The National Head Start Association's Executive Director, Yasmina Vinci, issued the following statement on the legacy of U.S. Representative and Civil Rights icon John Lewis, who passed away Friday at the age of 80.

"The Head Start community mourns the loss of Congressman John Lewis, a transformative leader and longstanding champion for Head Start children and families across the country," Vinci said. "In his more than three decades in Congress, Representative Lewis showed us what it meant to be a true leader, to stick to one's principles, and to embrace 'good trouble,' when it means fighting for what is right."



"The Head Start community will greatly miss Representative Lewis's passionate commitment and his conscious leadership on Capitol Hill. We offer our heartfelt condolences to his family."

A strong advocate for children and families, Congressman Lewis spoke up in support of Head Start many times over the years. During difficult budget negotiations in 2013, when Head Start's funding was in danger, he noted that "Head Start was an important

innovation of the civil rights movement," referring to how Head Start was created in 1965 to give at-risk children of all backgrounds the opportunity to succeed in school and in life regardless of their circumstances at birth.

Prior to his election to Congress in 1987, Representative Lewis was chairman of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) and a principal organizer of the 1963 March on Washington. We seek to honor his legacy by continuing the fight for racial equality and supporting all children in reaching their full potential with the Head Start model.

### **Collaborating Actively in Meaningful Planning** (CAMP) Series

#### OFFICE OF HEAD START CAMP

On-Demand Series

The Office of Head Start (OHS) created a six-week conversation series to address questions and concerns about offering Head Start and Early Head Start services during the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic.

Programs have done amazing and innovative work delivering services under the fluctuating conditions of COVID-19. Moving forward will require continued innovation and agility. Many grantees have questions about meeting the Head Start Program Performance Standards (HSPPS). OHS would like to provide clear guidance, where possible, to help programs continue to operate successfully.

The Collaborating Actively in Meaningful Planning (CAMP) series focuses on practical matters to support Head Start program planning and decision-making. In weekly conversations, OHS reinforces the flexibilities and discretion programs have when designing services. They also identify areas where flexibilities do not exist. As grantees rethink how they design and deliver services, OHS will prioritize areas of immediate concern to programs and revisit them as conditions change.

#### **TOPICS:**

- Breaking News
- Group sizes, ratios, staffing, and locally designed options
- Eligibility, recruitment, selection, enrollment, and attendance (ERSEA)
- §1302 Subpart I Human Resources Management
- §1301 Program Governance
- Timelines in HSPPS
- Subpart C Education and Child Development Program Services, 45 CFR §1302
- §1302 Subpart E Family and Community Engagement
- Walk-through of ECLKC COVID-19 Resources
- §1302 Subpart D Health Program Services

https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/about-us/coronavirus/ohs-covid-19-updates

The registration link can be used for on-demand viewing. The recordings will be available on-demand until October 15, 2020.



Our mission is to coalesce, inspire, and support the Head Start field as a leader in early childhood development and education.



# The True Cost of Reopening Head Start: Stories from the Front Lines

As many Head Start programs prepare to re-open for a new school year and others continue providing in-person services over the summer, the reality of additional COVID-related costs continues to become clearer. This summer, NHSA is meeting virtually with Head Start directors from each state and territory to hear firsthand of the latest challenges they are facing with respect to reopening or staying open. **Their stories underscore the urgency of securing \$1.7** billion in COVID-19 relief funding to help address additional costs.

#### **Challenges with Facilities**

- My program partners with our school district, but this year the school will only have room for our four year olds in order to comply with social distancing requirements. We are trying to find a place for our three year-olds, but so far have not been successful."
- 66 Our programs have strong partnerships with the public schools.

  Even so, we've lost our classroom space in two elementary schools because they need the additional classroom space to spread out their kindergarteners. So now we are struggling to quickly find new space that is affordable and safe. This is disruptive and expensive."
- We rent space from school districts who are now closing. It is unclear whether we will be able to still access this space."



#### **Challenges Specific to Rural and Native Communities**

We serve four communities that are very remote. We have organized virtual trainings led by an Oklahoma company that specializes in trauma training for Native communities. We desperately need this training, given what we are seeing with our children and families, but we are worried staff won't have Internet access to be able to participate. Also, quarantine restrictions between villages have been strict to try and keep the virus at bay. It is unclear whether these restrictions will prevent in-person training.

Additional transportation is also a challenge given how remote we are."

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#### Staff Health and Turnover

Staff mental and physical health have always been a top priority, but recently, we are seeing it play out in new ways. It is difficult to know what is the 'right' thing to do when official guidance is always changing and school district plans are uncertain, all of which is taking a toll. When we announced we were reopening our center in August, we had three teachers say they were not coming back. I expect more will do so in upcoming weeks. Now I have to scramble to find qualified replacement teachers, which is not easy."

