R7HSA Board Roster *Updated June 2026*

BOARD OFFICERS

President	Vice-President	Treasurer	Secretary
SANDY PATCHEN	CHRISTIE FERENCE	TONYA WEBER	KIM SILL
Seated 01/2026	*Seated 01/2026*	*Seated 07/2024*	*Seated 01/2026*

BOARD MEMBERS

Iowa

Director Representative, IA
TONYA WEBER
• **R7HSA Board Treasurer**
New Opportunities Head Start

Parent Representative, IA
OPEN

Friend Representative, IA
TOM RENDON *Seated 12/20*
Iowa Head Start State Collaboration Office (retired)

Staff Representative, IA
SHARON BURKE *Seated 08/24*
Northeast Iowa Community Action Corporation

Kansas

Director Representative, KS
KIM SILL
• R7HSA Board Secretary
• **NHSA Director Representative R7**
• **NHSA Board Secretary** *Seated 07/21*
Olathe Head Start, USD 233

Friend Representative, KS
SANDY PATCHEN *Seated 01/15*
• R7HSA Board President
Constructive Playthings

Staff Representative, KS
SHELBY HOWARD
• **NHSA Staff Representative R7**
NEK-CAP, Inc.

Parent Representative, KS
OPEN

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Missouri

Director Representative, MO
TAMMIE BENTON
Jefferson-Franklin Community Action Corporation

Parent Representative, MO
KALINA SMALLS
MARC Program

Staff Representative, MO
SHERRIE GREGORY *Seated 02/08/2024*
Ozark Action Inc.

Friend Representative, MO
OPEN

Nebraska

Director Representative, NE
AUDRA OESTREICH *Seated 08/24*
Sarpy County/ESU #3

Parent Representative, NE
MARK HABA *Seated 01/2026*

Staff Representative, NE
MARISA VINSKY
SENCA Head Start

Friend Representative, NE
CHRISTIE FERENCE
- **R7HSA Board Vice President**
- **NHSA Friend Representative**

EX-OFFICIO BOARD MEMBERS

Regional Office and Training/Technical Assistance Office

LATRICE DAVIS, ESQ.
Regional Program Manager, Midwest Region
US Dept. of HHS-ACF-OHS

DANA MOSES
Region VII Head Start Training/Technical Assistance Coordinator
ICF International

Head Start State Collaboration Offices

VACANT
Iowa Head Start State Collaboration Office

STACEY WRIGHT
Missouri Head Start State Collaboration Office

KIM KENNEDY
Kansas Head Start State Collaboration Office

STEPHANIE KNUST
Nebraska Head Start State Collaboration Office

Region VII Head Start Association

DONNA VEATCH
Director of Executive Services

MIKE BAUGHER
Director of Marketing

APRIL NOE
Executive Assistant

R7HSA EX-OFFICIO BOARD MEMBERS

State Head Start Associations

Iowa Head Start Association

President
SHARON BURKE *effective 12/23*
Northeast Iowa Community Action Corporation

Executive Director
CHRIS JUETT

Kansas Head Start Association

President
LOGAN STENSENG
Civic Engagement Manager, Kansas Appleseed

Executive Director
HEATHER SCHROTBERGER *effective 06/23*

Missouri Head Start Association

President
TAMMIE BENTON
Head Start Director
Jefferson-Franklin Community Action Corporation

Director – Executive Services
TINA BERNSKOETTER

Nebraska Head Start Association

President
CARIE JO AHLGRIM

Vice President
KRYSTIE HOHNSTEIN
Educational Service Unit 13

Past President

PAM LA FRENZ

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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
(see Calendar of Events at R7HSA.com for scheduled meetings)

MEMBERS:
Sandy Patchen, *President*
Christie Ference, *Vice-President*
Tonya Weber
Kim Sill
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

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MEMBERS: OPEN, *Chair*
Tammie Benton
Lori Ferris
Monica Shuey
Pam LaFrenz
Dana Moses
Tonya Weber
Donna Veatch
Mike Baugher

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

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Sandy Patchen, *Chair*
Christie Ference, *Co-chair*
Tina Benskoetter
Sherrie Gregory
Mark Haba
Pam LaFrenz
Audra Oestreich
Tom Rendon
Heather Schrotberger
Kalina Smalls
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