

REGION VI HEAD START ASSOCIATION BOARD

Quarterly Reporting Form



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The HSSCO director reached out to the persons identified above by:

- Sending out an email to Weldon Beard with registration forms that have been used in all 5 states as requested from the last Region 6 meeting,
- Preparing reports and balancing the budget form the institute.
- Sharing information with the Webmaster and, Executive Board.
- Reaching out to the Region 6 Board to assist in disseminating information to state programs,
- Ongoing communications with the Region VI President (questions, suggestions, etc.), and
- Working closely with Deana Howell to approve information to go on the Region 6 web-site.

Content Topics: HSSCO, AHSA, Region VI Board, and Action Items

Reporting Information:

The HSSCO continues to work collaboratively with other state agencies and organizations. These agencies and organizations are working on several projects and initiatives to help build early childhood systems in the state of Arkansas.

HEAD START STATE COLLABORATION OFFICE (HSSCO)

The HSSCO is working on the following initiatives and activities from the HSSCO's strategic plan. Some of these activities and initiatives include the:

REPORTS..

The HSSCO director has submitted the following reports for the following fiscal years 2017-2018:

1. Region VI Head Start Association Report
2. W. K. Kellogg School Readiness Grant Report
3. HSSCO Annual Refunding Application
4. HSSCO Annual Report (TBC)

SCHOOL READINESS

Arkansas is working again to prepare for the 2018 SR Summit, which will be held in Little Rock or Hot Springs, AR, location and venue TBA. The purpose of these teams are to focus on Networking and Collaboration, Data Analysis, Transitional Alignment, Family Engagement, Social Emotional Development, and School Readiness. The SR State team has identified resources, materials, exhibitors, and working on confirming speakers for this 2018 event. We received a grant with the W.K Kellogg Foundation to expand these teams to include early childhood programs that need this training and networking in addition to the ones who are already involved. In 2017, these teams received up to \$5,000 to collaborate and work with their communities to address the areas identified above. Teams completed a SR Collaborative plan to share how they would work with the different agencies and organizations. The SR summit this year (2018) will focus on the needs that SR teams identified in 2017.

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL WORKGROUP

The group has completed a state social emotional strategic plan to submit to the DHS/DCC to review for the continued work that still needs to be done in Arkansas. DCC no longer has the grant funding to support this effort. The workgroup has been meeting on a regular basis to complete this plan. The plan has been submitted to DCC as the workgroup waits for feedback and to identify what the next steps will be. We will definitely move to complete this plan in 2018 with or without funds. State and local partners will have to come together to get this plan into action without funding.

ARKANSAS' EHS-CCP

The state team facilitated by the HSSCO is working closely with EHS-CCP grantees statewide in Rounds one and two to assist with their ongoing needs to provide the best services for children and families. The state team works together to:

- Plan quarterly meeting/trainings for all EHS-CCP programs,
- Plan quarterly conference calls with the grantees,
- Provide up-to-date resource materials and information,
- Share the latest infant and toddler research, and
- Share information based on the needs of the EHS-CCP programs.

In moving forward for 2018-2019, Arkansas has established EHS Hubs and their child care partners. The HSSCO director plans quarterly meetings and conference calls to meet the needs of EHS-CCP grantees. In 2018, we will meet for the first time with Rounds 1 and 2 together as the state partners continue to plan trainings, resources, and other needs identified by grantees and programs. We are happy to have the Dallas Regional Office as a partner in working with us.

CASSP

The Children & Adolescent Services Program (CASSP) meets every month at the tornado shelter in Little Rock, Arkansas. This program coordinates mental healthcare and other services for children that use multiple social services from multiple agencies. Representatives from schools, mental health professionals, parents, juvenile justice representatives and others, serve children that are at risk of removal from normal educational, social or home settings or that are in therapeutic foster care, residential treatment facilities or are being discharged from inpatient facilities. CASSP referrals can be made by parents, teachers, counselors, therapists, case managers, probation officers, or anyone involved with the child. The AR CASSP Council has completed their strategic plan and their activities for the upcoming year (2018-2019). The structure for the Council meetings was voted on as follows: 10am Executive Committee, 10:30am Work groups; 11:15-12:30pm Council. Presentations will alternate every other month between a spotlight of a member agency and then guest speakers. These will start promptly at Noon for a 15 minute presentation allowing the remaining 15 minutes for questions and discussion. Council meetings end by 12:30 pm.