#### **Cost of Cleaning and Cleaning Supplies**

- Cleaning and cleaning supplies are a bigger investment in our budget than we'd originally anticipated a few months ago. We've created a tracker to get a better sense of how many supplies are needed, but we know that costs will be increasing once more students enroll in the fall."
- The price of cleaning supplies has tripled in recent months. We can't even get the products we typically use due to shortages. We're finding that alternative products can have restrictions on how they are used in places where young children touch, which takes more staff time to use properly. We are also looking at other additional options like UV cleaning and sprayers."



# Additional Transportation Costs

66 Since our children are so young, we need an adult on each bus in addition to the driver. Since the maximum bus capacity is lowered to six, we're only able to have five children on each bus. This is incredibly expensive!"

#### **Technology Needs**

- 66 We have a new understanding of the financial challenges faced by staff. We were surprised how many programs had to supply technology support for staff for them to be able to deliver services remotely."
- 66 When we first shut down, we knew staff needed tech support, such as tablets and software, to be able to work remotely with their children. What we did not anticipate was how many staff also needed broadband support so they can actually use the online learning tools effectively. This continues to be a significant need."

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Miss Kait with Dimitri, JoJo, Camden, and William. (not pictured, Kim Baker)

### More than just a Summer Program

#### **DUE TO COVID-19**

Submitted by Tiffany Shonerd, Children Services Director Blue Valley Community Action Head Start, Wymore Nebraska

Any thoughts, feelings, data, and news stories surround the COVID pandemic. But those do not reflect the feelings of a preschooler heading into kindergarten. I truly understood this after one of my Head Start teachers told me a wonderful story during the first week of the summer program.

When Covid-19 reached the Head Start program in mid-March, the program had to close its doors to in classroom education, just as all schools across Nebraska did. This was a hard social emotional concept for many old and young. The Wymore Head Start students were able to see their teachers via online and sometimes from a distance while they were delivering food packages during the last part of their 2019-2020 school year.

For about 16-17 weeks the Head Start kids did not see each other face to face, until they were able to attend the first ever summer program on July 7th. The students who attended were about to venture onto Kindergarten in a few weeks. As a part of the CARES Act Funding from the Administration for Children

and Families, the summer program's intent is to serve those Head Start preschoolers entering Kindergarten to get them school ready. The school readiness comes in many forms such as cognitive, social emotional, getting updated on shots, a routine, and eating healthy meals to name a few. The BVCA staff are happy to be able to provide the comprehensive services for the children and, honestly the opportunity for one more chance to teach their students for a few more weeks before sending them off to experience their next milestone.

The four weeks of the summer program, Miss Kait, and her five kindergarten bound students worked on all the skills needed for kindergarten while having fun. They did lots of bug investigations and played outside in the fresh air. Miss Kait was excited to see the joy of learning was still there. Although, the cognitive piece was at the forefront of Miss Kait's planning, she also knew the social emotional piece was just important. One student confirmed this importance when Kait heard a heartwarming story from his mom.

The mom told Miss Kait and the Wymore Head Start staff that her son felt confused and sad when school closed during the spring. He really thought his friends didn't like him anymore. He told his mom, "I thought I didn't have friends anymore". Mom then stated that he was so excited when he heard he was able to go back! When he entered the classroom on the first day, mom and the staff could see and feel how ecstatic and over-joyed he was to come back. He repeatedly said, "I missed you, I missed you", to all his friends and the Wymore staff. Miss Kait stated that this filled the classroom and everyone's heart with love all over again.

This is what keeps the Head Start staff going, knowing how much we are needed by children and families. It is no different during the time of pandemic. We are grateful to be able to participate in the summer program through the grant. We were also able to have three other classrooms participate through our service area at Blue Valley Community Action.

The importance of the summer program is not only to be kindergarten ready due to COVID-19 setbacks, but to simply know your friends are still here and love is in the Head Start world.







# NEWSLETTER

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#### Jessica Hoffman, Director of Development & Community Relations

#### A Glimpse Of Our Month Open





From March 23rd to June 2nd, Growing Futures remained closed due to COVID-19. With guidance of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Johnson County Government and the Center for Disease Control (CDC), we made the decision to reopen on June 3rd. With 19 pages of new precautions and procedures in place, we began welcoming students back to the school. This wouldn't have been possible without the help and support of our community partners and friends who made hundreds of masks for staff and students. Despite our cautious efforts, COVID-19 found its way into our facility on 6/24 and a second case appeared on 6/29. The Johnson County Health Department and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment Child Care Licensing were all immediately notified of our cases. As the health and safety of our children and staff continues to be our top priority, we made the decision to close our facility on 6/29, as a precautionary measure. We completed the remainder of the 2019/2020 school year (through July 2), virtually. We also began our new 2020/2021 school year on July 13, virtually. Currently, our projected reopening date for the facility will be August 3rd. We encourage our Growing Futures family and friends to continue practicing safety precautions within our community. In the meantime, stay safe and healthy.

