

DSHPSHWA

President's Notes



August 18, 2015

Hello, DSPSHWA Membership,

Hope you have all enjoyed your summer. I wanted to update you on the activities of DSHPSHWA since the Annual Meeting in Louisville last March.

- ◆ During the Annual Meeting, in honor of Irene Forseman's retirement, we raised \$200.00. At her request the funds were donated to the national Hands & Voices organization. Many thanks to everyone for their generous donation.
- ◆ DSHPSHWA President-Elect Kathy Northrop and I are serving on the Planning Committee for the 2016 EHDI National Meeting in San Diego, California. Recently the EHDI Coordinators received a survey from Karl White, NCHAM, requesting your feedback on the professionals being considered for the 3 three plenary sessions. The focus for the plenary speakers should be on improving EHDI systems and should represent diverse backgrounds. We are very much looking forward to your input. **Please be sure to vote.**
- ◆ Since our Annual Meeting, our Federal partners HRSA and the CDC have raised questions regarding the use of federal grant funds for the DSHPSHWA registration fees. The DSHPSHWA Executive Board members are working closely with HRSA and CDC. While we all agree that DSHPSHWA is important in improving EHDI systems, we need to explore future funding options for DSHPSHWA registration fees. One of the questions we have been asked, by HRSA and CDC, is if states have other funding sources that could support the registration fees. In the next couple of weeks you will be receiving a survey from the DSHPSHWA Executive Board regarding this issue. Please be sure to answer the survey as it will help us prepare for future DSHPSHWA meetings. We appreciate your feedback on this survey.



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- ◆ DSHPSHWA Executive Board members, Alice Sette and Patricia Burk, attended the face-to-face JCIH meeting held on May 8, 2015 in Colorado. The committee is continuing their work on the new JCIH recommendations and anticipate the document will be ready in approximately a year.
- ◆ The Executive Board met with Marcus Gaffney, from the CDC to discuss moving the annual Hearing Screening and Follow-up Survey (HSFS) data submission. The CDC agreed to send out the request for the survey data in April 2016 with a May submission date. Hopefully, this will give members more time as you prepare for the Annual Meeting. We listened and addressed your concerns.
- ◆ DSHPSHWA will be scheduling two educational opportunities prior to the EHDI National Meeting. Stay tuned.
- ◆ Please be sure to visit the DSHPSHWA website and “like” us on Facebook! The DSHPSHWA website has been revamped and improved. We welcome your feedback on ways to make it informative and useful for the membership. <http://dshpshwa.org>.