

PHSA Monthly Update Call, August 2016

Federal Updates

- Some movement around the Federal FY 17 Budget
 - Don't think that anything will really happen because it is an election year
 - Most likely will have a CR taking us until sometime after the election
 - Don't expect any real increases for Head Start/Early Head Start
- Head Start Standards
 - State and Regional Association EDs met in DC
 - Conversations indicated that they would be out in early September
 - Majority will be implemented in the first 60 days
 - PHSA will be working out how to help programs sort through what is new
- Head Start Re-authorization
 - NHSA is moving forward with a vision
 - Getting ready for the real possibility of re-authorization in the next administration
 - Goal is to establish a unified vision before the new administration begins the work
 - Planning on focusing on this at the NHSA Leadership Institute in September
- EHS-CC Partnerships Expansion
 - PHSA is hoping that programs will apply and bring as much \$ into PA
 - Know that OCDEL is not applying which can impact the slots available and PA's ability to

State Updates

- FY 2016-2017 Budget
 - Have a passed budget
 - Revenue side of the plan is questionable to meet the spending side
 - Belief is that we'll need a supplemental budget bill done some time this year
 - Guesses as to when are all over the place
 - Good news was that the children added during the 2015-2016 delayed budget were annualized and included in this budget
 - Positive thing given how tight the budget was for everyone
- OCDEL Update
 - Deputy Secretary Michelle Figlar resigned
 - Took a position with the Heinz Endowment
 - Acting Deputy Secretary is Terry Shaner-Wade
 - Director of the Bureau of Subsidy
 - Looks as though all of the projects currently underway will continue to move forward
- ELPA & Pre-K for PA Update
 - PHSA is continuing our work with ELPA around a broader policy agenda related to Early Learning
 - Subsidy, home visitation, early intervention
 - Also continuing our work with Pre-K for PA and increased support for quality pre-K including HSSAP & PKC
 - Holding a Fall Supporter Drive

- Goal is to get as many HS/EHS staff and parents signed up for the Pre-K for PA Campaign
- Different ways to sign –up
 - Online survey form – each parent/staff can fill it out directly online – link can be found here: <https://goo.gl/forms/L4T7wm77AeFSFGZp1>
 - Downloadable Excel spreadsheet – can save it, add names and re-save and then email back to Karen – you can find it here: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1NfqvKfh14UKWWC-7FCnzqpBDYyBpvF6gnl-Ciq3u_y4/edit?usp=sharing
 - Downloadable Hard Copy form – print as many as needed, have people add their names and either scan and email or put in US mail back to Karen - https://drive.google.com/file/d/oB_HjEkRGHq9oWEs1YV92MGIkM2s/view?usp=sharing
- 3 top performing programs will receive a VISA Gift Card to use as they want

ECE Summit

- Registration
 - Early Bird registration ends August 31st
- Workshop Selection
 - Hope to have it launched before the end of the week
 - People who are already registered will receive instructions on how to select workshops
 - People who register after the launch will have the opportunity to select workshops during registration, or log back in at a later date
 - Continues to be voluntary part of process
 - Guarantees you a seat in a particular workshop in the event that it is full but isn't required
- Things to note in the schedule
 - Monday October 17th - State Early Learning Policy Day
 - 4 Sessions that introduce OCDEL staff, discuss STARS, EI/Suspension/Expulsion
 - Tuesday, October 18th – Head Start Leadership Track
 - 4 Sessions for Directors including RO, OCDEL/HSSCO, NHSA, PHSA
 - Wednesday, October 19th- Federal Early Learning Policy Day
 - Yasmina Vinci will participate along with Colleen Rothgob from OHS
 - Will discuss the standards
 - Working on other federal and regional people

Questions from the Field:

Have you heard any more information on the revisions to the aligned monitoring system?

- Dr. Enriquez and OHS staff spent a fair amount of time with the Executive Directors
- Indicated that they knew that they will need to change monitoring in response to the new Standards

- Also acknowledged that the current system means that programs with different grants are receiving too many monitoring visits
- Indicated that though they will be re-thinking that, they aren't throwing out the whole system – the 5 year project period is here to stay but how to they time things better during that time
- Also acknowledged that many of the reviewers know nothing about Head Start
- Looking for ways to bring the Regional Offices into the system in a better way that informs reviews and keeps them in the loop
- Also thinking again about some of the suggestions from the Monitoring Task force that would cover things without an actual visit