



Fall 2015 Report September 15, 2015

There is no denying – the new academic year is upon us. Having just met our incoming graduate students, I am reminded of the value of CAPCSD as an organization focused on preparing the next generation of CSD professionals through undergraduate and graduate education.

Please note CAPCSD activities that we hope you will be involved in this fall:

- **CSD Education Survey** (implemented through HES) is open and ready for you to enter data from the 2014-2015 academic year. Once you enter and submit the data, it will immediately populate your institution's content in the ASHA EDFIND system, which is the "go to" site for students looking for CSD degree programs. You also will contribute to important state and national trend results for CSD programs. Get your data in early to facilitate student recruitment this fall.
- **CAPCSD Fall Business meeting** will be held in Denver on Wednesday November 11th at 5:00 pm (Hyatt Regency Denver at CO Convention Center, Room: Mineral B&C).

I would like to thank the CAPCSD board members who transitioned out of their positions June 30th. **Melody Harrison's** insightful comments and delightful wit will be missed after having served seven consecutive years on the CAPCSD Board in various positions, most recently as Past-President. The organization, detail and high standards of professionalism that **Colleen O'Rourke** brought to the board as Secretary have been highly valued and have contributed to our effectiveness as a leadership group. As the VP of the Communication Committee, **Mary Hardin-Jones** oversaw the re-vamping of the CAPCSD web site this year and set the stage for the upcoming Salary Survey. Additionally, a special thank you is extended to the Website Task Force members who gave time and energy to updating the website: Martin Fisher (Chair), Chuck Carlin and Karen Stein.

July 1st we welcomed new board members **Gail Whitelaw** (Secretary), **Mark DeRuiter** (VP of Professional Development), and **Paula Currie** (VP of Communication). **Lisa Scott** transitioned into her new role as the President-Elect. Our new officers bring a wealth of experience, enthusiasm and leadership to the table and we are so pleased to have them.

In July the board met in Denver for a productive meeting. We began to draft a strategic plan designed to guide CAPCSD as an organization across the next three years and will be sharing it with members soon. The goals of the strategic plan focus on initiatives that will benefit member programs and their students, as well as provide support to improve the infra-structure of our organization. Below are highlights of some of the initiatives in process:

- *Collaborating and Creating Connections* is the theme of the **CAPCSD Conference 2016**, being held in San Antonio March 30 – April 2. The conference committee has developed

a range of exciting topics covering key issues impacting member programs. Save the date!

- We contracted with *EDC* (<http://www.edc.org/>) to create and manage the development of the *CAPCSD Clinical Education Training Modules*. The goal is to complete the first two modules this year.
- The second *Leadership Academy* will be held at the 2016 Annual Conference, with application details and deadlines to be announced. The training will be similar to that done in 2015, so go to <http://www.capcsd.org/about-capcsd-2/leadership-academy/> to see the content areas of the Leadership Academy.
- Funding has been approved to award up to ten \$20,000 *PhD Scholarships* in 2016. The process for programs to nominate potential candidates will be posted soon.
- **Cadmium** software system will streamline conference management and provide an efficient system for managing scholarship applications.
- An RFP has been developed by the Financial Committee (Kenn Apel, Melody Harrison and Jennifer Taylor) to contract with a Financial Planner to help guide our long-term and short-term financial planning.

These sample initiatives are designed to benefit your programs and your students. But the work that CAPCSD does as an organization is not possible without the contributions of many volunteers. If you would like to serve on a CAPCSD task force or committee contact Executive Director Mary Chavez (mchavez@capcsd.org) to discuss your interests. And if you have suggestions for future CAPCSD initiatives, don't hesitate to contact me.

Best wishes for an exciting and productive year,
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