Capital Area Community Action Agency

Head Start Policy Council Meeting Zoom ID# 999.038.9957 Code 642453 September 22, 2022 6:00 p.m.

Thank you to all 2021 - 2022 Policy Council Members for your service

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Sign-in/Attendance
- 3. Establish a Quorum
- 4. Consent
 - a. Policy Council Minutes
- 5. Action
 - a. Financial Report
 - b. Personnel Actions
- 6. Director's Report
- 7. Center Updates What's Working and What's Not
- 8. Office of Head Start Updates
- 9. Chairperson's Report
- 10. Other Business

Next Meeting: October 20, 2022





Head Start Policy Council Meeting

Minutes

August 18, 2022

- 1. Meeting called to order at 6: 05 pm
- 2. Darrel James took roll call, since this is the first meeting with the absence of Nichele Richards. Representatives present included the following: Alexsis James, Angela Parks, Melissa Miller, and Sheena Salter.

Capital Area Community Action Agency staff present included the following people: Darrel James, Venita Treadwell, Tim Center, Nina Self, and Cynthia Valencic.

3. Quorum was not established.

4. Consent

a. <u>Minutes-</u> The minutes could not be reviewed. Not enough members present to consent to accept the minutes.

5. Action Items

a. <u>Financial Report-</u> Cynthia Valencic reviewed the financial report and the attached Financial Statement Narrative (see attached). Revenue and expenditures are at 65% respectively. Non-federal share match is at \$497,608 of the \$620,300 target. We are over-benchmark budget in communications due to duplicate telephone services with the new equipment being installed, but should balance out. The Activity fund will be used to cover charges for the Zoom account, and the Parent Activity account will no longer be utilized.

No motion made to accept the financial report due to a quorum not being established. The minutes will be reviewed at the next meeting if a quorum is established.

6. <u>Director's Report</u>

Prior to the beginning of the meeting Tim gave an update of the status of the project of adding renovating the wing of the building in Apalachicola. He announced that the project original cost of \$150,000 had now gone up to \$425,000 due to the economy supply chain and labor shortages. He stated that he is in the process of discussing with the Board of what should be done about this project, especially with the way the current Head Start registrations and enrollments are going in Franklin County. Currently, 14 children are enrolled in the Franklin County Head Start. Angela Parks, a former Head Start parent, asked what about the building we are currently in but Tim explained that the building is not ours, and we have been using it for the last three years, and the community wants their space back to use it for its purpose, which is a

community center. Angela recounted with there are kids in the county that needs the Head Start service, but transportation is the real issue.

Tim reviewed the attached report (see attached). Tim announced that classes was back in session, and that there were still some teacher vacancies. Tim also discussed facilities, curriculum and enrollment (see attached).

7. Program Updates

Ms. Treadwell stated that the school year is going good, and that a teacher is needed at our new Governors Charter location. She also thanked the Policy Council for assisting with approving her recent new hire, but she would need them again to fill other vacancies and that she also received a resignation this week.

Darrel stated that the program's current enrollment is 264, and the program is still registering and enrolling children into the program.

- 8. <u>Center Updates:</u> Melissa Miller, Sheena Salter, and Angela Parks all announced that their children had moved on to Kindergarten. Sheena stated that her twins wish they could come back to Head Start because they miss Ms. Edwards and Ms. Moore, and that the work they are currently doing in Kindergarten is very familiar to them because they had did it in Head Start. Melissa stated that her child's teacher informed her that head start prepared her child well for kindergarten.
- 9. Chairperson's Report: None
- 10. The meeting was adjourned 6:30 p.m.

Head Start Financial Statement Narrative For the Ten Months Ending July 31, 2022 Capital Area Community Action Agency

As of July 31, 2022, we have completed ten months of the fiscal year and, as a benchmark, we would expect the year-to-date actual expenses and revenue to be around 83%. At month end, the Year to Date Actual Revenue and Expenses are 68% and 68% respectively with a restricted income of \$1,331.

Non-Federal Share (NFS) Match as of June 30, 2022 is \$497,608 of the \$620,300 target. An update for July 2022 will be provided when it is available.

