

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](http://paheadstart.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/Scholarships_2016_2017.pdf)