

# R7HSA Board Roster

January 2024 update

## BOARD OFFICERS

### President

**PAM LA FRENZ**

*Seated 01/22*

### Vice President

**SANDY PATCHEN**

*Seated 01/22*

### Treasurer

**DEB ROSS**

*Seated 01/22*

### Secretary

**CHRISTIE FERENCE**

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#### OPEN

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## State Head Start Associations

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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 NHSA 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, *Co-chair*  
Deb Ross  
Christie Ference  
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:** TBD

### MEMBERS:

OPEN, <i>Chair</i>	Tammy Benton
Tina Bernskoetter,	Stephanie Knust
<i>Co-chair</i>	Donna Veatch
Tonya Weber	Mike Baugher
Kim Sill	
Tom Rendon	

## 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:

Sandy Patchen, <i>Chair</i>	Donna Veatch
Christie Ference,	Mike Baugher
Tina Bernskoetter	
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