The CASSP council has put together the following sub-workgroup in order to help carry out the mission of its work:

- Transformation Team,
- Communication Integration,
- Early Childhood committee, and
- Family Fun Day Committee

EQUITY LEADERS ACTION NETWORK (ELAN) PROJECT

The ELAN Proposal: "Promoting Equity in Arkansas' Early Childhood Systems: Supporting Effective Teacher Competencies in Working with African American Male Children"

The project for the State of Arkansas will be on African American (AA) males in reducing the achievement gap and looking at inequities that hinder AA males from succeeding. We will also look at how the early childhood system addresses educational competencies to prepare teachers to work with African American males. The ELAN council has been meeting on a monthly basis to complete the four outcomes and strategies that are outlined in the approved statewide proposal. Some of the main activities that are included in our work include:

1. ELAN Survey
2. ELAN Equity Cafes
3. Teacher Case Study

The ELAN Advisory Council has completed analyzing all of the data and has come up with 20 recommendations, whereby, the council will identify goals to address each of these recommendations. The next steps will be to share with the Governor and the AECC/State Advisory Council and ask for approval to complete these goals in Arkansas' Early Childhood System. The intention of the ELAN is to:

- Support leaders in developing the will and skill to question personal assumptions, as well as institutional and structural policies and practices, and work collaboratively to develop a blueprint

to promote early childhood systems that are explicitly and measurably equitable and excellent for all children.

- Build the capacity of members to use a racial equity lens to critically examine institutional and structural policies and practices in the distribution of state and federal resources (funding and services).
- Advance change to avoid disadvantaging racially and ethnically diverse children, families and members of the early childhood workforce.

On January 2, 2018, the HSSCO met with a representative from the Governor's Office to discuss ways to address these inequities in the state's early childhood system. More Information was requested and submitted and the representative agreed to get back with the director.

AECC/SAC

In January, 2017, there were two bills that past in the legislation that 1) stripped the AECC/SAC of its regulatory authority and 2) reduced the number of commissioners from 25 to 11. The AECC/SAC is now an advisory board for the Division of Child Care. The meetings are still as planned, but the focus is completed different. In 2018, the HSSCO will work with the AECC to serve as a governing body for the state's EHS-CCP programs. The AR Early Childhood Commission meets every quarter, which is four times a year. The Commissioners will have their first meeting in the New Year on January 16, 2018, whereby, the HSSCO director will participate by giving a detailed report of the work and collaboration that is occurring in the state. The other items that will be covered on the agenda include:

- EHS/Head Start State Update & other state partnerships
- EHS-CCP Grant
- DCC's Restructuring
- Licensing & BB/QRIS
- Legislative Update

An invitation has been extended to Myrna Calvert, with the Dallas Regional Office/TTA System, to attend.

ARKANSAS HOME VISITING NETWORK

The Arkansas Home Visiting Network (HVN) was formed to build support and collaboration among all home visiting programs in Arkansas. The Arkansas Department of Health received a grant to expand the home visiting programs in Arkansas. The funds went to support the first five programs listed below, however, existing home visiting programs such as EHS, Safe Care, and Save the Children are still a part of the home visiting network, whereby we meet monthly to report out and share data and resources. The network consists of the following programs:

- Nurse Family Partnership
- HIPPY
- Parents As Teachers (PAT)
- Following Babies Back Home
- Healthy Families America
- EHS

- Save the Children

The HSSCO director provided an update (December, 2017) of the EHS Home Visiting programs to Kathy Pillow Price and the Arkansas Home Visiting Network to include with a collaboration update of all home visiting programs in the state. This information will be used on the AHVN's web-site to showcase the work of all home visiting programs in the state.

FATHERHOOD INITIATIVE

The Arkansas Fatherhood Initiative is in its fourth year. Thanks to the National Fatherhood Clearinghouse, we are doing some really great things with fathers in Arkansas. We are working in the public schools with teen dads this year. We reviewed the data for teen pregnancies in Arkansas and identified the most needed areas in five locations (Little Rock, Blytheville, Fort Smith, Texarkana, and West Helena) across the state with the highest teen rate for fathers who have children ages birth to eight years of age. We have partnered with Sidney Moncrief to assist with our Fatherhood Mentoring program. We completed an evidenced-based curriculum to train mentors on how to engage with their children, life skills, finance, self-regulation, and so much more. The fatherhood mentoring program will run in the schools from October, 2017 until April, 2018. The fathers will be presented with toys for their children, a graduation, along with a pre/post assessment and evaluation to capture data on the mentoring program. If funds allow, we hope to launch the program again in the fall of 2018 and hopefully in more school districts across the state. We will be seeking additional funding from several sources to expand this worthwhile project in the fall of 2018.