Expenditure Variances and Explanations

The Head Start Statement of Revenue and Expenditures tracks year-to-date progress by budget line item. Actual revenues and expenditures are compared to the original budget for each budget line item by amount and percentage. Some budget line items may be below or above the expected percentage at any given point in the year. This can be caused by something as innocuous as the revenue or expense occurring unevenly at different points of time during the year, such as a one-time insurance payment. In other words, one ninth of every budget item is not necessarily paid each month. Therefore, when there is a significant variance, explanations are provided. It is important to note that, while a specific line item may be over budget, the overall Agency budget should not be over budget. Adjustments are often made at the end of a grant or fiscal year to ensure that all budgets are balanced.

<u>Travel In Area</u> - is over the benchmark budget and will likely go over budget for the year but there are funds available in Vehicle Expense.

<u>Copies / Printing / Copier</u> – is over benchmark budget with added expenses associated with the start of school.

<u>Postage and Delivery Expense</u> – is slightly over budget but there are available funds in the Office Supply category.

<u>Contractural Services – Health/Disabilities –</u> is over the benchmark budget with EOY assessments but should come into line over the summer months.

<u>Communications</u> – is over the benchmark budget and will go over budget for the year due to duplicate expenses associated with the change in service providers.

<u>Training Categories</u> –are at budget and will go over due to some necessary additional trainings for staff. The overall budget can accommodate the overages.

Capital Area Community Action Agency Head Start Programs - Statement of Revenues and Expenditures For the Ten Months Ended July 31, 2022

	83%	Total Budget - Original	Current Year Actual	Total Budget Variance - Original	<u>%</u>
Revenue					
Government Contracts - FEDERAL - DIRECT	4000	4,306,159	2 854 184	(1,451,975)	66%
Government Contracts - STATE	4010	453,336	382,487	(70,849)	84%
Government Contracts - LOCAL	4020	55,000	51,509	(3,491)	94%
Grants - Other Not-for-Profits	4100	8,059	8,059		100%
Other Revenue	4995	0	6,206		100%
Total Revenue	.,,,	4,822,554		(1,520,108)	68%
Expenditures	4010	0.100.007	1 500 77 /	500 150	707
Salaries & Wages	6010	2,123,926	1,530,776	593,150	72%
Fringe	6110	615,515	443,807	171,708	72%
Staff Screenings	6180	2,776	2,153	623	78%
Indirect Costs	6210	514,346	357,524	156,822	70%
Travel - In Area	6310	2,000	1,987	7 270	99%
Office Supplies	6410	13,500	6,122	7,378	45%
Program Supplies	6415	23,724	19,660	4,065	83%
Classroom Supplies	6420	55,810	28,168	27,642	50%
Kitchen Supplies	6430	29,889	9,601	20,288	32%
Medical/Dental Supplies	6440	1,650	0	1,650	0%
Copies/Printing/Copier	6510	10,800	9,680	1,120	90%
Postage and Delivery Expense	6600	1,600	1,633		102%
Contractual Services/Professional	6710	104,115	17,733	86,382	17%
Contractual Services – Health/Disabilities	6715	205,007	184,287	20,720	90%
Rent/Space Cost	6810	220,651	165,424	55,227	75%
Utilities	6820	112,400	70,444	41,956	63%
General Liability and Property Insurance	6830	20,500	17,801	2,699	87%
Communications	6840	42,000	51,744	(9,744)	
Repairs & Bldg Maintenance- Recurring	6850	117,000	115,169	1,831	75%
Repairs & Bldg Maintenance -	6855	52,519	12,068	40,451	0.007
Equipment Maintenance	6910	18,250	14,596	3,654	80%
Vehicle Expense	6920	25,000	18,493	6,507	74%
Equipment Lease	6930 6940	7,750 32,500	4,436	3,314 14,941	57% 54%
Technology			17,559 994	1,106	
Fees, Licenses, and Permits	7010	2,100	4,256	1,100	47%
Dues/Subscriptions	7020 7110	5,500	4,236	1,000	77% 0%
Special Events Client Assistance	7110	1,000 4,484	1,232	3,252	27%
			1,232	141,554	
Equipment/Improvements (\$5,000 or more)	7310	153,441 21,500	11,007	21,500	8% 0%
Expendable Equipment Registration Fees	7410	21,300	27	(27)	0/0
Meetings/Workshops/Training	7420	5,800	3,354	2,446	
Training/Staff Development	7430	1,900	2,501	(601)	100%
Training and Technical Assistance	7435	40,998	42,988	(1,990)	100/0
Advisory/Board Member Expenses	7440	2,500	0	2,500	0%
Advertising	7450	11,500	4,545	6,955	40%
Parent Activities	7460	1,200	84	1,116	7%
Raw Food Cost	7510	217,403	128,382	89,021	59%
Total Expenditures	, 510	4,822,554	3,301,114	1,521,439	68%
Excess Revenue over (under) Expenditures		0	1,331	1,331	

