

Arkansas Head Start Association  
Directors/Staff/Parents/Friends Class Meeting

May 17, 2023

Minutes

Cyndi Musick called the meeting to order a 11:02 am. The following members/guests participated in the meeting via zoom: Michaela Manning, Cyndi Musick, Rebecca Farison, Latasha Dodd, Jamie Burnett, Lisa Moore, Jackie Govan, Deana Howell, Barbie Baxter, Belinda Clark, Shannon Kula, Beth Petrosian, Charlotte, Christie Campbell, Jackie Burton, Jana Bays, Jennifer Thomas, Kylie Rymanowicz, Cynthia Ward, Teona Ford, Teresa Goings, Beatrice Rogers, Jackie Burton, Jessica Lewis, Wendy Bradbury, Lonnie Waller, and Sherry Toney.

Consideration of agenda-No changes

Approval of Minutes. ***Cyndi Musick made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Barbie Baxter seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion carried.***

**Guest Speakers:**

A. ***Jessica Lewis, Managing Editor, and Wendy Bradbury, VP of Sales, Continued*** provided an overview of their virtual company that provides continuing education opportunities for the early childhood field. They have many courses already approved for PDR credit. The courses are offered on demand. They currently have 73 approved in Arkansas and should have all courses approved by 2024. More information is available at <https://www.continued.com/>.

B. Lisa Moore, Account Executive, Arkansas, Hatch and Kylie Rymanowicz, Curriculum Manager, National, Hatch shared an overview of their products that have been aligned with the performance standards. Hatch Insights unlocks powerful data stories. The Ignite program offers purposeful practices on skills and can provide reports that can be linked with Teaching Strategies Gold. Teachers can receive reports on class progress. Teach Smart helps manage classroom activities and plan lessons. For more information, contact [lmoores@hatchearlylearning.com](mailto:lmoores@hatchearlylearning.com) or [bpetrosian@hatchearlylearning.com](mailto:bpetrosian@hatchearlylearning.com).

## **Old Business:**

A. Dollar per Child Deana Howell and Jackie Govan shared that Arkansas collected \$10540.40 for the Dollar per Child Campaign.

B. Membership Dues Report-Deana Howell reported that \$ 45,507.50 has been received with a balance due of \$ 937.50

C. Birthday Celebrations (May and June) None

D. Arkansas Head Start Association Strategic Planning Update:

Goal One: Jackie Govan reported that goal one is complete.

Goal Two: Jennifer Thomas shared that the committee is slowly moving forward. They have about eight participants.

Goal Three: Michelle Furlow is putting together a meeting at the institute. Jackie Govan has already helped setup a Disability Coordinators Group with the Early Childhood Special Education Coordinators.

Goal Four: Sherry Toney is working on gathering committee members.

Goal Five: Jackie Govan will be meeting with her committee and has been compiling a list of current partnerships.

Goal Six: Jackie Burton shared that the committee will be meeting after the conference.

Goal Seven: Deana Howell shared that the committee would be reviewing current practices and will begin putting together materials for the next campaign.

Goal Eight: Jackie Govan shared that the racial equity website will launch at the end of July. There will be three racial equity webinars scheduled for this year.

E. Revised AHSA Bylaws-Shirley Pulliam was unable to attend so it was tabled till the next meeting.

## **New Business:**

A. Racial Equity Webinars and Website: Jackie Govan shared that it will be launched by the end of July. We will have 3 webinars planned for August, October, and November.

## **Reports:**

A. Arkansas Early Childhood Commission (SAC)-Barbie Baxter shared that it was a very productive meeting-the first in person meeting since COVID.

B. Arkansas Head Start-State Collaboration Office-Jackie Govan shared that she is continuously meeting with the PDG group which is working on infant/toddler expansion as well as trauma informed care. She has been collaborating with Arkansas Community Action Agencies Association as well as CSBG. They have developed an MOU outlining the partnership. She has helped setup a joint meeting between Head Start Disability Specialists and the ECSE Coordinators but we need more Head Start representatives to attend. Jackie is still working on homelessness in Arkansas. She is putting together a diverse committee to look at ending homelessness. Jackie has received questions about lead in the water and referred programs to the Information memorandum released by OHS that shares precautions that programs need to take. James Hollywood was the presenter of the last Powerful Interactions with Fathers. Senator Clarke Tucker will be the speaker in August. She asked programs to please share information about the statewide activities. The next Dads Reading on the Carpet will be held in North Little Rock on July 14.

C. Region VI Head Start Association-Jackie Burton shared that the Region VI Board will meet on May 22, 2023. The conference will be July 17-21, 2023 in New Orleans.

D. Arkansas Head Start Association Institute-Jackie Burton shared that the committee approved the cover page and selected the dates of February 29-March 1, 2024 as the next dates for the institute. She encouraged programs to register for the institute.

E. National Head Start Association Updates-Jackie Govan shared that the new OHS Director Khari Garvin presented at the NHSA Conference. Jackie serves on the Research and Evaluation Committee as well as the Membership Committee. NHSA has elected new Board Officers.

## **Announcements (if any)**

A. Dates to Remember...

1. Arkansas

- a. AR Head Start Association Institute/Opioid & Substance Misuse Summit: June 6-9, 2023
- b. Dads Reading on the Carpet: Jul 15-N. Little Rock, & Oct 14-West Memphis
- c. Powerful Conversations with Fathers: Aug 8-Senator Tucker, & Nov 14
- d. School Readiness Summit: November 3, 2023
- e. Early Head Start Child Care Partnerships: July 14, October 23
- f. Homelessness Meeting-May 31, 2023

2. Regional

- a. Region 6 Head Start Association Conference: July 17-21, 2023
- b. Region VI Head Start Association Board Meeting-May 22, 2023

3. National

- a. National Head Start Association Conference: May 8-11, 2023-Share
- b. National Head Start Association Parent Conference: December 4-7, 2023

**Next Meeting Date:** Class/Board Meeting: Thursday, June 8, 2023, 3:15 p.m.-4:15 p.m., Arlington Hotel

***Cyndi Musick made a motion to adjourn at 12:08 p.m. Jennifer Thomas seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion carried.***

***Submitted by***

***Deana Howell***