#### **Community Giving**



In times such as these, it's more important than ever to have the support of so many friends in the community. In a time of hardships, challenges and everevolving changes, the support of our partners has kept us going, both physically and mentally. This month, we had the Rotary Club of Shawnee drop off another 165 masks for new school year. Our friends at TJ Maxx in Lenexa donated over 100lbs of Playdough and leftover Easter supplies from their surrounding stores. We had retired teachers donate new, unused supplies to our teachers. A former volunteer who will be moving soon, donated a \$500 giftcard to a furniture store to help our families in need right now. Great Western Bank even came to wash all of our windows, externally, so we would have a bright and shiny view for our reopening. The Rotary Club of Shawnee Mission came to beautify our facility by planting flowers in all of our planters to add life and color to our playground area. No matter how big or small the contributions, we appreciate every one of you, greatly! We truly have the best community partners an organization could ask for...especially in times like these.





## Finding the Help We Needed

Submitted by Becky Hysell, SCICAP Head Start/EHS

It is always a challenge in South Central Iowa to find affordable resources for any area of program needs! This past fall, our program hit the jackpot of finding that special resource — Chariton Community School Building Trades Class was a lifesaver for the SCICAP Head Start located in Chariton, IA!

The stringer support for our deck on the Head Start double classroom mobile unit had run it's time and came off of the building. Two years prior, the deck had the fascia boards replaced, so they were still in adequate shape. When finding bids to fix the stringer, there were several obstacles for this very rural, small populated area and bids were coming in at over \$20,000. The facility specialist shared the obstacles and frustration of not only the safety aspect, but bids and availability of carpenters to repair it with management staff. The local staff members suggested we contact the Chariton High School Building Trades Class.

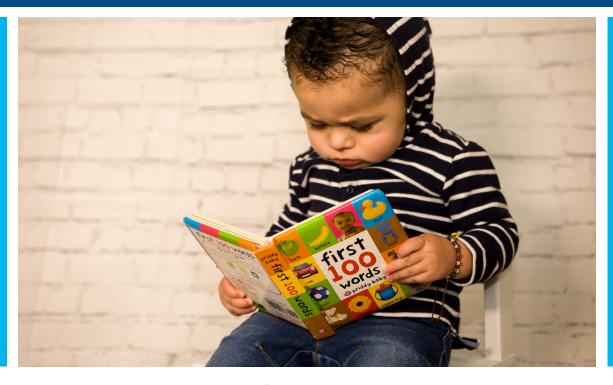
A win-win for everyone! As timing would have it, the class was in between projects and the instructor said he would come and look at our deck. The project became possible and here came the young men and their instructor to do their job! Not only did the project get completed, but the total cost was \$2,400!

Mr. Narber thanked us for the opportunity to be a part of this project and SCICAP Head Start was very thankful for a safe, stable deck for their building! It was even a bonus that a couple of the high schoolers who worked on the project were previous Head Start students!

When an obstacle is thrown, you have to be inventive with a plan and solution!



Chariton High School Building Trades Class



# **SENCA Head Start Perseveres**In Uncertain Times!

Submitted by Angela Antholz, Head Start & Deputy Director SENCA Head Start

Senca Head Start is a comprehensive child development program which serves children from age 3 to 5 & their families. Head Start is a child-focused program & has the overall goal of increasing school readiness of young children in low-income families. Comprehensive child development, school readiness and family support are provided and have a direct impact on their future success.

Providing these comprehensive services during the COVID-19 pandemic has proven to be challenging. The program closed the center-based services on March 17, 2020 and moved to providing services remotely. I am pleased to say that the SENCA Head Start staff rose to the occasion doing their best to provide education services to children and to support our families during this uncertain time. During the 2019-2020 school year, 165 children and 146 families received comprehensive services. Health services ensured that 93% of all children were up-to-date on well-child care. Twenty-eight percent (28%) of enrolled children received special education services. Overall, SENCA Head Start has saw 90% of all children ending the year meeting or exceeding expectations versus 77% at the beginning of the year.

