



PRESIDENT'S NOTES

Hello DSHPSHWA Membership,

Happy Winter and Happy New Year. It has been my pleasure to serve as the President of DSHPSHWA over the last year. I am looking forward to seeing you all in San Diego in a few short weeks. Please remember to register for the DSHPSHWA Annual Meeting. The agenda will be sent out by the end of February and please find below a few highlights regarding our upcoming meeting.

- **Deserts with DSHPSHWA** will be held from 6:30 to 8:00 on Saturday March 12th in the Trellises Restaurant.
- The **DSHPSHWA Annual Meeting** will be held Sunday morning March 13th in the Tiki Pavilion from 8:00 am to 12:00pm. Breakfast will start at 7:15 am
 - **Educational Presentation** at the DSHPSHWA Annual Meeting: Nicole Brown, Pam Dawson, Kelly Hermanns and Marcia Fort
 - The presenters will share the process of using the JCIH EHDI self-assessment tool within their Collaborative groups to identify strengths and areas where improvement is needed. They will describe how the process helped to guide quality improvement efforts or the development of a strategic plan to strengthen services delivered to children who are D/HH and their families.
- **DSHPSHWA Board Elections:** The positions below are open this year for nominations and election to the board. I have included the names of current board members interested in continuing to serve on the DSHPSHWA Board. Please email me at linda.hazard@partner.vermont.gov with additional nominations or if you are interested in running for any one of the positions. I look forward to hearing from you.

- President-Elect: (2016-2017)
 - Marcia Fort
 - Member-At-Large – Social Media/Outreach (2016-2018)
 - Vacant
 - Vice President – Communications/Outreach (2014-2018)
 - Karin Neidt
 - Vice President-Archives (2016-2018) – Erica McKiever
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 - Member-At-Large – Educational Development/Professional Growth (2016-2018)
 - Stacy Jordan
 - Secretary/Treasurer (2016-2018)
 - Vacant
 - HCEC (Health Care Economics Committee)
 - Marcia Fort
- **Website Survey:** Thank you for participating in the website survey. We value your feedback. Going forward the President's Notes will include reminders of reports and deadlines from CDC and HRSA
 - **CDC Updates:**
 - Disability Research and Dissemination Center (DRDC), in coordination with the CDC EHDI Team, has announced the availability of funding for two new projects in 2016. The first project is *"Improving the Coordination and Documentation of Enrollment into Early Intervention for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children through Parent Engagement"* and the second is *"Using Existing Early Intervention Data to Assess Outcomes Among Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children?"* The applications are due by March 1, 2016.
 - These projects are not related to the Cooperative Agreements and are instead for separate projects.

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Linda Hazard
DSHPSHWA President