

Arkansas Head Start Association

Board of Directors Meeting

March 15, 2023

Barbie Baxter called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m. The chat box was used for roll call. The following members participated via Zoom: James Hollywood, Barbie Baxter, Cyndi Musick, Jana Bays, Susan Templeton, Michelle Furlow, Kisha Miller, and Blake Stansbery. The following guests participated: Jackie Govan, Deana Howell, Kayla Adaway, and Jennifer Thomas.

Consideration of Agenda: No changes

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

Old Business

Dollar per Child: Deana Howell reported that \$3,541.50 has been received in donations. The deadline is April 15, 2023.

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

Treasurer's Report Deana Howell provided the report.

Balance Brought Forward on December 31, 2022 was \$ 37,473.46. Total Income was \$ 35,749.11 Total Expenses were \$ 38,307.10. Balance on Hand February 28, 2023 was \$ 34,915.47. When you take the Balance on Hand subtract Funds for Dollar per Child \$ (3,541.50) and add amounts due from Bank of America \$ 5,300.00, Reimbursements due from Collab. Grants \$ 15,003.85, and the Certificates of Deposit \$ 31,717.12, the total for the Arkansas Head Start Association is \$ 83,394.94.

Region VI Scholarships and Awards for 2023: Jackie Govan shared that we are waiting on the packet from Region VI.

Check Fraud Update: Jackie Govan shared provided an update on the fraud investigation. Bank of America returned the final \$5200. A final report has not been received.

Class Reports: All Classes met together. Tonya Williams shared information about the LEARNS Act and the move of the Division to the Department of Education. She shared information about the bonus grants that programs should watch for that may be included with other funding requests.

Committee Reports:

Arkansas Early Childhood Commission/State Advisory Council: Barbie Baxter shared that she had to resubmit her application due to the change in Governors.

Arkansas Head Start-State Collaboration Office-Jackie Govan has formed a new state committee on homelessness that will look at ways to end homelessness. The School Readiness Summit on November 3, 2023 will focus on STEAM. There will be training in the morning with application of the training in the afternoon. Participants will receive a jump drive and checklist. It will be \$150 per team. She shared that

the Arkansas Fatherhood and Family Initiative will be going all over the state for Dads Reading on the Carpet. She attended a meeting on Monday for the PDG grant. The grant coordinator is Judy Wilgreen. The grant will focus on trauma informed care, behavioral health, and expansion of Infant/Toddler slots. Senator Clarke Tucker has put a bill in to help fund the Dolly Parton Imagination Library.

Arkansas Head Start Association- Jackie Govan shared that the committee approved speakers and that we need board approval. There was discussion about adding content areas to the institute schedule.

Region VI Head Start Association- Jackie Govan shared that they have not met since the last meeting. The conference will be July 17-21, 2023 in New Orleans, Louisiana.

National Head Start Association- Jackie Govan shared that Kahri Garvin is the new Office of Head Start Director. She shared that NHSA plans to ask for additional funding for programs.

#### New Business

AHSA Strategic Plan Updates: The chairpersons reported on each goal at the class meeting.

Revised AHSA's Bylaws: A copy was included on handouts. Shirley Pulliam was unavailable to report so the proposed changes were tabled.

Senate Bill 294 "The Learn Act": There were changes prior to passage. The legislature deleted some of the information on superintendents. Each individual work group has a specific charge. Programs were encouraged to sign up to serve on workgroups. Jackie is waiting to see the impact it will have on the Collaboration Office. She has met with NHSA to discuss the new act.

Approvals for the 2023 Arkansas Head Start Association Institute ***Cyndi Musick made a motion to approve Stephen Fite and Coy Bowles with Tiffany Lanier as a backup. Jana Bays seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion carried.***

***Cyndi Musick made a motion to add these to the agenda. James Hollywood seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion carried.***

The board discussed the need for additional fundraisers. Jackie Govan will conduct a series of racial equity webinars. ***Jana Bays moved to offer five webinars at \$25 per person. Cyndi Musick seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion carried.***

#### Announcements

Dads Reading on the Carpet: Apr 29-Fayetteville, Jul 15-N. Little Rock, & Oct 14-West Memphis

Powerful Conversations with Fathers: May 9-James Hollywood III, Aug 8, & Nov 14

School Readiness Summit: November 3, 2023

Early Head Start Child Care Partnerships: April 25, July 14, October 23

Homelessness Meeting-March 21, 2023

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, May 17, 2023

Adjournment: ***Cyndi Musick made a motion to adjourn at 2:06 p.m. Jana Bays seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion carried.***