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ARKANSAS BETTER BEGINNINGS (BB) Quality Rating Improvement System (QRIS)

The HSSCO director serves on the Arkansas Better Beginnings (BB) Quality Rating Improvement System committee. Programs in the state of Arkansas are currently going through the three-level process. Arkansas has approximately 891 quality approved centers that provide quality services to over 62,000 children. In addition to these numbers, we have many programs that are in the process of completing levels one, two, and three. Head Start has approximately 88% of its programs that have gone through the BB process. The State's BB QRIS committee will move forward in 2017 to add levels four and five for a five-star QRIS. Sub-committees will be formed to add more focus on specific content areas that need to be updated. It has been recommended for the committee to look at adding the CLASS to the fourth and fifth levels. This did not occur this past year, but plans are underway for the state to complete this process in 2018. Arkansas' Better Beginnings/QRIS will become a five-star rating system instead of three.

An interview was conducted with the HSSCO director and a representative from the BUILD Initiative to compare and share data with all states on what's working in each state with the QRIS and to see if EHS/Head Start was included. The information is being gathered due to the new regulations in the HSPPS and with a huge attempt to get all persons on the state level working together with Head Start. Information will be shared once completed. The HSSCO director and the DCCECE State director were asked to serve on a panel at the next BUILD Initiative conference so that we could share how we partner and work together.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN ARKANSAS

Arkansas did not roll out the new professional development registry (PDR), therefore, getting all of the content approved for the new registry is on hold until they work out the issues in the new system. The HSSCO director has been working for the past year to get several training content added to the Professional Development Registry in order to assist EHS/Head Start staff in the state.

In 2018-2019, the state plans to also add to the PDR:

- racial equity training for parents, teachers, and administrators,
- HSPPS,
- Family Service Credential training, and
- Family Engagement (added to the PDR in 2017) (see family engagement section below).

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT GUIDE & FRAMEWORK

AR is proud to announce the release of the new Family Engagement Guide, Framework, Self-Assessment, Resource Materials, and Lending Libraries! Entitled, "The AR Guide for Promoting Family Engagement." This guide is designed to encourage intentional thinking and action related to family engagement in all early childhood programs. Thanks to a grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, AR has in place a guide that will help programs build their family engagement structure and look at family engagement as a system instead of just an activity. Over 1500 participants were trained in 2016-2017 on the new family engagement guide, framework, and self-assessment. All of the training for these new documents are now on the PDR and free training is offered to all early childhood caregivers.

AR' FAMILY ENGAGEMENT PEER LEARNING

The Arkansas' Family Engagement Peer Learning committee work has lead us to planning to identify a team to complete a family engagement strategic plan on how we will work to improve the lives of families in Arkansas. In collaboration with the National Center for Parents, Families, and Community Engagement, Arkansas is very excited to work collaboratively to identify ways to assist families in needs of many different services. We will have our first planning meeting in January, 2018.

WELCOME THE CHILDREN

The HSSCO also collaborates with Welcome the Children in planning statewide training and workshops that addresses the needs of working with Migrant and seasonal children and families to ensure that the program needs are being met. The HSSCO also donates a collaborative partnership grant to Welcome the Children in the amount of \$200 to support their quality training efforts in training Head Start programs on such topics as: Cross Cultural Perspectives, Anti-Bias Curriculum, Enhancing Language Development, Exploring Differences within Families, and much more.

This team is also leading efforts with a special committee to create an AR bilingual certificate. The HSSCO director serves on this committee and provides input for EHS/Head Start programs.

ARKANSAS COURT TEAM

The Arkansas Court Team for Maltreated Infants and Toddlers meet each month and are working on the following:

1. Defining a continuum of services and how to best access early intervention services. These services will be incorporated into the case plan.
2. The committee has established Tuesdays as the time for the post removal conferences for any new potential court team case and follow up.
3. We established a new committee called the "Kinship Placement". This committee is working to access what types of services are needed for relatives with permanent custody. The committee is drafting a questionnaire to ascertain what services are currently in place and which are lacking.
4. The parent partners are working on possible grant opportunities for parent partners. They have developed new forms to use with families. These forms are being reviewed at DHS before being forwarded to OCC for legal vetting.

