

Colorado EHDI Alliance Meeting

Date: September 18, 2020

Meeting Called By: Colorado EHDI
Type of Meeting: Colorado EHDI Alliance
Note Taker: Ashley Renslow

Alliance & Core Team Members: Cliff Moers, Christy Scott, Arlene Stredler Brown, Heather Abraham, Katie Cue, Ashley Renslow, Amy Novotny, Sara Robinson, Marti Bleidt, Jack Damico, Sara Kennedy, Pat Greenway, Margaret Ruttenber, Sarah Honigfeld, and Maureen Cunningham

Absent Members: Allison Cunningham, Cory Portnuff, Geoff Goodside, and Emily Ausburger

Accommodations: Glosanda Lawyer (Trilingual ASL/English/Spanish interpreter), Leslie & Richard Blankis (ASL/English interpreters), Claudette Mondragon (CART), Carrie Apple (CLT), and Kellie Schier (CLT)

Agenda Item:	Decision-Making Process	Presenter:	Heather Abraham
Summary of Discussion: A document of two different decision making processes was presented to Alliance members. These two decision-making models are: (a) Voting; and (b) Consensus.			
Conclusions: Consensus Model will be tried			
Action Items: n/a		Person Responsible: n/a	Deadline: n/a

Agenda Item:	Public Comment Process	Presenter:	Heather Abraham
Summary of Discussion: Time for public comment will be included at the end of each agenda item. There will also be an opportunity for public comment at the end of the meeting for comments that are not associated with an agenda item. There will be a total time allocation of 5-6 minutes at the end of the meeting for public comments that are not submitted in advance of the meeting.			
Conclusions: A public comment form has been distributed in both English and Spanish and can be completed and submitted before each Alliance meeting. It is available on the COEHDI website.			

Action Items: Monitor receipt of public comment requests	Person Responsible: Katie Cue	Deadline: Before each Alliance meeting
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Agenda Item:	Update from Subgrant Committee	Presenter:	Jack Damico
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Summary of Discussion: A copy of the report from the Sub-grant Subcommittee was distributed to Alliance members before the meeting.

There are three proposals in the family support priority; and one proposal for the Spanish-speaking family resources priority. The applications were ranked by the subcommittee as follows:

1. H&V Family Guide Program
2. RMDS Expanded Family Education Program
3. AAP Colorado Chapter cCMV
4. H&V Spanish Resources

The subcommittee recommended funding all four proposals.

In future funding cycles, the RFP can be altered to include: (a) a descriptive title; (b) a suggestion to maintain closer adherence to the criteria in the RFP; (c) a request for more information related to sustainability; (d) a focus on ways in which outcomes impact consumers; and (e) an indication about “in kind” funding.

Conclusions:

1. 100% consensus to award four grant proposals.
2. Approval to shift funds from Professional Development priority to Family Support priority.

Action Items: Announcements of awards will be made	Person Responsible: Katie Cue (with Arlene Stredler Brown)	Deadline: by September 21, 2020
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Agenda Item:	COVID Task Force	Presenter:	Becky Awad
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Summary of Discussion: A HRSA Supplemental Grant was awarded to address COVID issues that may have exacerbated existing gaps in screening, rescreening, and LTF. Hannah Glick, PhD, CCC-A will lead supplemental grant activities.

A survey distributed to 59 birthing facilities in May, 2020 had a 47% response rate and identified these issues: (a) parents not returning to hospitals for rescreen; (b) there are problematic restrictions (e.g., no siblings permitted to come with parent to hospital for rescreen); (c) an increase in refer rates because babies are discharged sooner; (d) problems with tracking and follow up; (e) screeners need more guidance; and (f) need to identify follow up and tracking problems.

The COVID Task Force will meet on September 25th to discuss three strategic goals identified in the grant application. These are:

1. Support CO birthing facilities on issues related to screening, rescreening, and follow-up to include: (a) meet with birthing facilities to identify their needs; and (b) create an FAQ related to safety procedures/precautions with outpatient screening and rescreening.
2. Support tracking of screening, rescreening and follow-up data: The HIDS database at CDPHE will launch on October 6th. The COVID Task Force will collaborate with CDPHE to collect information that can be used to track COVID-related gaps.
3. Connect with PCPs to identify opportunities to support screening, rescreening and tracking. Start by building relationships with PCPs.

Conclusions: n/a

Action Items:

1. Support CO birthing facilities on issues related to screening, rescreening, and follow-up.
2. Support tracking of screening, rescreening and follow-up data.
3. Connect with PCPs to identify opportunities to support screening, rescreening and tracking.

