



President's Note – May 2018

Hello DSHPSHWA Members,

I hope this finds you well and enjoying a beautiful spring! I am honored to be DSHPSHWA's President this year and thankful for the dedicated and knowledgeable Executive Board I get to work with. I plan to send you "President's Notes" to communicate announcements and activities of the DSHPSHWA Executive Board.

Federal Partner Updates

- Sadie Silcott (HRSA) and Marcus Gaffney (CDC) both encourage you to consult with your project officers when needed. HRSA and CDC project officers should hold quarterly meetings with their states, but please feel free to reach out to your project officer whenever you have questions or would like their input.
- Based on DSHPSHWA member feedback, the CDC is creating 2016 EHDI Report Cards for state EHDI programs. You should be receiving those in the near future.
- HRSA invited the DSHPSHWA Board to review a draft of their Learning Community Survey and Shared Plan of Care Frequently Asked Questions. The final version that Sadie recently shared with grantees includes some of our input and we thank HRSA for allowing us the opportunity to provide our feedback.

DSHPSHWA Membership

Thank you Kirsten Coverstone for updating our membership directory! Please follow this link to see and download the new directory: <https://1drv.ms/f/s!AtrFiwBLXjCNgRzQ7TIIXtFk74rO>

Communication and Outreach

The PowerPoint presentation from the Grant Writing Workshop that DSHPSHWA facilitated at the 2018 National EHDI Meeting is on our [website](#) under "Professional Development" and then "DSHPSHWA Resources". Given the success of this workshop, the DSHPSHWA Communication and Outreach Team is already planning for possible instructional sessions to offer during the 2019 meeting in Chicago. Thank you to them for all their hard work!

Committee Updates

Alyssa Rex accepted a new position outside the realm of state speech and hearing programs. It was an opportunity she couldn't pass up and we wish her well! Carrie Overschmidt is now the sole representative for DSHPSHWA on the Audiology Quality Consortium (AQC) committee.

JCIH Update: All of the member organizations, including DSHPSHWA, reviewed the new JCIH Position Statement manuscript and provided feedback and/or approval/endorsement. The manuscript was submitted for publication. The journal editors asked for some revisions and changes in formatting. The JCIH is in the process of revising the document per their requests. The format of the publication is in discussion and will probably be a hybrid paper (in the journal) with web-link for more in-depth

information. The JCIH does not know the date when it will be published, but are hopeful that it will be in 2018.

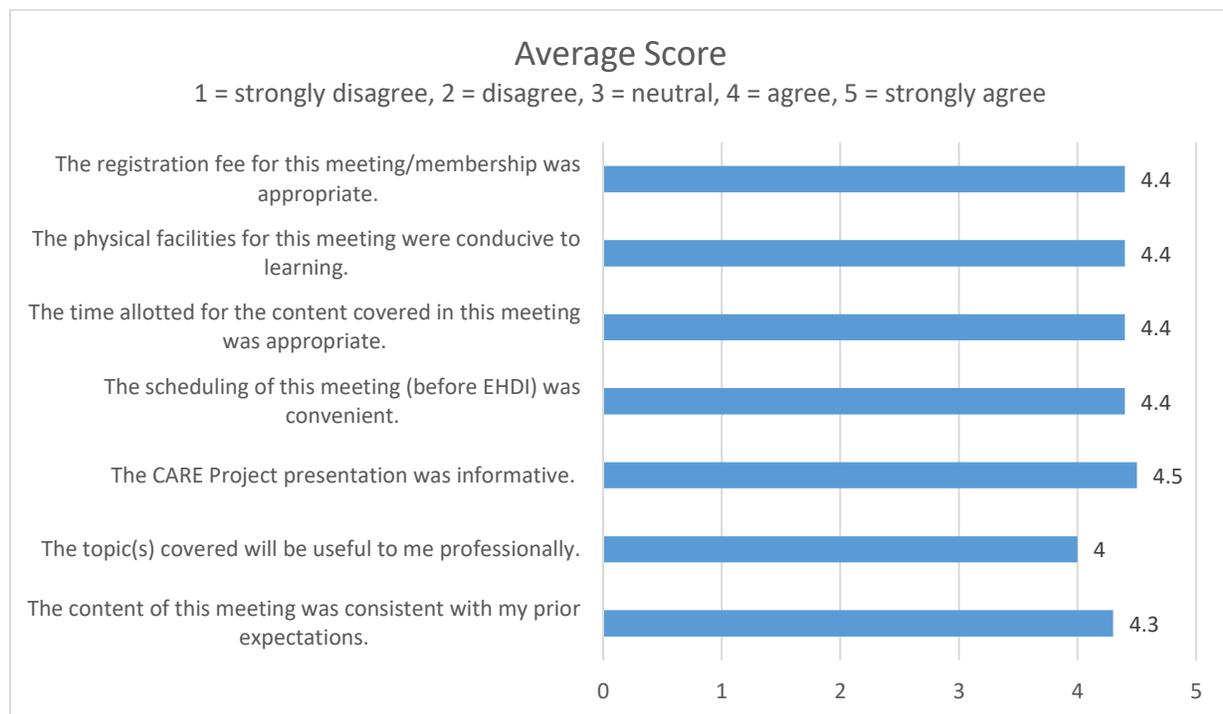
DSHPSHWA Bylaws

We updated the DSHPSHWA Bylaws to reflect the motion that was passed at the Annual Meeting, which combined two member-at-large positions on the Executive Board. The updated bylaws are posted to our [website](#) in the “Governance” section. The following link will take you directly to the PDF: <https://tinyurl.com/dshpshwabylaws>

Annual DSHPSHWA Meeting

Representatives from 48 states and territories attended the 2018 DSHPSHWA Meeting. Thank you for making it a great meeting! We received 40 completed evaluations for the meeting. Please see below for the evaluation results. We will use these scores and the comments we received to plan the 2019 DSHPSHWA Meeting.

Annual DSHPSHWA Meeting Evaluation Results



Thank you for the commitment and compassion you put into your work helping children and their families! Until next time, be well!

Karin Neidt, President