

## PHSA Monthly Update Call

May 17, 2017

### Federal Update

- FY 18 budget
  - Skinny budget joke
  - His real ask was supposed to be out next Tuesday - now hearing that it won't be to the end of May
    - Some predicting that won't see an 18 budget that we'll have another CR because they can't agree on anything
  - Concerns that we are not as concerned about
    - Still concerns around the Heritage Blueprint to defund Head Start by 10% for next 10 year
    - block granting
    - Mentioning it more to make sure that people are not completely shocked in the off chance that it happens
    - PHSA worked with NHSA around talking points and a strategy in case
  - NHSA is thinking that flat funding is more likely
- CR for FY 17 was great
  - HS \$9.3 billion program
  - Shows that there is bipartisan support for Head Start
- NHSA Parent Leadership Institute, Sept. 26-27
  - Part of Fall Leadership Institute
  - Holding a rally at the Capitol on Sept. 27th
  - PHSA will be looking at ways to support parents who would like to just do the rally and visit their legislators
    - Particularly programs that could make this a day trip
    - Think that getting parents to DC for a day to do visits and be visible at the Rally
- Nothing new around monitoring
  - OHS still plans to release a new protocol for use this fall
- Nothing new around OHS Director
  - Don't expect anything until the middle or late fall
  - Administration is behind in filling positions across government

### State Update

- STARS Revisioning
  - Revisioning is winding down

- Have assurance that Head Start/Early Head Start will have reciprocity at the STAR 4 level
  - Assumption is that it isn't OCDEL's job to monitor programs, OHS will be doing that
  - Goal is for it to be at the program, not site level
    - Working with HSSCO and smaller group of directors to figure specifics out
    - Classrooms that mix children being served with different funding streams aren't an issue b/c program will follow HSSAP and OHS will monitor that
    - Issue arises when Head Start program also operates licensed CC or some other kind of program and maintains classrooms based on the separate funding stream, who monitors those classrooms to ensure they meet HSSAP?
- Holding an Update Webinar that that they will repeat
  - Monday, June 5, 2017, 1:30 - 2:30 pm - <https://cc.readytalk.com/registration/#/?meeting=vfgdoyeuary1&campaign=f38d7m3yjpgp>
  - Wednesday, June 7, 2017, 6:00 - 7:00 pm - <https://cc.readytalk.com/registration/#/?meeting=gywrmi7ouuek&campaign=d1ihk29fpctq>
  - Friday, June 9, 2017 from 10:00 -11:00 am - <https://cc.readytalk.com/registration/#/?meeting=coazy1ywlfkn&campaign=6rcqb33sj2s4>
- Organizational PQAS
  - PA Keys recently updated the application to become Organizational PQAS
  - Head Start programs are eligible
  - PHSA is working on providing a webinar with involvement from PA Key and a HS program that has successfully completed the process
- 2017-2018 State Budget
  - \$5 HSSAP/25
  - Gov
  - Revenue Office put out numbers showing that we are way behind in our revenue intake
  - Increases the whole in our current budget
  - Don't really know what will happen

- Were thinking that the house budget was a worse case scenario but not so sure now
- Only thing we do know is that they appear to be committed to having the budget down on time
- What it means for us
  - Programs need to be engaged and remember to do advocacy
  - Program need to support parents in being engaged
- PHSA Strategy
  - Board has identified advocacy as a primary activity for every program and all staff and parents within programs
    - Too many things happening at both the state and federal level
  - We want every program to identify a point person on Advocacy
    - PHSA needs to know who to contact within a program when something needs to happen quickly
    - Point person will help connect staff and parents to the Pre-K for PA Campaign
      - Get staff and parents to sign up for the Campaign
      - Ensure that programs are communicating with legislators
      - Identify staff and parents that may want to participate in visits in Harrisburg
        - PHSA has funds to
          - support travel (mileage, parking, food)
          - support staff/parents who recruit others to sign up for PreK for PA Campaign
  - We'll be compiling a list of point people in each program
    - Developing written information about this role and what we are looking for to help Directors identify the best point person for their program
    - Will be sending out a link to a google sheet for Directors to fill in
    - Karen will making time for Directors that want to talk more about our goals for these folks and help identify person in their program
  - We're working to develop easy ways for point people to stay connected to PHSA and each other
    - Listserv
    - Google group
    - Phone calls to share information

- We hope that point people will connect staff and parents to PHSA
  - We're developing materials for programs to use with new staff and parents that explain PHSA and our relationship to their program
  - Hope is for all staff and parents to feel better connected and understand their relationship to PHSA
    - What benefits they get from their program's membership
    - What opportunities they have to be involved

#### PHSA

- Summit
  - October 16-19th at the Penn Stater
  - It's the 10th Anniversary of the Summit, PreK Counts & OCDEL
  - On-line RFP for workshops is available at <http://earlychildhoodsummit.org/become-a-presenter/>
- Planning a Parent Leadership Track during the December Administrators Meeting
- Coaching Boot Camp Question
  - There is a Boot Camp June 1 & 2 in Harrisburg
- HSSCO
  - Conducting their annual needs assessment
  - Please fill out the survey
  - Information is shared with PHSA and helps us as well

#### Next Call:

- June 21, 2017