

## February 2017 PHSA Update Call

### Federal

- Budget
  - Not clear when Trump Administration will be releasing their budget proposal
    - Traditionally 45 days after taking office (March 10<sup>th</sup>)
  - PHSA staff and some programs met with legislative staff on the Hill Day of the NHTSA Winter Leadership Meeting
    - Targeted new reps and Republicans
      - Did hear people talking about the [Heritage Foundation Blueprint for Reform](#)
        - Eliminate deficit within 10 years
        - Included a proposal to reduce Head Start funding by 10% a year for the next 10 years
    - Don't want people to go into panic mode
      - He can propose it but it is unlikely to become the budget
      - Not sure about the long term goal of \$0 funding and eliminating HS
      - NHTSA Strategy
        - NHTSA has been hearing the there will be some cut proposed
        - NHTSA believes that there is a good likelihood that they won't pass a budget and will just pass Continuing Resolutions
        - NHTSA Planning a sign-on letter targeting Republicans on the Appropriations Committee
          - Dent & Thompson
        - PHSA will also work on a letter that other programs can use with their representatives
        - Though it is unlikely to pass, we can't ignore it and we need to engage our PA delegation to ensure that they wouldn't vote for something like that

Question: Jody Thomas – legislative breakfast in April. Would it make sense to bring it up with Thompson? - Believe it would be good – either to acknowledge him for leadership or move him to commit, but want to coordinate with NHTSA.

- NHTSA Strategy in New Administration
  - NHTSA has done good job building bipartisan support for HS over the last 8 years
  - PA has a number of Republican representatives who are strong supporters
    - PHSA has been highlighting Dent, Kelly & Murphey particularly
    - Need everyone to reach out and continue to develop these relationships
- Monitoring Task Force
  - Got a lot of good feedback from programs to use with the task force
  - OHS staff were very receptive to the ideas being put forth by the team
    - Method for feedback into the system
    - Role of Program Specialists
  - Also not in a position to share any detail about where they are with the plan

- They don't know who the new Director will be or how they will view monitoring
  - Will be piloting a small group with the goal of being ready for full implementation next program year
- OHS Birth to 5 Institute
  - Registration is up
  - Team design with limited space
  - Registration information on the PHSA event calendar

## State

- Budget/Pre-K for PA
  - Governor proposed a positive budget Pre-k/Head Start wise
    - \$65 for PA Pre-K Counts
    - \$10 for HSSAP
    - Will try to sort out why the ratio isn't what it's usually been
    - Some increases for K-12
    - Some increases for special education
    - Proposed \$9 million for state funded HV programs
  - Budget showed cuts for many programs
  - He didn't propose any major tax hikes (sales or personal)
    - Only tax on Marcellus Shale
  - Proposed to consolidate 4 departments into larger Health & Human Service Department to generate \$ from increased efficiencies
    - Health
    - Aging
    - Drug and Alcohol
    - Human Services
  - Will need to have staff & parents engaged with the Pre-K for PA Campaign to realize this proposals
- STARS Revisioning
  - Still moving forward with the 3 Committees
    - Communications
    - Professional Development
    - Indicators
    - Please let Karen know if you'd like to be involved
  - PHSA drafted a position statement about Head Start and STARS that the Board will be finalizing and sharing with OCDEL
- Mapping Tool
  - PA Partnerships for Children developed A Path Forward: Publicly Funded, High-Quality Pre-K in PA (2016) Mapping Tool - <https://papartnerships.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=1496a5215b2140d498a120b05b8262bf>
  - Way to map the unmet need for high quality Pre-K in PA

- Based on state data and has been used in their role as the Annie E. Casey Kids Count Grantee in PA
  - Looks at Star 3 & 4 Child Care, HSSAP, PA Pre-K Counts and school district based Pre-k programs
- Number of ways to break the data down
  - School district level
  - Legislative district level
- Being used widely in advocacy
  - Pre-k for PA Campaign has developed district level fact sheets to share with legislators
- Some programs have expressed some concerns about the their data
  - Concern that they may be over-estimating the unmet need
- Please take a look at your sections of the map and let us know if there are any issues with it

## **PHSA**

- Winter Administrators Meeting
  - Will be putting out an agenda soon
    - Day 1
      - Yasmina Vinci will be calling in
      - Tracy Campanini and Becky Mercatorus from OCDEL
      - Tracy Duarte with HSSCO with Wendy Whitesell from PA Key
      - Believe that Brenda Hewit may be coming
      - Working on OCDEL/PDE Staff that head the state longitudinal data systems work
    - Trying to keep a large chunk of the 2<sup>nd</sup> day for networking
  - Apologize that this meeting is so close to some upcoming RIII OHS events
    - Working to share calendars with them and the State Based T/TA System to avoid these conflicts
    - Comment from a caller that it is odd that you can't just register for the event that you have to submit which one you want to attend and who you will bring and they will let you know if you have been accepted to the one you chose or have to go to another
      - Believe that it's because they've struggled in the past with getting fiscal and board people there
      - Believe that they are trying to prioritize people that can send a full team
- New PHSA Website
  - Will be rolling out different sections over the next few weeks
  - Started with program data associated with the map
    - Please let Karen know if you have having any trouble logging into your program section
  - Will be providing detailed instructions with screen shots on how to access additional features

- Posting jobs
    - Registering for events
  - Would like feedback at any time
    - Site is very flexible/responsive and PHSA staff have a lot of control over layout and content
    - Goal is for the site to be as usable by our members as possible
    - Please don't hesitate to let us know what you think – make suggestions if something isn't working for you!
- 2017 Annual PHSA Conference
  - Pre-Conference
    - Farm to Early Care
    - Trauma Informed Care
  - Conference
    - ICF PBC Boot Camp
    - Registration open by next Monday
    - Head Start Leadership Track on first day
      - Suzanne Morris from OCDEL
      - Yasmina Vinci from NHSA
      - Brenda Hewitt (invited) from RIII OHS
    - Teaching Strategies will be hosting a reception on the first night
  - Will be launching registration by next Monday
- Scholarships & Awards
  - Still accepting nominations for
    - PHSA Alumni Scholarship
    - Francine Bunch Parent Award
    - Francine Bunch Staff Award
  - Nominations are due March 1, 2017
  - Find nomination packet on PHSA website or [here](#).
- PHSA Elections
  - Seeking nominations for the PHSA Board of Directors
  - Nominations are due February 24, 2017
  - Find nominations packet on PHSA website or [here](#).

***Items from the field***

**Next Months Call:** March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 1:00 – 2:00