REGION VI HEAD START ASSOCIATION BOARD

Quarterly Reporting Form



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- **1.** Conference call with Maria Cervera, ACF, OHS Region VI HSSCO Liaison
- **2.** Conference calls with Kent Mitchell, NHSA Director of State Affairs Monthly HSSCO call and Monthly HSSCO on Homelessness hosted by Tracy Duarte,

Content Topics: Transition Summit Planning; Homelessness Forums; EHS-CCP; Vaccine mandates; EHS-Rising; and GICH.

Reporting Information:

<u>Transition Summit Planning:</u> We have a dynamic committee helping to plan the Summit. There are 4 sub-committees meeting to help plan: Content, logistics (including location/food), evaluation, & communications including program/invite and dissemination. To be held in person June 22, 2022. There will be a welcome from the Region VI OHS as well as a national presenter on Transition. Lunch will be provided by Lakeshore Learning. Still working on other vendors to sponsor the refreshments/breakfast.

<u>Homelessness Forums:</u> The first 2 forums have taken place virtually. The first one was very well attended and we received great feedback. We plan to have all 8 of them presented in their appropriate Continuum of Care area prior to the end of 2022.

<u>EHS-CCP</u>: The HSSCO will host the upcoming meeting of the EHS-CCP grantees on 4/13/2022. This will be a hybrid meeting.

<u>Vaccine Mandates:</u> Oklahoma is one of the 25 states that are part of the injunction against the Vaccine mandate. Individual programs are proceeding with the policy as indicated in their communities.

<u>EHS-Rising:</u> Oklahoma is one of 14 states working with NHSA to develop a framework around promoting state policy as it relates to increasing and promoting infant/toddler slots, especially EHS.

<u>The Governor's Interagency Council on Homelessness:</u> I was appointed by Oklahoma's Governor to serve on this council (also referred to as the GICH).

<u>Collaboration with Oklahoma Department of Human Services:</u> I met with Oklahoma's Director of Human Services. We discussed utilizing their new case management system to help with referrals for families who may have a Head Start eligible child. They will build in the Federal Poverty guidelines plus the categorical eligibility to their system. There is also discussion of embedding case workers in programs. At least 1 program is already using this service.

Launch of Oklahoma Head Start Collaboration FaceBook page: https://www.facebook.com/OklahomaHeadStart/

Board Action Items: None at this time

Report Attachments (if any):

Signature(s): Paula A. Brown

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