Arkansas Early Childhood Commission Agenda

October 18, 2022 - 10:00am

DHS Conference Room A & B

Donaghey Plaza South

700 Main Street

Little Rock, AR 72201

Mission Statement: As good stewards of the public trust, we will advise the Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education in supporting the optimal and ongoing development of young children in Arkansas.

The AECC will provide support by:

1) Increase the number of high-quality infant and toddler programs
2) Engage families in the child's education through research-based programs that enhance child outcomes and success in school
3) Create an integrated system of professional development uniting the early childhood sectors-child care; HS; pre-k; public schools; early intervention and special education services. LeMoine, S. (2008). *Workforce Designs A Policy Blueprint for State Early Childhood Professional Development Systems.* National Association for the Education of Young Children. https://www.naeyc.org/sites/default/files/wysiwyg/user-74/workforce_designs.pdf
4) Support restructuring, expanding and growing Better Beginning/Quality Rating Improvement System
5) Strengthen and expand local and state partnerships with other agencies and organizations for connected action
6) Creating awareness of Health and Nutrition Programs and educate parents, children, and child care providers on the benefits of a healthy lifestyle

AGENDA

I.	**Call to Order / Reading of Mission Statement**	Debbie Mays, Chair
II.	**Approval of Minutes from 04/19/22 Meeting**	Debbie Mays, Chair
III.	**Old Business**	
	❖ DCCECE Commission Report	Tom Sheppard
	❖ HSSCO/AHSA Update	
	❖ ARPA Updates/Stabilization Grant	Tom Sheppard
IV.	**New Business**	
	❖ Nominating & Finance Committee Selection	
	❖ New Chair Selection	
V.	**Summary/Announcements/Public Comments**	
	❖ Upcoming Events	Debbie Mays, Chair
	❖ Public Comment	Debbie Mays, Chair
VI.	**Next Meeting**	
	❖ January 17, 2023 – Location -TBD	
VII.	**Request for Adjournment**	Debbie Mays, Chair
	❖ Early Head Start Governing Board Meeting to Follow	Ted Beck