

R7HSA Board Roster *Updated March 11, 2021*

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COMMITTEES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- Provide oversight of management of the Association
- Review and provide oversight of the annual budget
- Implement timelines which ensure compliance with requirements regarding 501(c)(3) status
- Regularly report the financial and operational status of the Association to the full Board of Directors
- Ensure the Association is involved in resource development, and research funding opportunities which align with R7HSA goals
- Review, support and sign on to NHTSA position statements as released
- Promote Board membership and encourage fully seated state representation

SCHEDULE: Meet no less than one month prior to Board meetings (tentative)

MEMBERS:

Pam LaFrenz, Chair
 Sandy Patchen
 Deb Ross
 Kelly Johnson
 Leigh Ann Nelson
 Donna Veatch
 Mike Baugher
 Professional Development Chair
 Advocacy & Partnership Chair

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

- Work in conjunction with the Director of Executive Services in planning professional development opportunities that meet the current needs of the Head Start/Early Head Start field
- Monitor event expenses and ensure a profit is generated for all training initiatives
- Explore recommendations/suggestions for new and ongoing leadership/training opportunities
- Explore opportunities to offer advocacy related sessions/ workshops, voter registration at R7HSA events

SCHEDULE: 1:30pm on the 2nd Tuesday of January, March, May, July, September, November

MEMBERS:

Julie Lang, Chair	Kelly Johnson
Tonya Weber	Sandy Patchen
Peggy Kelly	Donna Veatch
Tina Bernskoetter	Mike Baugher
Kim Sill	

ADVOCACY & PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

- Review advocacy materials/information posted on the R7HSA web site and utilize the website to promote state and regional association activities
- Assist in the planning and implementation of an Annual Region VII Policy Summit
- Provide oversight, promotion and implementation of the annual Region VII Award/ Scholarship process and assist with the Award Recognition Ceremony
- Identify potential and innovative partnership opportunities
- Annually review the R7HSA partnership prospectus
- Promote the R7HSA Sand Box magazine as a way to share the Head Start story

SCHEDULE: TBD

MEMBERS:

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Peggy Kelly	Stacey Wright
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