



President's Note – August 2018

Hello DSHPSHWA Members,

I hope everyone has been enjoying the summer! I have not sent a President's Note since spring, but the board has been meeting, helping to plan the National EHDI Meeting, and organizing for the DSHPSHWA activities that will happen in conjunction with the National EHDI Meeting. Please see below for some updates since my last President's Note.

DSHPSHWA Partner Updates

- Dr. Karl White has joined the DSHPSHWA board as a partner and will be attending our board meetings. We hope this partnership will help facilitate even more connections between our members and the National Center for Hearing Assessment and Management (NCHAM).
- Joan Scott is now the permanent Director of HRSA's Division of Services for Children with Special Needs (she was previously in the role as Acting Director).
- HRSA is creating a process to get feedback from DSHPSHWA members/EHDI Coordinators on the next HRSA Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA). This FOA will be for possible funding that would begin April 2020. We are thrilled that HRSA will be seeking our input, so please be on the lookout for instructions on how to submit comments and ideas.
- NCHAM will be sending the Learning Community survey results out to EHDI Coordinators soon. HRSA has decided that the Learning Community surveys only need to be completed once a year rather than every six months, as was indicated in the original FOA.
- NCHAM is making updates to its website. If you have suggestions for content on the NCHAM website, please contact DSHPSHWA (dshpshwa@hotmail.com) and we will compile your feedback and send to Karl. Or you are welcome to email Karl directly. NCHAM is also revamping its Newborn Hearing Screening Training Curriculum. The training will soon be compatible with mobile devices and, in the near future, include modules more relevant for midwives.

Communication and Outreach

DSHPSHWA is submitting a proposal to host another instructional session on grant writing for the Wednesday after the National EHDI meeting. Based on evaluations from the DSHPSHWA grant writing workshop last year, it was clear that attendees felt that it was a valuable and much needed training. If the instructional session is accepted, we look forward to offering it again with some changes made based on feedback we received from last year.

Joint Committee on Infant Hearing (JCIH) Update:

The JCIH revised their manuscript of the new position statement to incorporate feedback from the Pediatrics journal editors. It has been resubmitted and JCIH is waiting for word from the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) on its publication.

Annual DSHPSWA Meeting

The board is planning for the 2019 DSHPSWA Meeting that will coincide with the National EHDl Meeting in Chicago/O'Hare, Illinois. The schedule before and after the EHDl Meeting is very full, but we are looking at various options for when to hold the DSHPSWA meeting.

The DSHPSWA meeting is a time for our members to come together to network, learn, and hold our annual business meeting, which includes electing new officers to our board. Being on the DSHPSWA executive board is an excellent opportunity to have a voice in decisions being made related to EHDl nationally and develop professionally. The following positions will be open on our board in 2019:

- President Elect
- Vice President - Archives
- Vice President - Membership
- Vice President - Communication and Outreach
- Member-at-Large - Education/Outreach

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