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**Pennsylvania School Counselors Association
PSCA Division Report
Diane Smith
February, 2005**

Goal#1 Advocacy: Advocate for the role and programs of professional counselors.

Continue to be supported by past officers throughout my term
Continue to promote membership and active participation in PSCA.
Continue to serve on the Transforming School Counseling Initiative.
Committee.
Responded to emails and phone calls regarding the role of the school counselor in various issues.
Meet with various division chiefs at PDE to advocate for the role of school counselors. PSCA is being invited to sit on various planning committees due to our presence at PDE. Our presence is welcomed and encouraged.
Meet with PHEAA to continue to maintain and strengthen our partnerships.

Goal #2 Growth and Development: Provide meaningful growth and development.

Represented PSCA at the PACAC/PSCA meeting at Kings College.
Prepared a brochure for the 2005 conference.
Sent notice and invite to conference to all counselor educator programs.
Will continue to work closely with the planning committee for the annual conference.
Will present workshops for units as requested.

Goal #3 Leadership: Demonstrate visionary and bold leadership in developing new and supportive services and programs for its members.

Meet with Judy Bookhamer, Peggy Woods and Beckie Meyer to begin to draft the PA model for school counseling. If possible we would like to have a **draft** ready to roll out at the April 2005 conference. With the rest of the dream coming to a reality next year. We are fortunate to be linked with Project 720 and the Transforming School Counseling Initiative that will help fund this endeavor. Dr. Bookhamer and myself have meet with Mary Ramirez to plant the seeds for some type of recognition from PDE for the model.
Will assist unit representatives and other Governing board members as requested with unit and regional workshops.
Will represent PSCA at other state counselor conferences.

Will Represent PSCA at PCA executive committee meeting in February in State College.

Will represent PSCA as the liaison to other professional organizations with interests in school counseling.

Goal #4 Organizational Structure: Support organizational structure that provides a strong resource base from which to operate.

Worked closely with the executive director to plan the PSCA Executive Committee and Governing Board meetings

Continue to work closely with the executive board.

Will strive to provide an effective meeting structure.

Attended the Executive Committee Meeting and Financial Affairs Committee Meeting in December at Hershey.

Continue to respond to emails regarding our new membership structure.

Seeking to increase services to members through our newsletter and web site.

Continue to strengthen the partnerships we currently have and look to begin new partnerships.

Suggested adopting the ASCA Logo as PSCA Logo to help strengthen our national connection. This will serve to strengthen our national credibility as we seek further recognition from PDE with regards to the PA Model for School Counseling as well as any other future endeavors.

Continue to strive to answer all the emails and phone calls regarding PSCA from Governing Board members and members-at-large in a timely manner.

Participated in discussions with executive committee and Advisory Council regarding endorsements and contracts.