

ARKANSAS HEAD START ASSOCIATION
DIRECTORS/STAFF/PARENTS/FRIENDS CLASS MEETING
Wednesday, July 17, 2024
Minutes

- I. Cyndi Musick called the meeting to order at 11:01 am. Roll Call: The following members participated via zoom: Dorothy Jenkins, Jennifer Thomas, Cyndi Musick, Crystal Lehr, Myra Wood, Tamara Griffin, Sherry Toney, Christie Campbell, Marcus Hughes. The following guests also participated: Jackie Govan, Deana Howell, Timothy Chambers.
- II. Consideration of Agenda: No changes
- III. Approval of Minutes-***Dorothy Jenkins made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Jennifer Thomas seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion carried.***
- IV. Guest Speaker: Timothy Chambers with Vision Cue shared information about the web-based program that will provide techniques and skills for behavior management. The program focuses on reducing challenging behaviors. This is delivered through micro learning and bite sized learning modules to help educators maintain knowledge. For more information go to:
<https://www.visioncue.net/>
- V. Old Business:
 - a. Dollar per Child-Deana Howell reported that \$250 had been collected so far.
 - b. Membership Dues Report-Deana shared that we had received all payments for the 2023-2024 membership year. Currently, we have collected \$23,285 with a balance due of \$21,500 for 2024-2025
 - c. Birthday Celebrations (July and August)
 - d. Arkansas Head Start Association Strategic Planning-The plan has been completed now implementation begins. Chairs will work with their committees to meet the objectives outlined in the plan.
 - e. Revised AHSA Bylaws-Shirley Pulliam: Waiting on the copy that includes all changes.
 - f. Statewide Racial Equity Website: Office of Early Childhood and the Governor's Office approved the website. It will be launched in September or October.
 - g. Arkansas LEADS/School Readiness Summit will be held on November 1st. Jackie Govan shared that two cohorts have been awarded and they have started working on plans for cohort 3. Local Leads have been invited to participate. We are waiting on the format from the Office of Early Childhood.
- VI. New Business

- a. Arkansas Community Action Agencies Association-Tomekia Moore was unavailable to report.
- b. The Future of the AHSA/HSSCO-Jackie Govan shared that upon the end of our lease agreement. The Collaboration Office will be moved to the Office of Early Childhood at the Arkansas Department of Education. Deana is currently on leave to care for her mother but will keep up with financial paperwork. Barbie Baxter has resigned from the AHSA Board and the AECC effective July 31, 2024. We need to figure out new funding streams to support the AHSA. Cyndi Musick will also be resigning from the AHSA Board. Jackie has asked Joseph Laster for better communication regarding program changes in the future.
- c. Statewide Book Study-Wellness: Information has been shared with programs and the first session will be held in August.
- d. 2025 Suggestions for Institute: In an effort to maximize profits, a recommendation will be made to the board to hold 3 two-day institutes in 2025.
- e. Directors Retreat (2 days): Jackie Govan shared information about a proposed directors retreat to be held in conjunction with our September meetings at Fairfield Bay Conference Center. The Hotel would be \$107 per night. Jackie shared the results from the training survey. The most requested topics were networking, staff wellness, child behaviors. There will be a registration cost in addition to the hotel cost.

VII. Reports

- a. Arkansas Early Childhood Commission (SAC)-Meeting was cancelled.
- b. Arkansas Head Start-State Collaboration Office-Jackie Govan shared that she had submitted a grant in conjunction with ACAAA that would focus on working with families in the Delta. She is also working with WIC on a grant proposal due on September 6 that focuses on outreach strategies. She shared that we did not receive data from all programs for the Summer EBT cards for children. Jackie will send out another reminder. Arkansas Imagination Library is celebrating 5 million books sent to children in Arkansas. Kevin Carnes will be the speaker for the November 12th Powerful Conversations with Fathers. Kayla Bodi is the Program Administrator at the Office of Early Childhood for the Early Head Start Child Care Partnership.
- c. Region VI Head Start Association-Jackie Govan shared that the next board meeting would be held on July 29, 2024. The conference will be October 21-24, 2024.
- d. Arkansas Head Start Association Institute-covered earlier in the meeting
- e. National Head Start Association Updates-Jackie Govan shared that NHSA had sent a message to President Trump condemning political violence following the assassination attempt on his life. The National Rule Making will be a topic covered at the retreat.

VIII. Announcements (if any)

a. Dates to Remember...

i. Arkansas

1. AAIMH-Friday, October 11, 2024, 10:00 am-3:00 pm
2. The Heart to Care Fashion Show, Saturday, October 12, 2024, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm
3. Arkansas Poverty Summit, October 24, 2024, 10:00 am-1:00 pm
4. Powerful Conversations with Fathers: November 12, 2024, Kevin Carnes, Lakeshore

ii. Regional

1. Region 6 Head Start Association Conference: New Mexico-October 22-25, 2024
2. Region VI Head Start Association Board Meeting-To Be Announced

iii. National

1. National Head Start Association's 2024 Fall Leadership Institute, Washington, D.C., September 23-26, 2024
2. National Head Start Association Parent Conference: San Diego, CA, December 16-19, 2024

IX. Next Meeting Date: Class Meeting: September 18, 2024

X. Adjournment: Cyndi Musick called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Sherry Toney made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:13 pm. Christie Campbell seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion carried.**

Submitted by,

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