While children made great strides, the gains are not as high as in previous years. This is more than likely directly related to the need to close centers due to COVID-19. Data was also unable to be collected from collaboration sites due to school closures. During the closure, all educational services were provided via

remote learning. The public is encouraged to check out the full Annual Report to the Public at www.senca.org.

There are always changes as the program conducts ongoing monitoring and program improvement activities, but SENCA Head Start has always maintained one constant...talented staff dedicated to serving the children and families of southeast Nebraska.

The beginning of the 2020-2021 school year is scheduled to start on August 19, 2020 and we are pleased to welcome several new staff to our team. SENCA Head Start has developed a re-opening plan that includes guidelines that will be followed to ensure we are keeping children, staff, and families safe. All facilities and vehicles have been cleaned, disinfected, and sanitized, and necessary personal protective equipment (PPE) and cleaning supplies have been purchased. Staff will also return to work well-ahead of the children to ensure everyone is trained on trauma-informed care to better assist children and families in their return to school. Funding has been utilized to invest in technology upgrades and child learning supplies to prepare for future remoting learning, in the event another closure must take place. We are excited for children, families, and staff to return to school this fall and we are preparing for this to be a safe and healthy return for all. The health and safety of each child in our care is our highest priority.





# Urban League and Sysco Foods Salute HEROES IN HEALTHCARE at Christian Northeast Hospital

Submitted by Patricia A. Washington, Vice President of Communications
Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis, Inc.

on June 23, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. on the parking lot of Medical Office Building 2 on the campus of Christian Northeast Hospital located at 11133 Dunn Road, St. Louis, MO 63136, the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis and Sysco Foods will salute all 1,700 employees of Christian Northeast Hospital and Christian Northwest as Heroes in Healthcare.

"We are saluting our Healthcare Heroes today because we are very proud of the work, dedication and excellence in which the men and women of Christian Hospital have served the residents of the North St. Louis county community during the COVID-19 crisis. At the onset of the pandemic in St. Louis, they provided the first testing site in North County to immediately address the health disparities that currently exist within the disease," said Michael P. McMillan, President & CEO of the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis, Inc.

As part of the celebration, the Urban League and Sysco will honor Christian Northeast and Northwest's staff with catered boxed lunches, personalized greeting cards and presentations from Urban League Head Start students. The catered box lunches are being prepared courtesy of Marco's Catering, a minority and woman-owned business in North St. Louis County. In addition, two frontline workers who represent the Christian Hospital family will also be honored at the ceremony.

"Christian Hospital commends the Urban League's commitment to provide leadership in our region from the start of the COVID-19 pandemic with weekly large-scale food distributions to those most in need within our community, including senior citizens and shut-ins. The Urban League's commitment and actions mirror the mission of Christian Hospital and BJC to improve the health of the people and communities we serve," said Rick Stevens, President of Christian Hospital and Northwest Healthcare.

The Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis works to fulfill its mission of Empowering Communities and Changing Lives for African Americans and others in need. Programs are offered in the areas of Economic Opportunity, Community Empowerment, Education Excellence, Civil Rights and Advocacy. For more information about the Urban League please visit our website at www.ulstl.com.

#### **About Christian Hospital**

Christian Hospital is a 250-staffed-bed community hospital located in north St. Louis County and a founding member of BJC HealthCare, one of the largest nonprofit health care organizations in the United States. Located six miles west of Christian Hospital is Northwest HealthCare, which offers the community 24-hour emergency care and a variety of outpatient services to complement hospital services. With both locations, Christian Hospital operates the busiest emergency department in Missouri and one of the busiest hospital-based ambulance services in the state. Christian Hospital is the recipient of the St. Louis Regional Chamber's Arcus Award for Achievement in Health for its commitment to ongoing growth, improvement, community outreach and economic opportunity. To find out more, visit christianhospital.org and Facebook.

# **Coronavirus Disease** and Oral Health

# Information for Parents About Promoting Good Oral Health at Home



It is important for parents to serve healthy foods and drinks and promote good oral hygiene habits to keep children's mouths healthy during the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic and always. Here are tips for some simple things to do at home.



#### **Eating Healthy Foods and Drinks**

- Serve your child healthy foods that are low in natural and added sugar.
- Serve milk or tap (faucet) water with meals and snacks.
- Give your child a variety of healthy snacks, such as cheese and crackers, at scheduled times during the day.
- Give your child tap water several times a day.
- Avoid serving drinks that are high in natural or added sugar, such as fruit juice, fruit drinks, and pop/soda.

