



from the National Association of State Head Injury  
Administrators

## Message from the President



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Dear NASHIA Member,

**Greetings and Happy Holidays!** While the Education & Training Committee will be publishing a more extensive newsletter in the next issue of NASHIA News, I would like to close out the remainder of this year with some recent updates with regard to changes in the Board, plans for 2012 State of the States Meeting in Head Injury, and the date for the Congressional Brain Injury Task Force Awareness Day. Read below for more information.

As January is the start of the fiscal year for NASHIA, this is also a reminder to pay your dues to continue as a member or let Donna Huckestein know if you plan to do so ([finance@nashia.org](mailto:finance@nashia.org)). We have a very busy year ahead of us with regard to TBI Act reauthorization and appropriations for TBI programs, as well as the annual State of the States Meeting. Should you have any questions or wish to participate in NASHIA activities, please do not hesitate to contact me ([janice.white@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:janice.white@dhhs.nc.gov)) or Lorraine Wargo, RN, Executive Director, at [execdirector@nashia.org](mailto:execdirector@nashia.org). You may also visit the NASHIA website for updates at [www.nashia.org](http://www.nashia.org).

Meanwhile, on behalf of the NASHIA Board, I hope your year ends on a great note and that you enjoy the holiday season!

*Janice K. White*



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## Board Appointments

Carolyn Cass (PA) has resigned as the President-Elect. Therefore, I have made appointments in the interim, until the membership can vote at the next annual meeting. The appointments are as follows:

### President-Elect

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For additional information on all Board members, regional representatives and committee chairs visit the website: [www.nashia.org](http://www.nashia.org).

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**CBITF Awareness Day**

The Congressional Brain Injury Task Force has scheduled the annual awareness day activities for Wednesday, March 21, 2012, to coincide with the 14th Annual Federal TBI Program Leadership Meeting, sponsored by the Health Resources and Services Administration's Maternal and Child Health Bureau, scheduled for March 22-23, 2012. The Awareness Day features a Fair, which provides an excellent opportunity to network with federal and national organizations involved with prevention, rehabilitation and service delivery. Watch for more information with regard to the details of these meetings.

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**2012 SOS Meeting**

NASHIA is partnering with the National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities (NASUAD) to hold the 2012 annual State of the States (SOS) in Head Injury Meeting to coincide with the NASUAD's annual National Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Conference. The SOS and the HCBS Conference will both be held at the Crystal City Hyatt Hotel in Crystal City, VA, near Washington, DC. NASHIA will hold its board meeting on Sept. 9 and the annual SOS on Sept. 10 with NASUAD convening the HCBS conference Sept. 11-13. One of the benefits of collaboration is that NASHIA members will be able to attend the HCBS Conference, which will also feature sessions on TBI.

Other national associations representing State directors of mental health, developmental disabilities, Medicaid, substance abuse and others will be holding their annual meetings during this time as well. The HCBS conference draws a wide audience of federal agency representatives, exhibitors, State government and other policy makers with around 4,000 people expected to attend. As plans are firmed up, information will be distributed to members, as well as posted on the NASHIA website. Amy Flaherty (PA) is chairing the NASHIA SOS Planning Committee.

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**Give a Gift!**

Give a gift of membership or any other donation to NASHIA by the end of December and deduct the gift from your taxes! As a non-profit organization, individuals contributing to NASHIA may take a tax deduction

as a charitable gift. NASHIA is currently operating with a part-time support team to provide public policy updates; manage the webpage and resources; assist with SOS; assist with Board operations; and provide outreach and collaboration with federal agencies and national organizations to promote TBI. A gift will help NASHIA to continue its work. Should you wish to do so, you may contact Donna Huckestein at [finance@nashia.org](mailto:finance@nashia.org). Thank you and Happy Holidays!


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*The National Association of State Head Injury Administrators assists State government in promoting partnerships and building systems to meet the needs of individuals with brain injuries and their families.*

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