GRADE-LEVEL READING CAMPAIGN

The HSSCO director is working closely with the Grade-Level Reading Campaign launched by the Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation. The campaign goal is to reduce by half the number of children who are not reading proficiently by the end of third grade. The issue originated from student results on the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), whereby, 70% of Arkansas's children scored below proficient and AR ranked 35th in the nation on the test. Also, 24% of Arkansas' third graders scored below proficient on the 2011 Benchmark exam. Arkansas plans to foster a culture that understands the importance of reading, build capacity at the top level to make policy changes and implement programs as needed, expand the knowledge base about what works to increase reading levels, and to develop and advocate for policy solutions that will increase reading proficiency levels among elementary school children. The HSSCO is working closely with Head Start programs by:

1. Providing books to a released video that showcase the importance of grade level reading,
2. Conducting a statewide activity for Head Start programs across the state with a reading focus,
3. Working with book stores to launch a book drive, and
4. Conducting an annual statewide "Read-A-Thon with all Head Start programs.

The HSSCO director has lead the efforts for the GLRC by working closely with EHS/Head Start programs and creating initiatives that would lead to a positive outcome for the campaign. The GLRC outcome is that ***"By 2020, all children in AR will read on grade level by the end of the third grade."*** The HSSCO director also launched a statewide Read-A-Thon with Head Start/EHS programs to support the Arkansas' Grade Level Reading Campaign (GLRC). During this three-month period, over 4,000 books were read to EHS/Head Start children statewide. For 2018, the Read-A-Thon will focus on fathers reading to children in programs all across the state.

ARKANSAS K-2 ASSESSMENT

The HSSCO is working with the SDE in replacing the QUARLLS Kindergarten Entry Screener (KES). Arkansas has worked over the past year with the SDE in sharing information and revising our early

learning standards. We have completed our new standards and also worked with the SDE in aligning these standards with what is expected for the new KES. We provided assistance in putting together the RFP to submit to procurement. Several things changed and while they had selected 6 of the 9 domains of development and learning at the beginning, HOWEVER, the process changed and they did not use any of the recommendations that we shared. The State Department of Education (SDE), due to new legislation in January, 2017 has abandoned the KEA and has a new language that requires school districts to use their own selection from three assessments that were chosen by the SDE: Istation, Renaissance, and NWEA. They selected assessments in only two areas (reading and math). Superintendents must sign an agreement to identify which assessment will be used and agree to use for 3 years. The HSSCO is working collaboratively with SDE to interview teachers to see what worked and what needs improving from all three assessments and to find out if there are other assessments needed in order to address social emotional development along with the math and reading assessments. The state is no longer required to use the QUARLLS or QELI as the kindergarten entry screener/assessment.

ARKANSAS ORAL HEALTH COALITION

The Arkansas Head Start-State Collaboration Office and the Oral Health Coalition continue to work together to provide oral health standards and support to EHS/Head Start programs in Arkansas. The HSSCO director will work closer with the Oral Health Coalition in 2018 in order to support more programs and to utilize our Health Coordinators' Network more effectively. This team meets every month to outline collaborative projects with Head Start programs and others through resources, activities, conferences, and other events.

The Arkansas Mission of Mercy (ARMOM) is a huge event, whereby dentists offer free dental services to children and families across the state of Arkansas. It is an annual two-day free dental clinic started by the Arkansas State Dental Association for underserved Arkansans. All services are provided free of charge by members of the Arkansas State Dental Association, assisted by a host of volunteers and sponsors. Dentists from all across the state provide their time to give free dental services to children and families. The HSSCO director worked with the group by assisting with registration, cleaning utensils, prepping parents and children, and so much more! ARMOM is held every year in a different location across the state. It will be held in Conway, Arkansas on April 27-28, 2018. This is a great way to give back and helping others!