#### **Practicing Good Oral Hygiene Habits**

- Brush your child's teeth with fluoride toothpaste twice a day.
  - For children under age 3, use a rice-size amount of fluoride toothpaste.
  - For children ages 3 to 6, use a pea-size amount of fluoride toothpaste.
- After toothbrushing, rinse the brush and store it upright in a holder to air dry. Do not let toothbrushes touch each other.
- Do not share toothbrushes. Sharing toothbrushes can transfer disease-causing germs from one person to another.
- If anyone in the family is sick, keep their toothbrush away from everyone else's toothbrushes. Replace the toothbrush after the family member is better.



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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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October 20-22, 2020 VIRTUAL EVENT

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June 8-10, 2021

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# **Board of Directors**Regional Head Start Association Report

Region: Region 9 Head Start Association

Date of Report: September 18, 2020

**Section 1:** Brief description of regional issues and concerns – please indicate the name(s) of the states most affected:

In Region 9, our association will be working hard in 2020 to convene agency staff on several topics that impact programs. Topics of highest priority:

- Supporting agency staff during the COVID-19 pandemic
- Expanding awareness of racism and anti-racism education
- Responding to the emergencies, wildfires, and economic turmoil in our communities.
- Monitoring policy, regulatory and funding trends to support program leadership as they navigate emerging issues in our sector.

**Section 2:** Brief description of actions by the regional association in response to the issues and concerns noted above:

- Supporting agency staff during the COVID-19 Pandemic:
  - During the recent period, R9HSA developed and delivered over 50 hours of professional development targeting Early Head Start.
  - R9HSA held several rounds of networking meetings with Directors, Fiscal and HR directors.
  - Monitored alerts and directed them to essential program leaders.
- Expanding awareness of racism and anti-racism education:
  - Using social media and our conference gatherings, R9HSA has brought forward several speakers and resources to expand awareness and deepen knowledge on the issue of systemic racism.
- Responding to the emergencies, wildfires, and economic turmoil in our communities:
  - R9HSA has set up a Disaster Relief Fund for Head Start / Early Head Start staff who have been impacted by recent wildfires.
  - Our October Family Engagement Conference will feature a number of sessions on the topic of economic opportunity including keynotes and workshops.
- Monitoring policy, regulatory and funding trends to support program leadership as they navigate emerging issues in our sector:

- R9HSA regularly participates in national calls with NHSA and affiliate organizations to best understand shifting issues in states and local communities.
- R9HSA will be including two top national spokes persons during our upcoming Family Engagement Conference as well as a number of sessions committed to civic participation.

**Section 3:** Brief description of resources needed to support your associations collaboration with NHSA, or others affiliated organizations:

- NHSA staff do an excellent job of sharing resources and nurturing collaboration among association leaders.
- State Strategy Playbook is well done and may serve local programs well during the upcoming October outreach to Congress.

#### ASSOCIATION'S ACTIVITY:

In the next two months – R9HSA has the following events planned –

- Evidence Says! Research to Practice Webinar on Family Engagement
- Family Engagement and Cultural Effectiveness Conference

R9HSA has opened a new site <u>www.headstartgear.org</u> to assist with access to Head Start promotional items.

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Edward Condon Date: 9.18.20

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# **Board of Directors**Regional Head Start Association Report

Region:	XI	
Date of Report:	September 2020	

### Section I: Brief description of regional issues or concern:

(NHSA is interested in understanding issues occurring in your region that affect your ability to operate high quality programs.)

- Short amount of time given to our grantees to apply for Head Start and Early Head Start expansion funds. (especially during pandemic)
- The process used to track AI/AN Head Start and Early Head Start grants and redistributions.

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Report submitted by: Teri Stringer

Date: September 17, 2020



# **Board of Directors**Regional Head Start Association Report

Region: Region XII

Date of Report: July 2020- September 2020

### Section I: Brief description of regional issues or concerns:

- COVID- NMSHSA continues to navigate through the on-going challenges related to COVID. Over the past summer- our programs have had numerous opening and reopening dates. Each re-opening is a learning opportunity to re-evaluate best practices to make sure children, families and staff are safe and remain healthy. Programs remain operating in reduced levels of funded enrollment due to capacity limitations.
- Immigration: As we have reported to this board on multiple occasions and will continue to do so, the Migrant and Seasonal Head Start Programs continue to have concerns with trauma related to the nation's anti-immigration rhetoric and the impact on families, children, program personal and classrooms. We cannot ease our commitment to our children and their families as they continue to experience stress and trauma.
- Income Eligibility- Migrant and Seasonal Head Start Programs continue to have concerns related to family eligibility as states and communities increase minimum wages.