Person Responsible:

Hannah Glick with support from Arlene Stredler Brown (Items #1 & 2)

Hannah Glick with support from Maureen Cunningham (Item #3)

Deadline: TBD

Agenda Item:

Screening Task Force

Presenter:

Kristin Sommerfeldt

Summary of Discussion: Margaret Ruttenber announced that the HIDS Database will be launched on October 6th. Many of the goals identified by the Screening Task Force will be rolled out in light of the HIDS launch.

Goals identified by the Screening Task Force include:

1. Screening and rescreening and limiting LTF: (a) plans to communicate with medical home, diagnostic facilities, & birthing facilities; (b) understand how HIDS data can be reported to CO stakeholders and to CDC (CO's latest data reported in the CDC database is from 2014).
2. Audiology Regional Coordinators: Funding for these coordinators ended on March 31, 2020 (when the previous HRSA-EHDI grant ended). Screeners in birthing facilities are asking for support. Opportunities to

provide this support include: (a) Contact with Hannah Glick as she works on COVID issues; (b) Educational Audiologists especially in rural areas and for home births; and (c) support from our EHDI team.

3. cCMV: This initiative has been awarded one of the EHDI subgrants.
4. Screener Training: Support for screeners may be pursued as follows: (a) identifying scripts that can be used when communicating with parents; (b) assuring equity between rural and urban areas of the state; and (c) collecting existing materials (e.g., Pediatrix, NCHAM) and making them available to screeners.
5. Home Births: Investigate ways to assure children born at home have access to hearing screening.
6. Data collection/sharing for children born in other states or moving to other states from Colorado.

Conclusions:

1. Hospital screeners are in need of support
2. Informational and training materials need to be available to screeners

Action Items:

1. Screening Task Force members will prioritize activities and make recommendations to The Alliance.
2. Informational and training materials will be collected and posted on the COEHDI website.

Person Responsible:

Hannah Glick, Maureen Cunningham, & Arlene Stredler Brown (Goal #1)

Collaborate with CDPHE (Goal #1)

Arlene will meet with Lisa Cannon (Lead for Educational Audiology at CDE; Goal #2)

Hannah Glick & Arlene Stredler Brown (Goal #4)
 Arlene Stredler Brown will meet with Linda Hazard (VT EHDI Coordinator; Goal #5)
 Arlene Stredler Brown to work with Margaret Ruttenber (Goal #6)

Deadline:

Update at October Alliance meeting

Agenda Item:

DHH Adult Task Force

Presenter:

Sara Robinson

Summary of Discussion: A short powerpoint about the DHH adult-to-family support services program was shared. The DHH Adult Task Force, and the Parent Task Force, are reviewing materials collected from the literature and from programs in the US. Several themes have emerged including: (a) the need for diversity among DHH adults (e.g., education, language, communication modality, culture, hearing acuity); (b) our program should meet the unique

needs of each family; (c) need to identify training criteria for DHH adults (e.g., supporting family choice, no communication bias); and (d) create a process to match DHH adults with families.

Conclusions: n/a

Action Items: Continued work of Task Force

Person Responsible:
Heather Abraham with
Ashley Renslow and
Kathy Sevier

Deadline:
Ongoing

Agenda Item:	Family Task Force	Presenter:	Heather Abraham for Geoff Goodside
<p>Summary of Discussion: Themes from the work of this task force, related to the development of our DHH adult-to-family support services include: (a) need for diversity among DHH adults (e.g., background, Spanish-speaking, rural, UHL, late-identified children, gender); and (b) consider training teens and college students.</p> <p>A “one size fits all” approach is <i>not</i> valued by the Parent Task Force. Rather, they want to support families by giving them an opportunity to meet several DHH adults. Focus on transition points in a family’s life (e.g., getting a cochlear implant, child entering preschool, etc). Our program needs to honor families.</p> <p>Different organizations can help to recruit parents to assure we have diversity among our DHH adults.</p> <p>We will need to plan to measure the outcomes of the program we adopt/adapt/create.</p>			
Conclusions: n/a			
Action Items: Continued work by task force		Person Responsible: Heather Abraham	Deadline: Ongoing

Agenda Item:	Public Comments	Presenter:	Members of the Public
<p>Shannon Callahan (Board of Colorado Association of the Deaf, member of the Commission for People with Disabilities for the City and County of Denver): As we develop the DHH adult-to-parent support services program, it is important to consider the backgrounds and current environment of the families, and help families to feel successful.</p>			

Conclusions: n/a		
Action Items: n/a	Person Responsible: n/a	Deadline: n/a

Agenda Item:	EHDI Coordinator Report	Presenter:	Arlene Stredler Brown
Summary of Discussion: To date, we have formed 4 task forces. Two more are in the planning stage: (a) audiology and transition to intervention; and (b) early intervention and transition to Part B.			
Conclusions: n/a			
Action Items: n/a	Person Responsible: n/a	Deadline: n/a	