

Monthly Update Call 11/15/2017

Federal

Relatively quiet. Passed budget and thinking about taxes. Not much work for us to do. NHSA will have a letter going out about the effects of taxes and appropriations. No individual letters needed. The NHSA letter will be used instead about what to support in the tax bills that is positive and what is negative that we need to come up with solutions for. Not signing on to any other org's letters instead doing their own. Thinking about election year for Casey's seat, Rep. Dent will not run again (champion) and need to pay attention to who gets his seat, Rep. Murphy (sw PA) has to resign so replacement will be decided. He was another champion for Head Start. Think about how to build relationships.

State

Finally, we have a revenue package passed so we have a full budget. It is still in legal. We do not have the update for the home visiting line item. Hopefully soon will have the RFA for the training network for the Early Learning Resource Centers. All other attention is on budget, budget asks, and conversations about that. Ask is for 75 million. We were asked how to split pre-k counts and HSSAP. We told the Deputy Secretary it's been 3:1 and that is reasonable. Significant asks for child care, more difficult. ELPA talking with gov. office and sec. about significant increases to child care. Possible child care campaign needed.

PHSA

Administrator's meeting - Brenda Hewitt will be there. Sec. Morris will possibly join by phone. How to work with OCDEL around the expansion and not weaken HSSAP and Pre-k Counts. We will possibly be having a public policy group to work with board members. The first conf. call was yesterday and we have written recommendations. Once a month email Blair to join the group. Carl Beck relationships with EI. How to improve those relationships in some places what is working with others. Karen is now at OCDEL - Director of External Relations. Karen will be giving an update about STARS and asking people to get their federally funded children in the ELN so data is not skewed about the effectiveness of Head Start. There will be a discussion about staffing, and retaining staff. Once all is confirmed with Karen and OCDEL schedule we will get an agenda out.

Next Call 1PM 12/20.