

# R7HSA 2021 DIRECTORS' CAUCUS

JUNE 8-10, 2021 *via Zoom*



## Delivering on the Promise



## Featuring Special Guests



**DR. BERNADINE FUTRELL**  
*Director, Office of Head Start (OHS)*



**CLARENCE SMALL**  
*Regional Program Manager  
Office of Head Start (OHS)  
joined by Heather Wanderski,  
Program Operations Division Director*



**THOMAS SHERIDAN**  
*Deputy Director  
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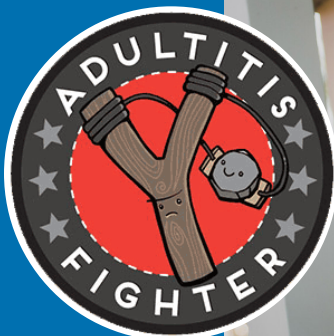
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*Attorney and Managing  
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*Economist and  
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*Artist, Author,  
Adulthood Fighter*

**KIM KOTECKI**  
*Little Miss Details  
Adulthood Fighter*

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### PRELIMINARY AGENDA (subject to change)

Celebrating and Recognizing Region VII Head Start/Early Head Start Programs and Partnerships for ***“DELIVERING ON THE PROMISE”*** through the most difficult of times.

### Tuesday, June 8, 2021

9:30am: **Welcome:** Pam LaFrenz, R7HSA Board President



***“Adult Trauma: Healing through the Belief of Relationships over Research”***  
Shana Schmidt, LPC, IMH-E(III)

11:30am—1:00pm: **Lunch/Office Break**



1:00—2:30pm: ***“A Chance of Awesome: How Changing the Way You See, Changes Everything”***  
Jason & Kim Kotecki, Escape Adulthood



Has the stress of everything left you feeling worn down, exhausted and lost? Sometimes all you need is a little nudge from someone with a fresh perspective, someone who points out the answer that was there the whole time. This program is that little nudge and a great fit for anyone feeling discouraged and stuck amidst this continual season of intense change and uncertainty. You will learn how to recognize opportunities in roadblocks and how to see dead ends as new beginnings. Because the difference between success and failure is not luck, it is looking at your world in a whole new way! So, come ready to spark some new ideas — and grab onto them. Remember, the people who see silver linings are the ones looking for them!

2:30—3:00pm: **Wrap up and dismiss for the day**



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### PRELIMINARY AGENDA (subject to change)

Wednesday, June 9, 2021



9:30am: **Welcome Back — Central Office Update:**

Dr. Bernadine Futrell, DHHS/ACF/Office of Head Start Director

Join us for this exciting session and opportunity to welcome the new DHHS/ACF/Office of Head Start Director, Dr. Bernadine Futrell to Region VII. Dr. Futrell, a former Head Start child herself, will bring a DC update and share her personal vision for the Office of Head Start moving forward.



10:30am: **“Accessing and Navigating Important Resources”**

Belinda Rinker, JD, Managing Member of Swan River Consulting Services, Alan Baquet, PhD, an economist, and Member of Swan River Consulting Services

Not enough hours in the day to locate essential resources you need to assist with important time-sensitive projects, completion of regional office & OHS required reports, implement OHS initiatives, etc.? Belinda and Alan will re-introduce you to current resources as well as introduce you to some new key resources that can be accessed right at your fingertips without spending hours of research.



11:30am—1:00pm: **Lunch/Office Break**

1:00—2:30pm: **Question & Answers (Q&A) WRAP Session**

Have policy questions about Care's Act funding, expenditures, administrative flexibilities, program management questions regarding policies and procedures in relationship to CoVid19, questions about expectations in relationship to upcoming audits, the 2022 Aligned Monitoring System Protocol, just have questions?

Take a deep breath and plan to join this important and unique session facilitated by Belinda Rinker, JD., Managing Member of Swan River Consulting Services, former OHS Senior Policy Analyst & Alan Baquet, PhD, Economist, and Member of Swan River Consulting Services and plan to listen and learn as Belinda and Alan respond to questions submitted prior to and during the Caucus as well as discuss some of the “most asked” questions by Head Start programs over the past 1 ½ years.

2:30—3:00pm: **Wrap up and dismiss for the day**



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Thursday, June 10, 2021



9:30am: **Region VII Office of Head Start Regional Update**

- Clarence Small, Region VII Regional Program Manager
- Heather Wanderski, Program Operations Division Director, Office of Head Start Administration for Children and Families

11:30am—1:00pm: **Lunch/Office Break**



1:00pm: **Policy Forum & NHSA Update**

Thomas Sheridan, Deputy Director, National Head Start Association

NHSA will introduce participants to the 2021-2022 NHSA Policy Agenda and bring an update on activities from the “Hill”. Participants will hear how being a part of a collective network of dedicated individuals, working together, has continued to leverage the success and history of Head Start to ensure children and families are at the heart of decision making.

2:30—3:00pm: **Report out and Wrap up the 2021 Director’s Caucus**

*Save The Date*

## R7HSA 2021 Leadership Conference

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