

REGION VII HEAD START ASSOCIATION

The Region VII Head Start Association promotes and supports the effectiveness of Head Start Associations and members to ensure quality services for children and families.



Region VII Head Start Association Board of Directors Meeting Westin Crown Center Hotel

Tuesday, May 13, 2008

Present/Participating

Kim Young-Kent, IA
Kay Mitchell, KS
Kristin Donze, MO
Karen Marsh, MO
Sue Obermiller, NE

Steph Knust, NE
Nicole Molden, NE
Jim Chisham, KS
Terry Wangberg, IA

Others Present

Donna Veatch, R7HSA ED
April Noe, DVG
Eleanor Kirkland, NE HSSCO

Tom Rendon, IA HSSCO
Mary Baskett, KHSA

Absent/Not-Participating

Larry Little, IA
Kesha Curry, IA
Linda Broyles, KS
Tara Goering, KS

Glenda White, MO
Sue Fitzpatrick, MO
Joe Hultquist, NE

Roll Call and Welcome

- Kay Mitchell, R7HSA President, called the meeting to order.

Guest Presentation

Kathy Lefebvre, Grant Coordinator, Missouri Department of Social Services, Family Support Division
Ms. Lefebvre brought a presentation on the RFP proposal for the Regional Head Start Association regarding the recent announcement about another round of Head Start Innovation and Improvement Grants. The grant application which was approved by the Region VII Board Executive Committee will be submitted based on the Head Start Innovation and Improvement Grant which is concluding at the end of three years in MO: Fathers for Life Initiative. The regional proposal will build on work done in MO and expand to include translation of materials into Spanish as well as establish a state team in the four states. A full presentation folder was handed out to each board member and is on file at the Regional Association Office.

Partner Reports

- State Association and Head Start State Collaboration Office Reports
Due to time constraints, all reports were requested in written format for distribution.
 - Iowa Head Start *
 - Kim Young-Kent, IA Head Start Association
 - Ms. Young-Kent reported on the State wide voluntary preschool program.
 - The IAHSA hosted several networking sessions regarding the topic of collaboration, the braiding and blending of funding, etc.
 - Tom Rendon, IA Head Start State Collaboration Office
 - Mr. Rendon reported on work his office is currently involved in.
 - Kansas Head Start *
 - Mary Baskett, KS Head Start Association Executive Director
 - KS legislature approved an \$11.1 million Early Childhood Block Grant, which doubles the investment from last year.
 - Governor Sibelius proposed the new name of: "Kansas Preschool Program" to designate the model which will be the basis for future expansion.

- Kansas Cavity-Free Kids oral health initiative—a new five year effort to increase access
- An Early Childhood Mental Health strategic plan for the state was recently adopted
- KSHSSCO Report provided by retiring Carolyn Weinhold
 - The Kansas Fatherhood Coalition recently held their 6th annual Kansas Fatherhood Summit in KC-KS. The first Fatherhood Directory was unveiled and distributed at that event.

Missouri Head Start *

- Donna Veatch reporting
 - The Coordinating Board for Early Childhood recently announced the convening of a state panel to look at Missouri's Pre-Kindergarten system. The panel will craft a set of recommendations due to be released in November. Two Head Start parents as well as Donna Veatch have been selected to sit on the panel.
 - MO was recently notified that they were one of the states awarded a SpecialQuest grant. The grant is awarded through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, ACF for Children and Families, Office of Head Start. The goal of the three year award is to create a welcoming, supportive and inclusive community for young children with disabilities.
 - Work continues on the revision of the statewide MOU regarding Disabilities. A taskforce is currently working on the revision. MHSA is represented on that taskforce.
- MHSSCO
 - The MHSSCO introduced a new reporting format which focuses on the following key areas: HSSCO Activity, HSSCO Priority Area and/or emphasis and the MO Early Childhood Comprehensive System. The new report outlines specific work that is underway by the MHSSCO.
 - MHSSCO is currently the lead agency for Goal 3 of the updating of the ECCS State Plan. The revised plan will be presented to the Coordinating Board for Early Childhood at the June meeting.