### Section II: PROPOSED RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NHSA TO PURSUE

- As stated above, we would appreciate the efforts of NHSA to continue to inform regions on the tension generated by anti-immigration rhetoric, the separation of families, children being caged and the border wall. As NHSA joins efforts to support any BLM movements- does this provide an opportunity to leverage strength to include the anti-immigration rhetoric we hear from within our immigrant, farmworker community. It is long overdue for NMSHSA and NHSA to raise the voices of our immigrant community who suffer due to the current environment. Help NMSHSA become a comprehensive resource for our programs.

### **NMSHSA'S Announcements**

- □ We will host a virtual Parent Conference early winter of 2020. More information will be forthcoming.
- ☐ We will host our Annual Conference and Annual Membership Meeting ortulally in

the Spring of 2021. Additional information will be forthcoming in the next several
weeks.
We will plan and attempt to have our 2021 Public Policy Forum as an in-person
event.
We continue our legislative efforts to ask for a \$350,000,000.00 set aside in the next "stimulus" bill. The purpose is to continue providing services to children and families in this new COVID environment (\$250M) and dedicate \$100M to continue helping our programs and families bridge the digital divide that exist in our rural communities and programs.

Report submitted by: NMSHSA Representatives to the NHSA Board of Directors

Date: September 2020

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# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **Next Regular Board Meeting**

Wednesday, November 18, 2020 | 2:00—4:30 p.m. Eastern Time Zone

## **Head Start Recipe Book**

As we cook for the upcoming holidays, please share one of your recipes with us. Click here to share.



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Seated and Voting	Yes	No	Yes	Yes		
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City	Allentown	Moorefield	Pittsburgh	Ashland
State	Pennsylvania	West Virginia	Pennsylvania	Virginia



TIONAL HEAD START ASSOC	DIRECTOR	STAFF	PARENT	FRIEND				
REGION IV	REGION IV							
Name	Eloise McClinton	Dorothy Foster, Ed.D.	Maritza Vasquez	David White				
Seated and Voting	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes				
	Member, Government Affairs Committee Member, Governance and	Member, Governance and Nominating Committee  Member, Research and	Member, Government Affairs Committee Member, Resource	Chair, Finance Committee Member, Resource				
Board Service	Nominating Committee	Evaluation Committee	Development and Member Serivces Committee	Development and Member Services Committee Member, Executive Committee				
Organization	Institute of Community Services, Inc.	Mississippi Action for Progress, Inc.	Region IV Head Start Association	Western Carolina Community Action, Inc.				
Title	Executive Director	Chief Operation Officer	Parent Representative	Chief Executive Officer				
Phone	(662) 252-1582	(601) 923-4100		(828) 693-1711				
Mobile	(662) 231-0117		(407) 373-9181	(828) 696-7391				
Email	emcclinton@ics-hs.org	dorothy.foster6@gmail.com	mvasquez7@knights.ucf.edu	david@wcca.net				
City	Holly Springs	Jackson	Snellville	Hendersonville				
State	Mississippi	Mississippi	Georgia	North Carolina				



TIONAL HEAD START ASSOC	DIRECTOR	STAFF	PARENT	FRIEND			
REGION V	REGION V						
Name	Debra Beeler	Debra "Deb" Wege	Kyle Hubert	Dennis DeMers			
Seated and Voting	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			
	Secretary of the Board Member, Executive Committee	Member, Governance and Nominating Committee	Member, Government Affairs Committee	Member, Government Affairs Committee			
Board Service	Chair, Research and Evaluation Committee	Member, Resource Development and Member Services Committee	Member, Governance and Nominating Committee	Member, Finance Committee			
	Member, Government Affairs Committee						
Organization	Hoosier Uplands EDC	CAP Scott, Carver & Dakota Co.	Champaign County Head Start	Region V Head Start Association			
Title	Head Start Director	Education Services Manager	Parent Representative	Retired			
Phone	(812) 849-4447	(651) 332-3504	NA	(218) 686-6834			
Mobile	(812) 276-8925	(952) 457-4376	(217) 685-1964	(218) 686-6834			
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City	Mitchell	Rosemount	Urbana	East Grand Forks			
State	Indiana	Minnesota	Illinois	Minnesota			



IONAL HEAD START ASSOC	DIRECTOR	STAFF	PARENT	FRIEND			
REGION VI	REGION VI						
Name	Gloria Lopez	James Evans	Vacant	Albert Black			
Seated and Voting	Yes	Yes	No	Yes			
Do and Comics	Member, Government Affairs Committee	Member, Research and Evaluation Committee		Member, Resource Development and Member Services Committee			
Board Service	Member, Research and Evaluation Committee	Member, Government Affairs Committee		Member, Governance and Nominating Committee			
Organization	HELP - New Mexico, Inc.	Total Community Action, Inc.		Child, Inc.			
Title	Vice President	Deputy Director of Operations		Executive Director			
Phone		(504) 309-3503		(512) 451-7361			
Mobile	(575) 649-7205	(804) 220-8957		(512) 695-0690			
Email	gloria.lopez@helpnm.com	jevans@tca-nola.org		ablack@childinc.org			
City	Las Cruces	New Orleans		Austin			
State	New Mexico	Louisiana		Texas			



