President's Message
July 2014

I hope all of you are having a great summer and had a great Fourth of July! I want to take a moment to thank you for your feedback at our annual meeting in April during the Members Chat and on the evaluation following our return. Common themes gleaned from membership:

- Keep DSHPSHWA on Sunday
- Keep the networking opportunities; both formal and informal
- Ensure an educational session is a part of the DSHPSHWA mtg.
- Make sure the agenda covers topics of interest to non EHDI coordinators
- Keep the same meeting times with the opportunity to attend EHDI pre-Sessions or a session like "Hot Topics"
- Membership needs more information about the committee membership activities throughout the year

I can assure you the Board is working hard to incorporate the suggestions we can into the 2015 annual meeting, as well as the activities we do throughout the year. I have already had the opportunity to meet with the EHDI annual meeting conference planner (Mandi McClellan) and national partners (Irene Forsman, Karl White and Marcus Gaffney) to review your evaluation responses, their role, partnership opportunities and scheduling. Stay tuned. We plan to have a draft agenda to you this fall!

Something new the DSHPSHWA board is trying this year is to highlight our committees work. This will give you an opportunity to hear what we are doing throughout the year on your behalf and not just at the annual meeting. Each committee member will share what the committee is about and how it might affect the work you are doing in your states.

Finally, the information exchanged during the "Hot Topics" session was fantastic! So many states are doing great work and we want to ensure all of you have access to the notes from that session as well as the Members Chat. We have placed a copy of both summaries on the DSHPSHWA website, www.dshpshwa.org under Annual DSHPSHWA meeting on the home page under *What's New*.

Until next time, take care of yourselves and each other!

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