Capital Area Community Action Agency, Inc. Head Start NFS Match Requirements For the Month Ending June 30, 2022

Match Source	Total Needed	YTD	YTD %	Remaining Remaining %	emaining %
Government Contracts - Local		43,507			
Grants - Other Not for Profits		8,059			
In-Kind Revenue		293,396			
VPK/SR		152,646			
	620,300	497,608	80%	122,692	20%

July 2022 Head Start Credit Card Expenses

	Fund	ฮ	Activity	Effective	
Vendor ID	Code	Code	Code	Dafe	Expenses Transaction Description
HANCOCK CC	1064	7450	255	7/27/2022	83.99 #6700, TIM CENTER, VISA, 7/27/2022, HS RECRUITMENT
HANCOCK CC	1064	6410	251	7/27/2022	158.95 #4466, DARREL JAMES, VISA, 7/27/22, SUPPLIES, FHS
HANCOCK CC	1064	6410	255	7/27/2022	28.98 #4466, DARREL JAMES, VISA. 7/27/22, SUPPLIES
HANCOCK CC	1064	6920	255	7/27/2022	50.00 #4466, DARREL JAMES, VISA, 7/27/22, DETAILING HS VEHICLE
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HANCOCK CC	1064	7010	255	7/27/2022	35.00 #4466, DARREL JAMES, VISA, 7/27/22, ANNUAL FFF
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HANCOCK CC	1064	7010	255	7/27/2022	35.00 #8165, NICHELE RICHARDS ROLLE VISA 7/27/2022 ANNITAL FEE
HANCOCK CC	1064	7435	255	7/27/2022	3,897.00 #5810, VENITA TREADWELL, 7/27/22, DATA LITERACY, KSMITH

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CUSTOM	ER SERVICE CALL	NEW PURCHASES AND OTHER CHARGES	1,624.79	
		NEW CASH ADVANCES	.00	
Toll Free	1-800-448-8812	CREDITS	.00	
		STATEMENT TOTAL	1,624.79	
		TOTAL IN DISPUTE	.00	
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		NEW CASH ADVANCES	.00	
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		TOTAL IN DISPUTE	.00	
		CREDIT LIMIT	4,000.00	



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		NEW CASH ADVANCES	.00	
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		TOTAL IN DISPUTE	.00	
		CREDIT LIMIT	2,500.00	



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		TOTAL IN DISPUTE	.00
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Checking Account Summary

AVERAGE BALANCE	1,056.70	PREVIOUS BALANCE
1,056.70	.00	+ 0 CREDITS
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	1,056.70	ENDING BALANCE

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06/30	1,056.70				





MEMORANDUM

TO: Head Start Policy Council and Board of Directors

FROM: Tim Center, CEO and Head Start Director

RE: Head Start Director's Report

DATE: September 20, 2022

The following memo serves as my update to the Community Action Head Start Policy Council and Board of Directors.

Staffing

Staffing looks relatively good but for a couple vacancies. We need a cook and a couple classroom teaching positions filled. Exploring options to increase pay to be more competitive in the sector.

