



## **President's Note – November 2018**

Hello DSHPSHWA Members,

It's almost time for turkey, stuffing, and pumpkin pie! This is also a great time to reflect on gratitude and I truly am grateful for all the EHDl colleagues and DSHPSHWA members out there supporting one another and making an impact on children's lives. Thank you for your dedication and love for your community!

### **Annual DSHPSHWA Meeting**

The 2019 Annual DSHPSHWA Meeting will be Saturday, March 2, from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM. The DSHPSHWA meeting is a time for our members to come together to network, learn, hold our annual business meeting, and elect new officers. Please remember to register for the Annual DSHPSHWA Meeting when you register for the National EHDl Meeting (registration opens November 12).

Promptly after the DSHPSHWA meeting, HRSA will host a reception for EHDl Coordinators, AAP Chapter Champions, and HRSA staff. NCHAM will provide light food for the reception and it will be a great opportunity to talk with our AAP and HRSA partners.

### **National EHDl Meeting**

DSHPSHWA will be sponsoring a "Joy in Work" plenary session at the 2019 National EHDl Meeting. The National EHDl Meeting Planning Committee wanted to include this plenary session during the meeting, however there were not enough funds for the session within the National EHDl Meeting budget. The DSHPSHWA Executive Board didn't want the opportunity to be missed by our members and decided that DSHPSHWA could financially support this valuable plenary session. The speaker will be Dr. Stephen Swensen, who is a well-published expert in leadership and professional burnout. We hope this session will be a beneficial and supportive addition to the National EHDl Meeting!

### **Communication and Outreach**

The National EHDl Meeting Planning Committee accepted DSHPSHWA's proposal to host an instructional session on grant writing during the National EHDl Meeting. It is anticipated that this session will take place on the Wednesday, March 6. The interactive grant writing workshop will provide an overview of EHDl-related grant funding sources, outline typical application requirements, share tips for creating a high scoring application, and have hands-on exercises to build skills for completing a successful grant application. Please keep your eye out for this session when you register for the National EHDl Meeting.

### **DSHPSHWA Partner Updates**

- Sadie Silcott has accepted a Deputy Division Director position within the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy. We thank Sadie for her support over the years and wish her luck in her new position! HRSA has not yet finalized a plan to receive input for the next Funding Opportunity Announcement, but Sadie encourages you to share your ideas directly to Treeby Brown.

- Eric Cahill will be acting CDC EHDI Team Lead until Marcus Gaffney returns from his special assignment. It is expected that Marcus will return to his role as CDC EHDI Team Lead in early 2019.
- NCHAM will have more of a role in updating and refining the [EHDI-PALS](#) website in the future.
- NCHAM's [newborn hearing screening training curriculum](#) has been revised. New modules on out-of-hospital birth and recertification will soon be available. The modules are a work in progress, so states are welcome to provide NCHAM with feedback on what they think should be included in the training.

#### **Joint Committee on Infant Hearing (JCIH) Update:**

The new JCIH guidelines are still under journal review for publishing. Additional information will be shared as soon as it is available.

#### **Letter of Support to Add cCMV to Recommended Uniform Screening Panel (RUSP)**

DSHPSHWA submitted a letter of support for the National CMV Foundation's nomination of congenital cytomegalovirus (cCMV) to be considered by the Advisory Committee on Heritable Disorders in Newborns and Children for inclusion in the [Recommended Uniform Screening Panel \(RUSP\)](#). The RUSP is a list of disorders that are recommended by the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services for states to screen as part of their universal newborn screening programs. We will keep you updated on anything new we learn regarding this nomination.

Please feel free to contact me or any of the DSHPSHWA board members if you have any questions. I hope you have a wonderful and restful Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,

Karin Neidt, DSHPSHWA President