

## **NeHSA Advisory Meeting**

- 8/9/23

Meeting called to order at 9:00

Present: Steph Knust, Erika Fink, Kathleen Riley, Bethanie Grass, Deb Ross, Niki Gemar, Kristen Fagen, Audra Ostreich, Jill Bomberger, Donna Veatch, Jessica Johnson, Paula Thompson, Jenn Malone, Krystie Hohnstein, Cheryl Denner, Deb Obermiller, Justine Bochart, Christie Ference, Shelby Sattman, Carie Jo Ahlgrim, Jamie Edson

## **Regional Office-No report**

### **Region VII T/TA-see report**

- Networking sessions are starting in September, see report for dates/topics
- PreK CLASS training coming up in October, flyer has been distributed to Directors
- QCT-Quality interactions between provider/children
- New Manager Rally-virtual
- New Education Manager Rally

### **Region VII Association- Donna Veatch-see report**

- Recognized Nebraska for the presentations at the Regional conference
- Encouraged to submit articles for the Sandbox magazine
- Regional Directory is in the works
- Foundations of Support is being re-launched, support for state associations
- Registration is open for the 2023 R7HS Head Start Caucus
  - NHSA Engagement: Heather Lockland is the Nebraska State Captain
  - October is Head Start Awareness Month, a gallery walk is being created to showcase what programs are doing for the month
  - Reminder to work with our Governor for a State Proclamation
  - Pre-track being offered for the conference
  - Link for registration is on the website

### **NeHSA-Christie Ference-see report**

- July 19<sup>th</sup>, the hot topic was the funding cuts to Head Start, continue to reach out to district representatives
- Programs are urged to reach out to congress representatives, invite member of congress to programs, attend town hall meetings, etc.
- Toolkit is available on the website to help advocate for funding

### **NeHSA Chair-see report**

- Stand up calls
- Networking information was shared
- October's annual meeting will be tied to the UNK Annual Conference and will be held on Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup> in person. No zoom option is available at this time.

- Encouragement to keep sending pictures for the NeHSA website. Niki will be making the changes to the Executive Director position on the website.

### **Jessica Mitchell-McCollough and Amy Cassner, Nebraska Public Media presentation**

- They have a specialized Education Team that focuses on : Family Engagement, Classroom Medica, Curricular Resources and Professional Learning
- Everyday Literacy, Critical and Creative thinking, Computational Thinking, Math and Science, World of Work, Social/Emotional learning integrated into all areas
- Family Math-math literacy for children ages 2-5:short videos, bilingual, conversation guide, book suggestion, PBS kids online games (trusted, research based, tied to learning goals); small grant tied to it for print resources available until the end of October
- PBS Learning Media: look for specific content (Changing Seasons, Back to School, All About Me);
- Programming that aligns with some of the shows “Molly of Denali”
- Work Out Wombat, computational thinking, “Step it Out”
- “Elinor Wonders Why”
- Self-Paced Professional Learning for PreK-2 Teachers: <https://teach.pbskids.org/>
- Nebraska Public Media Website: <https://nebraskapublicmedia.org/en/kidseducation/>

### **HSSCO Office**

Steph Knust introduced Carol Burk, Emily Daberkow, Kristine Luebbe and Tracy Went from NDE-Office of Early Childhood. Carol Burk, is the Ed Specialist working for ESU’s 3, 6, 7, 13, 17, Emily Daberkow supports ESU’s 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, 18. Kelly Jones will be starting on Monday and will be working with ESU’s 1,2, 8, 15, 16. Each will have an area of expertise. Kelly-GOLD, Emily-?, Kelly- Professional Development. Tracy Went introduced herself as the Coach Collaboration Specialist.

There are many big projects going on in NDE-OEC. Results Matter is now a web-based resource with live links to training events. Please continue to use this email address [tsgold@nebraskacloud.org](mailto:tsgold@nebraskacloud.org) for TSGOLD questions or concerns. Ed Specialists are meeting with districts on the level of support they will be receiving. NDE would like to align support with the work that is happening in Head Start partnerships. Each partnership looks different and how can we ensure we have consistent, reliable data for partnerships. The Support Plans include observation data from Head Start (CLASS). Focused or Standard levels are able to submit their CLASS observation data to NDE instead of having to go through a new observation experience. Niki brought forward the question that comes up at the Association on how we can access GOLD data for the NeHSA Annual Report. Currently, the TSGOLD data does not accurately reflect the number of Head Start children in the state and is not reliable. Steph shared that there are lots of layers to accessing the state data as well as the accuracy of the data.

### **Steph Knust-see report**

- New NDE Commissioner started on July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Three “new” awards to school districts for the NDE Grant this year.
- Updates to the National Collaborative Priorities and possible Supplemental funding (must be spent within a year)

- Check out the Preschool Post
- Continue work on a state level MOU with the Office of Special Education, Part C and Part B.
- OSEP Friday News Blast is available, see the report to sign up for the resource.
- Change in leadership at DHHS with Danette Smith resigning on August 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Demo will be coming soon regarding the Data Dashboard work through ECIDS.

**Dr. Paula Thompson/Buffer Institute-Needs Assessment update**-See PowerPoint presentation Alexandra Daro, Melissa Boyer, Traci Roberts and Kate Gallagher presented the results of the surveys from Head Start Field Staff and Administration. Field Staff 65% response rate, Administration response rate 79%. A full report will be available by the end of the year.

### **Review Strategic Plan**

Reviewed the “draft” strategic plan in committee groups and gave feedback to the group. There is time set aside in October to review this further and identify priorities. We are in a transition right now with the ED resignation.

**Committee Reports/Action Items for the BOD: No actions for the board**

**Membership Committee:** (see google doc)

**Professional Development**(see google doc)

**Advocacy:** (see google doc)

**Next meeting(s) date: October 12<sup>th</sup> in Kearney in person-no Zoom option available. Director’s meeting will be on the 10<sup>th</sup> with zoom option only at 1:00.**