ARKANSAS HEAD START ASSOCIATION

AHSA CLASS/BOARD Bi-Monthly Meeting/ AHSA Institute

The AHSA meets every other month to plan, coordinate, and network with EHS/Head Start programs. The last meeting was in November, 2017, whereby, the Class and Board members followed the regular routine for the work that needed to be done. The classes are made up of directors, staff, parents, and friends. Guest speakers are scheduled and invited to attend meetings to share updated information that would be of interest to the classes. In January, we have scheduled Jan Cox to provide an update on the EHS/Head Start resources that have been added to the ECLKC and how to easily find those resources. The AHSA has met several times this year (2017) for their Institute, Class, and Board meetings.

ARKANSAS INSTITUTE ACTIVITIES

The AR Institute committee worked hard in planning for the 2017 AHSA/Region 6 Institute. The institute was held in Little Rock, Arkansas at the Marriott Hotel on August 27-31, 2017. Arkansas specific activities included the awards and degree recognition ceremony, Silent Auction, Reading is Electric Read-A-Thon Awards, and an AR state meeting. The Arkansas committee worked really hard to finalize plans for this five-state institute (see report information under Region VI/Arkansas Institute).

AHSA BOARD INVOLVEMENT

The Arkansas Head Start Association Executive Committee along with the Director of the Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education serve on the committee that hires the Collaboration Director who is responsible for carrying out requirements of the HSSCO grant. The Arkansas Head Start State Collaboration Office (HSSCO) is placed for oversight within the Department of Human Services, Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education at the direction of the Governor and the Arkansas Head Start Association (AHSA) Board. The funding flows through the Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education to the Arkansas Head Start Association office. The Arkansas Head Start Association plays a vital role in determining the direction and activities of the Head Start State Collaboration Office. The HSSCO director provides a report to the Head Start directors and the Arkansas Head Start Association at bi-monthly meetings. The Arkansas Head Start Association approves the proposed budget for the HSSCO application, as well as their support of the goals and objectives set forth in this application. ***This 2018-19 refunding grant application was approved by the AHSA's Board on Tuesday, November 28, 2017 at 1 p.m.*** The Collaboration Director holds a position with efficient authority and access to ensure that the collaboration within the state is effective and involves a range of state agencies as evidenced by the work the HSSCO does with a variety of state committee members and partners. The current arrangement has worked by establishing and retaining strong connections to the Head Start community, while expanding partnerships with state pre-k, child care, health and education and open access to the Governor's office.

STATE HEALTH ADVISORY NETWORK

Arkansas has created for the first time in the state, a health advisory network with all Health coordinators in EHS/Head Start programs across the state. Directors have agreed for their health coordinators to engage, plan, share, learn from each other, other professionals, and share resources. Health coordinators have agreed to meet every other month and to plan webinars, conference calls, etc. with the ongoing support of the HSSCO. The first Health Advisory Coordinators meeting was held in May, 2016 under the support and assistance of Jan Cox and Jean Marie Gueinot. The meetings/trainings continue based on the needs of the programs for the participating health coordinators in Arkansas.

FAMILY SERVICE CREDENTIAL

The HSSCO director has made plans for a family service credential (FSC) training that will be held in Arkansas in 2018. Due to the new requirements in the HSPPS and the Head Start Act, Head Start family service workers (FSW) are required to have a family service credential. This training will be open to all early childhood FSWs in the state. Arkansas has several trainers to conduct this dynamic credential training, however, the HSSCO director will partner with Curriculum Concepts, Inc., whereby Jamie Morrison Ward, Consultant and founder, will conduct the training.

The FSC training was developed by the Portage Project Cooperative Educational Service Agency (CESA) out of Portage, Wisconsin. This training was selected for the State of Arkansas due to its rich EHS/Head Start history. The original materials were developed through the Head Start Transition Project funded by the Administration for Children and Families (ACF). The training includes 54 hours of training, portfolio experiences, research, training notebook, and lots of hand-on experiences. Early childhood participants will be required to register and the training will be conducted for the first 40 persons to register. We will try to schedule 1-2 trainings per year to assist programs with not only meeting the requirements, but providing opportunities for programs to excel in the work that they do with families. Each participant must commit to the full 54 hours of training, complete a module project, and complete all portfolio requirements in order to receive the credential. The cost will be \$399.00 per person. The training dates and locations for 2018 are as follow:

- Arkansas Children's Hospital — March 28-30, 2018
- Arkansas Library — May 23-25, 2018
- Arkansas Library — August 15-17, 2018

The HSSCO director will provide more information to programs prior to January, 2018.

