

January 2017 PHSA Monthly Update Call
January 18, 2017

Federal Level

- Budget
 - Continuing Resolution until March
 - Expect another Con
 - Will then move to debating the next year's budget
 - Not really sure what the President Elect will do
 - Will be listening to NHSA strategy next week
- NHSA
 - Working to appear bipartisan
 - Not aligned with Democrats
 - Stay low and not appear as a target of the new Administration that they need to do something about
 - Policy Agenda
 - Sent out a survey to programs
 - Really looking for input from the field as they set the next year's Policy Agenda
 - Have a fairly comprehensive questionnaire that will develop a deep agenda
 - Re-authorization
 - Probably won't push re-authorization at this point
 - Again, strategy of laying low for at least a year seems smart
 - Republicans in power are looking at the re-authorization of before Head Start would come up
 - Block Granting
 - NHSA has heard pretty consistent rumors about block granting
 - Still working to verify
 - Not making a big deal because they don't want to call attention to it or appear to be taking sides
 - Winter Leadership Institute
 - Next week in DC
 - Scheduling visits: Barletta, Thompson, Dent, Murphy & Kelly along with a few new people that we need to start to get to know
 - These are Republican leaders
 - We have in the past had really strong relationships with Republicans
 - Monitoring Taskforce
 - Shared results of survey with OHS
 - They will be presenting at Winter Leadership
 - Was very useful feedback from the HS Community

State Level

- Governor will release his budget proposal next month
 - Had indicated that his proposal will both suggest how to obtain revenue and how to cut enough to solve the 1.7 billion structural deficit we'll face July 1
 - [PA Budget and Policy Center](#) has good information on how to raise taxes without causing problems for folks
 - Not sure what he will recommend for early learning
 - Advocates pushing an \$85 million ask
 - Good standing with legislators
 - Many Republican legislators have indicated that they wouldn't support cuts to pre-K
- Keystone STARS Revisioning
 - General update webinar tomorrow
 - 3 Committees
 - PD
 - Focus on integrating coaching into PD as much as possible
 - Looking at Practice Based Coaching and the HS/EHS model
 - Communication
 - Looking for recommendation
 - Indicators
 - Looking at current indicators and what is evidenced based, measurable and doable
 - Conducted survey with the field to identify indicators that could be dropped
 - Have identified quite a large group of indicators that could potentially be dropped or moved to the points part
 - Research based indicators, measurable, not burdensome
 - Challenge in establishing research base is that there isn't much data to look at to determine if an indicator is linked to quality

PHSA

- Upcoming Events
 - 2017 Winter Administrators Meeting
 - March 7-8, 2017
 - Do not have set venue but will be in Harrisburg
 - Will send out registration information and draft agenda when we have a venue
 - Conference
 - April 19-20, 2017
 - Opened the on-line workshop proposal backup for additional proposals related to Parents, Early Head Start, Health, Safety & Nutrition
 - Submit proposals on PHSA website or at <http://paheadstart.org/rfp/>
 - Pre-Conference

- April 18th
- Still developing sessions
 - Services to families experiencing homelessness
 - Farm to Early Learning
 - Trauma Informed Care
 - Data in the new HSPPS
- Board Elections
 - Have openings in all membership groups - administrators, staff, parents & friends
 - Time frame
 - Nominations are due Feb. 24th
 - Ballots sent out Feb. 27th
 - Ballots due April 4th
 - New board members contacted April 6th and seated April 18th
 - Find 2017 PHSA Board Election Materials on Website or at <http://paheadstart.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/PHSABoardElectionMaterials2017.doc.pdf>
- Scholarships and Awards
 - Applications for Alumni Scholarship and the Francine Bunch Staff and Parent Awards were sent out
 - Applications due March 1, 2017
 - Awards presented at Awards Luncheon on April 20th
 - Scholarships and Awards Packet is available on PHSA Website or at http://paheadstart.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/Scholarships_2016_2017.pdf