Nebraska Head Start *

- Sue Obermiller, NE Head Start Association
 - NE submitted the NeHSA Annual Report in lieu of a formal report
- Eleanor Kirkland, NE Head Start State Collaboration Office
 - The NeHSSCO recently co-sponsored the Research to Practice Conference held in Omaha, NE. Nebraska was selected as a CSEFEL state to receive technical assistance and support.

Sue Obermiller, NE, Kay Mitchell, KS and Kristen Donze, KS are scheduled to go off the Board this year. All three serve as Region VII representatives to the NHSA Board.

Executive Director Report (*)

- The Regional Association will be partnering with the Region VII ACF Office and TA office in the collection of program best practices from across the Region. A formal collection process is being developed in collaboration through the three entities and will be distributed during the upcoming year. The Regional Association will maintain as well as distribute the information.
- The Management Acceleration Program planning continues with final work being done on the trainer's manual and resources. The training is scheduled for late fall. The Regional Association will distribute the registration materials in the near future when planning is complete.
- Brief conference update was given. 550 registered participants to date.
- Ms. Veatch reported that the RFP for state training offices is due to be released mid-summer.

NHSA Representative Report

- NHSA annual conference report given by Donna Veatch, RVIHSA
- Sue Obermiller, NE reported on the work of the Bylaws committee to date. Issues that were addressed by the NHSA Board were: term limits, membership composition, and number of meetings currently held each year.
- Kristin Donze, MO also reported on work of the NHSA Board.

Business Meeting

The Business meeting called to order by Kay Mitchell, KS, President. The following changes/items were added to the agenda:

- The purchase of Board training resources from Board Resource.

- Expenditure of travel funds to support Ms. Veatch to Washington, DC for the purpose of presenting the Management Acceleration Program to the Office of Head Start.

Kristin Donze, MO moved to approve agenda with changes as stated. Jim Chisham, KS second. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

Kim Young-Kent, IA moved, Sue Obermiller, NE second to approve minutes of March meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Financial Report

Due to the recent letter sent by Kim Young-Kent, IA, RVIIHSA Treasurer the accounts receivable has been reduced from \$14,000 to \$3,000. Kim Young-Kent, IA presented the financial report. *Sue Obermiller, NE moved, Steph Knust, NE second to approve the financial report as presented. Motion carried.*

- Board Insurance: As a safeguard to the members of the R7HSA Board, Donna Veatch, R7HSA reminded the Board that they are covered with insurance through the Mike Keith Insurance Company out of Clinton, MO. A copy of the policy will be available to the Board at meetings as well as upon request. The policy will be renewed at the time of the renewal date this upcoming summer.
- Ms. Veatch, RVIIHSA recommended that the *Tom Ceselski, CPA Firm be solicited to conduct the 2007/2008 financial review for the Region VII Head Start Association as well as completion of the 990 report.* , Kim Young-Kent, IA moved to approve this recommendation. Sue Obermiller, NE second. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

- By-Laws from State Association: Region VII will develop a matrix of the election process of the state associations upon final receipt of the By-Laws from each state.

Committee Reports (*)

Professional Development

- Conference Update and plans for the October Director’s Caucus

Executive Committee

- May Board meeting agenda was reviewed.

Partnership Committee

- No report as the committee did not formally meet between Board meetings.

Advocacy

- Reauthorization; voter registration.
- Reported on Children’s Champion awards and recipients:
 - KS Senator Dwayne Umbarger
 - IA Sheila Hansen
 - MO Deborah E. Scott
 - NE Linda Zinke

New Business

- *Kim Young Kent, IA moved, Kristin Donze, MO second, to authorize MS. Veatch to purchase Board Training/Resources from Board Source not to exceed \$700. Motion carried.*
- *Kim Young Kent, IA moved, Karen Marsh, MO second to approve Executive Director travel expenses to Washington DC for presentation of the MAP materials to Office of Head Start. Motion carried.*

Steph Knust, NE moved, Kim Young-Kent, IA second meeting adjourned. Motion carried.

* denotes written report on file

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