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2019 Accomplishments:

Continued conversations with NIFA. The Committee has held several conversations with Dr. Scott Angle, Director of the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) at the U. S. Department of Agriculture (USD), regarding the need to preserve the family and consumer sciences division. In addition, via a formal letter from the BoHS, we requested that a formal presence from this division be kept in the Washington, DC area. This was most critical due to the number of interagency agreements that this division manages with other federal agencies. These allowed for a larger portfolio if finds available for the Human Sciences to pursue through grant applicants.

Update: Dr. Caroline Crocoll, head of the FCS division at NIFA was selected to remain in D.C. as one of the six NIFA National Science Liaisons. We are extremely happy with this outcome. In her place, we understand that Brent Elrod will lead the division from the NIFA headquarters in Kansas City, MO.

March 28, 2019

The Board on Human Sciences sent a letter to the United States Department of Homeland Security expressing concern about the child/family separation policies being implemented at the United States border.

February 15, 2019

The Board on Human Sciences submitted a one-page document in response to USDA Research, Education, and Economics Deputy Under Secretary Scott Hutchins February 15, 2019 Listening Sessions for stakeholders.

The BoHS continues to work with the Board on Agriculture Assembly through its Budget and Advocacy Committee and Committee on Legislation and Policy to support federal funding of USDA programs and policies important to the Human Sciences.