

Arkansas State Meeting

August 30, 2017

Marriott Hotel/Statehouse Convention Center

Little Rock, Arkansas

Meeting Minutes

Everyone agreed that we need to support Hurricane Harvey's impact on lives in any way we can.

Welcome and Overview – Rhonda Ahrent welcomed everyone to the meeting.

National Updates – Jackie Govan reported on the Collaboration Director's meeting held in Washington D.C. Anne Linehan gave information on the new monitoring tool; the five year grant period information was discussed; discussion on the National Centers now having a process of working through the Regional Office; and Jackie reported on Yasmina Vinci giving an update on the dollar per child campaign at the Institute Conference Meeting.

Regional Updates – Pam Draper reported. Pam reported that the Regional Meeting was held on Sunday afternoon in which new officers were elected and seated; She also reported that instead of a Regional Conference, feedback is being gathered toward having a Mega Conference instead, very similar to the Mid-Winter type conference formerly held in Dallas; Pam also discussed Region VI scholarship information and awards in which there were four - ranging from \$100 to \$500. From the state of Arkansas 4 were given, Oklahoma had 4 scholarships, and Texas had one scholarship. NHSA offers scholarship and award opportunities, as well.

State Updates – Jackie Govan reported. Items of discussion are as follows:

1. 3.4 million for childcare partners
2. CASS? after school care information
3. Recent family day activities
4. New elected officers
5. Family Service Credential report
6. Attendance at AHSA meetings

7. Family Engagement Summit recently held - very successful
8. AECC updates; and
9. School Readiness Summit scheduled for October 17, 2017, and available money.

Resolutions – Resolutions submitted were as follows:

1. Hurricane Harvey and its impact Resolution; and
2. MEGA type conference vs. Regional Conference resolution

Dollar Per child – A total of \$1000 was raised.

Summary/Closure – Jackie talked about attendance at the Institute – which was really good. About 300 daily participants, and about 500 attendees on Wednesday, August 30, 2017 etc. The conference turned out very good and everyone thanked Jackie, and Deana, and all involved for a job very well done!

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