IONAL HEAD START ASSOC	DIRECTOR	STAFF	PARENT	FRIEND				
REGION VII	REGION VII							
Name	Kimberly Sill	Kelly Johnson	Ibrahim Ramsey	Pam LaFrenz				
Seated and Voting	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes				
Board Service	Member, Governance and Nominating Committee Member, Finance Committee	Member, Resource Development and Member Services Committee Member, Governance and Nominating Committee	Member, Resource Development and Member Serivces Committee Member, Government Affairs Committee	Chair, Resource Development and Member Serivces Committee Member, Executive Committee				
		J		Member, Governance and Nominating Committee				
Organization	Olathe Head Start	SCMCAA	Mid America Regional Council	Region VII Head Start Association				
Title	Director	PFCE Manager	Parent Representative	Director Retired				
Phone	(913) 780-7416	(573) 325-4255	(816) 672-9915	(660) 886-9323				
Mobile	(913) 780-7416	(573) 325-4255		(660) 631-0365				
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City	Olathe	Broseley	Kansas City	Marshall				
State	Kansas	Missouri	Missouri	Missouri				



IONAL HEAD START ASSOC	DIRECTOR	STAFF	PARENT	FRIEND			
REGION VIII	REGION VIII						
Name	Vicki Lowry	Linda Meredith	Vacant	Vacant			
Seated and Voting	Yes	Yes	No	No			
Board Service	Member, Research and Evaluation Committee Member, Government Affairs Committee	Vice Chairwoman of the Board Member, Executive Committee Member, Government Affairs Committee Member, Research and					
		Evaluation Committee					
Organization	Youth and Family Services Head Start Program	Communuity Partnership for Child Development					
Title	Program Director	Chief Operating Officer					
Phone	(605) 341-6448	(719) 884-1418					
Mobile	(605) 415-5057	(719) 330-8007					
Email	vlowry@youthandfamilyservi ces.org	Imeredith@cpcd.org					
City	Rapid City	Colorado Springs					
State	South Dakota	Colorado					



TIONAL HEAD START ASSOC	DIRECTOR	STAFF	PARENT	FRIEND			
REGION IX	REGION IX						
Name	Denyse Cardoza	Damon Carson	Rosalba Barragan	Bill Donaldson			
Seated and Voting	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			
	Chair, Governance and Nominating Committee	Chairman of the Board	Member, Government Affairs Committee	Member, Finance Committee			
Board Service	Member, Executive Committee	Member of all Committees	Member, Finance Committee	Member, Resource Development and Member Services Committee			
	Member, Resource Development and Member Services Committee						
Organization	Placer Community Action	Neighborhood House	Neighborhood House	Mindful Insurance Solutions,			
	Council, Inc.	Association	Association	Inc.			
Title	Executive Director	General Manager of Education, Instruction, and Operations	Parent Representative	President/CEO			
Phone	(530) 886-4130	(858) 715-2642	(858) 715-2642	(877) 223-4437			
Mobile	(530) 613-1901	(858) 864-0203	(619) 861-8713	(530) 867-2721			
Email	dcardoza@pcac-inc.org	dcarson@neighborhoodhouse.o rg	morningglories1@hotmail.com	bd@mindfulins.com			
City	Auburn	San Diego	San Diego	Sacramento			
State	California	California	California	California			



TIONAL HEAD START ASSOC	DIRECTOR	STAFF	PARENT	FRIEND
REGION X				
Name	Mark Lackey	Elle Taylor	Tom Jones	Tienaya Godes
Seated and Voting	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Chair, Government Affairs Committee	Member, Governance and Nominating Committee	Member, Finance Committee	Member, Resource Development and Member Services Committee
Board Service	Member, Executive Committee	Member, Finance Committee	Member, Government Affairs Committee	Member, Governance and Nominating Committee
	Member, Governance and Nominating Committee			
Organization	CCS Early Learning	Rural Resources	North Idaho College Head Start	Spokane County HS/ECEAP/EHS
Title	Executive Director	Family Advocate	Parent	Parent
Phone	(907) 373-7000	(509) 935-4315	(208) 267-8202	(509) 904-3131
Mobile	(907) 232-7203	(509) 936-1996	(208) 304-8524	(509) 904-3131
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City	Wasilla	Chewelah	Bonners Ferry	Spokane
State	Alaska	Washington	Idaho	Washington