REGION VI HEAD START ASSOCIATION

The HSSCO director serves on the Region 6 Board and provides quarterly, oral and written reports that outlines all activities for the previous quarter. Since the last Region 6 Board meeting, the HSSCO director has been engaged in the following:

- Completed and submitted invoices for web-site and web master.
- Worked with the Marriott Hotel in planning for the August Institute,
- Worked with Collaboration directors in preparing for the regional conference and putting together a session on EHS-CCP(round two) with other collaboration directors,
- Posting information on the region's web-site,
- Planning for the 5-State Region 6 Association Institute in 2017
 - Theme & Logo
 - Prepared Pre-Institute Flyer for Region 6/AR Institute and sent out
 - Contracts with Hotel
 - Researched Potential Speakers
 - Sent Invitation to OHS, NHSA, DRO, and other state officials
 - Door Prizes & Exhibitors, etc.
 - Paying Bills and finalizing all invoices
 - Completing Budget & Dollar Per Child

REGION VI/ARKANSAS INSTITUTE

The Arkansas Head Start Association (AHSA) held a successful and profitable 2017 Fall Institute, which was held in Little Rock, Arkansas at the Marriott Hotel on August 27-31, 2017. The AR state institute was combined with the Region 6 Head Start Association's conference and will share the proceeds/profits fifty-fifty. We included lots of interesting sessions, great speakers, fun activities, as well as, a few surprises! The Region VI Head Start association and the Dallas Regional Office are collaborating to establish strategies for changing the rotation for the Region VI conference so that EHS/Head Start programs will have access to the DRO program specialists during each annual conference. Both teams agree that it would be a better plan for all grantees if this conference would

be held in Dallas, Texas each year. We will continue this collaboration as we put the details together on how this should work and be a “win win” for everyone! A special thanks goes out to our collaborative partners, DHS/DCCECE, for their huge participation during the pre-institute and the institute

Arkansas made a profit of **\$62,666.12**, which will be split 50/50 with the Region VI Association, which. The split will be \$31,333.06 for Arkansas and for Region VI. However, the check for Region VI is in the amount of Yea!!! I would like to present a check in the amount of \$36,333.06, which includes the original seed money that was given to help us get started with our planning of the Institute. ***Congratulations to the AR/Region VI Planning Committee and their hard work!***

REGION VI MEMBERSHIP

Arkansas' Region 6 2017 membership dues in the amount of \$500.00 has been paid. We will pay the New Year's (2018) membership amount once we receive an invoice from treasurer.

NHSA: AHSA/Region VI - Dollar per Child

The AHSA has a check for the NHSA in the amount of \$3,464.99 for the Arkansas' Dollar per Child annual giving. This check will be mailed or delivered to NHSA during the week of the conference. Arkansas serves over 10,000 children so we do plan to increase this amount. AHSA will continue to mail in other amounts collected from programs and during our state meetings is we do not have the full amount to submit. We will also continue to strive to meet our dollar per child based on the number of children served.

The HSSCO director and the Region VI/AR Planning team planned for a Dollar per Child fund raiser during the Region VI/AR Institute. We raised \$1,212.50 during the event, whereby half will go to the Region VI Head Start Association.

REGION VI WEB-SITE

Suggestions were made for adding other events from each state and the Dallas Regional Office to the web-site, however we are not receiving this information from all states. If you would like to see other changes that you support, I have attached a suggestion card for everyone to comment and give suggestions for any upgrades or changes to the web-site. All information submitted will be compiled and shared with the board. These suggested changes will have to be approved by the Region VI executive committee/board before including on the web-site.

The following items have not been paid for the 2018 web-site:

- Webmaster,
- Web-site Hosting,
- Domain Registration,
- Subscription tool for files and reports, and
- Updated registration software.

Invoices for these items have been submitted to the treasurer.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS

Arkansas recommend the following action items:

1. To approve the Region VI/Arkansas Institute Budget Report,
2. To approve the Region VI/Arkansas Dollar per Child Report,
3. Approval for the Web-site invoices,
4. To complete the Web-site information card, and
5. To accept the checks for the 50/50 Split profit from the 2017 Institute.

Report Attachments (if any):

- Region VI Budget/Dollar Per Child
- Web-site In-put Form
- Web-site/Web-Master Invoices

Signature(s): _____

Date: _____

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