Facilities

Franklin plans are complete and the General Contractor received bids from subcontractors. Unfortunately, the bids are over budget by about \$300,000. We need a meeting of stakeholders in the community to determine whether this is the best expenditure of funds. Playground equipment is ready for installation. Permits are being applied for.

Curriculum

Teaching Strategy Gold and Creative Curriculum are supported by Hatch Ignite – the online home game for kids to play connected to the curriculum.

Enrollment

Enrollment is at 86% with 327 students enrolled. In order to pay more competitive wages for staff and recruit classroom aides to enhance classroom management, we will need to explore reducing enrollment capacity of 378 slots. This would not reduce the budget but permit higher quality support for the enrolled staff.

Federal and State Regulations

A recent Informational Memorandum from the Acting Director of the Office of Head Start explores how best to be competitive in the new economy to retain and recruit good talent for the Head Start program.





Family and Community Engagement Manager

Monthly Monitoring Report – August 2022

Program Status

Total number of enrollments for the 2022-23 school year:

Franklin County Head Start Head Start @ Governors Charter Jefferson County Head Start Louise B. Royal Head Start Mabry Street Head Start South City Head Start 14 of 20 families enrolled
 32 of 50 families enrolled
 55 of 57 families enrolled
 77 of 66 families enrolled
 19 of 148 families enrolled

• 310 of 378 (82%) families have been enrolled for Head Start for the 2022-23 school year

 All Head Start programs are required to return to full enrollment (378) for the 2022-23 school year

Policy Council

• 7 participants were in attendance for Policy Council

Volunteers

• 7 participants completed 7 hours

Family and Community Engagement Activities

1 staff meeting

Transportation

No Action

Children Health Requirements

259 Immunizations	
255 Physical Examinations	
238	
138 Dental Homes	
41 Dental Exams	
134	
167	
0	

Family and Community Engagement

- 7 volunteers were active for August
- 7 hours of In-Kind was reported for August

Corrective Action and Follow Up

- COVID-19 Policy and Procedure: Policy and Procedure have been updated to address COVID-19.
- **Funded Enrollment:** Funded enrollment numbers have been updated at each Head Start Center due to the addition of our new center, Head Start @ Governors Charter.
- Extended Day: After School slots are available at Louise B. Royal and South City. Louise B. Royal will serve VPK and School Readiness and South City will serve School Readiness only.
- **Orientation:** Orientation was a success for all head start centers. One hundred ninety-eight families were in attendance via zoom.

Strengths

- New Head Start Center has opened at Governors Charter
- Program makes use of Zoom and ChildPlus to keep families engaged with the program
- We have 82% of our funded enrollment

Areas of Concern

- Opening of new facility in Franklin County
- Filling 20 slots in Franklin County
- Keeping classrooms open and not quarantining.
- Staffing issues and being able to fill all classrooms
- Providing School Readiness for Extended Day purposes



Head Start Mask Announcement

eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/physical-health/press-release/head-start-mask-announcement

View the Latest COVID-19 Updates from the Office of Head Start

Today, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Administration for Children and Families (ACF) announced that, in the near future, we intend to publish a final rule that will formally remove the requirement for universal masking in Head Start programs for all individuals ages 2 and older. This will align Head Start program masking requirements more closely with the updated Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance.

The Office of Head Start (OHS) has not monitored mask use at Head Start programs since February 2022, following updated recommendations from the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) on COVID-19 Community Levels. Until the requirement is removed through the published final rule, OHS (Office of Head Start) will continue to not monitor for mask use.

ACF (Administration of Children and Families) and OHS (Office of Head Start) encourage all Head Start grant recipients to continue using a combination of tools to reduce COVID-19 risks in Head Start programs, including those highlighted in the most recent CDC (Centers) for Disease Control and Prevention) guidance. ACF (Administration of Children and Families) advises all Head Start programs to monitor the COVID-19 Community Levels and follow recommended CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) guidelines, which include wearing a high-quality mask indoors when the COVID-19 Community Level is high.

Read more:

COVID-19

Last Updated: September 19, 2022