

PHSA Monthly Update Call June 15, 2016

Federal

- Appropriations moving forward
 - Small increase for Head Start
 - Not even enough for a COLA
 - Don't expect that they will pass a budget
 - Believe they'll do a CI for after the election
 - Pick up negotiations in January, 2017
- Region III Office of Head Start
 - Announced that Brenda Hewitt has been appointed Regional Program Manager
 - PHSA welcomes Brenda to her new role and Blair has already talked with her about how to work together
 - Great that we have someone in that role and no longer serving as acting
- Performance Standards
 - Indicating at the RIII Leadership Institute that standards will be out in September
 - Indicating that programs will need to comply with the majority of the standards within 60 days
 - RIII OHS and 4 National Centers at meeting are all saying this

State

- Budget
 - Saw some movement this week
 - Liquor
 - Indicating that we'll have a budget by July
 - Not one that we necessarily want
 - Will be balance
 - Need to keep talking with legislators to ensure that we get enough to annualize that \$30 million that was added in the 15-16 budget
 - Need \$60 million b/c the \$30 was only used for ½ year
 - Also hopeful that we'll get some money to start a home visiting line item
 - Not \$10 million asked for but something
 - Need to continue to advocate for that
- PA Key
 - Reorganized
 - Eliminated Maureen Murphrey and Leslie Roser's position
 - Doing a national search for a director

- EI Policy Forum
 - OCDEL opened up yearly EI Policy Forum this past spring to others in the early learning community
 - Very focused on Suspension and Expulsion policy
 - Taken the information gathered and put together smaller, regional policy forums
 - August 16: Park Inn by Radisson Clarion, 45 Holiday Inn Road, Clarion
 - August 17: PaTTAN, Pittsburgh
 - August 19: PaTTAN, Harrisburg
 - August 22: The Woodlands, 1073 Highway 315, Wilkes-Barre
 - August 23: PaTTAN East - 333 Technology Drive, Malvern
 - August 24: Sheraton Philadelphia University City Hotel, 3549 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia
 - Register by June 22nd at www.pattan.net.
 - PHSA would like to encourage programs to send people. It's the only way to ensure that HS/EHS voice is heard
- ECE Summit
 - Just closed the first round of workshop proposals
 - Will be extending RFP for content in certain areas
 - Please consider putting in a proposal
- Zero to Three Regional Field Specialist Position open in Philadelphia
- EHS-CC Partnerships
 - PHSA, PACCA & Collaboration Office hosting a conference call
 - June 30, 2016
- Farm to Early Learning
 - PHSA received a grant
 - Working with the Food Trust
 - Number of activities related to farm to early learning in Head Start

Questions from the field:

Next call: Wednesday, July 20th, from 2:00 – 3:00 pm. Dial 717-836-1406