IONAL HEAD START ASSOC	DIRECTOR	STAFF	PARENT	FRIEND			
REGION XI							
Name	Tina Routh	Jenny Oatman	Vacant	Melissa Harris			
Seated and Voting	Yes	Yes	No	Yes			
Board Service	Member, Research and Evaluation Committee  Member, Finance Committee	Member, Government Affairs Committee Member, Research and Evaluation Committee		Member, Research and Evaluation Committee Member, Resource Development and Member			
				Services Committee			
Organization	Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians	Nez Perce Tribe HS/EHS		ISWA Development Corporation			
Title	Department Director	Director		Director			
Phone	(601) 650-1722	(208) 621-3791		(803) 366-8303			
Mobile	(601) 504-8669	(208) 791-1496		(803) 415-1265			
Email	tina.routh@choctaw.org	jennyo@nezperce.org		mharris@iswaheadstart.com			
City	Philadelphia	Lapwai		Catawba			
State	Mississippi	Idaho		South Carolina			



TIONAL HEAD START ASSOC	DIRECTOR	STAFF	PARENT	FRIEND			
REGION XII							
Name	Lourdes Villanueva	Karelia Harding	Kenia Estrada	Isabel Garcia			
Seated and Voting	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			
Board Service	Member, Research and Evaluation Committee	Member, Research and Evaluation Committee	Member, Governance and Nominating Committee	Member, Finance Committee			
	Member, Governance and Nominating Committee	Member, Governance and Nominating Committee	Member, Resource Development and Member Serivces Committee	Member, Government Affairs Committee			
Organization	Redlands Christian Migrant Association	Oregon Child Development Coalition	United Migrant Opportunity Services, Inc.	Redlands Christian Migrant Association			
Title	Director of Farmworker Advocacy	Parent Engagement and Equity Manager	Parent	Executive Director			
Phone	(239) 658-3560	(971) 224-1057		(239) 658-3560			
Mobile	(813) 376-8687	(503) 702-8652	(920) 400-9667	(863) 245-3560			
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City	Immokalee	Wilsonville	Milwaukee	Immokalee			
State	Florida	Oregon	Wisconsin	Florida			



IONAL HEAD START ASSOC	DIRECTOR	STAFF	PARENT	FRIEND
Executive Directo	or and Ex Oficio			
Name	Yasmina Vinci	N/A		
Seated	Yes	No		
Voting Member	No	No		
Board Service	Member, All Committees	Member, Executive Committee		
Organization	National Head Start Association			
Title	Executive Director			
Phone	(703) 649-4222			
Mobile	(617) 599-0177			
Email	yvinci@nhsa.org			
City	Alexandria			
State	Virginia			
Total Vacant	0	2	3	1
Total Non Seated			6	
Total Seated	12	10	9	11
Total Seated 12  Total Voting Members		10	42	11
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Quorum to Transact Business (1/3) of seated body			14	
Quorum to Elect Officers (1/2) of seated body			21	



Saldana, Jr., Joel C. <jsaldana@nhsa.org>

### **Meeting Change**

Dennis DeMers <dpd1966@gmail.com> To: Joel Saldana <jsaldana@nhsa.org>

Tue, Sep 1, 2020 at 6:12 PM

HI, Joel: I will attempt to connect on the 25th of September. However, my wife and I will be celebrating my 50th wedding anniversary and I will not be able to join visually. I will attempt to connect via phone.

Sorry,

Denny



Saldana, Jr., Joel C. <jsaldana@nhsa.org>

## Re: Updated invitation with note: MEETING (1PM Eastern): NHSA Board of Directors @ Fri Sep 25, 2020 1pm - 4:30pm (EDT) (jessicaaspradley@gmail.com)

1 message

Jessica Spradley <jessicaaspradley@gmail.com> To: "Saldana, Jr., Joel C." <jsaldana@nhsa.org>

Thu, Sep 10, 2020 at 9:28 AM

Hello Joel,

I teach from 1-1:50 on Fridays so I will join the meeting as soon as I am done teaching.

Warmly, Jessica

On Tue, Sep 1, 2020 at 3:10 PM < isaldana@nhsa.org > wrote:

### This event has been changed with this note:

"Hi Board Members, Getting this to you as soon as we had to make the change so you can plan your calendar. The board meeting will now be on Friday, September 25th at 1PM Eastern Time. See you on the screen! Joel"

### MEETING (1PM Eastern): NHSA Board of Directors

When Changed: Fri Sep 25, 2020 1pm - 4:30pm Eastern Time - New York more details »

Where GoToWebinar (map)

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