

Colorado EHDI Alliance Meeting

Date: August 14, 2020

Meeting Called By: Colorado EHDI
Type of Meeting: Colorado EHDI Alliance
Note Taker: Arlene Stredler Brown

Attendees: Cliff Moers, Christy Scott, Arlene Stredler Brown, Sara Robinson, Marti Bleidt, Jack Damico, Emily Augsburg, Katie Cue, Heather Abraham, Sara Kennedy, Pat Greenway, Amy Novotny, Margaret Ruttenber, Allison Cunningham, Cory Portnuff, Maureen Cunningham, Ashley Renslow

Absent: Sarah Honigfeld

Visitors: Becky Awad, Kristin Sommerfeldt, Geoff Goodside, Hannah Glick

Agenda Item 1: Governance		Presenter: Heather Abraham
Summary of Discussion: Arlene Stredler Brown and Heather Abraham are coordinators of the EHDI grant; they attend Alliance meetings, but they are not voting members.		
The purpose of the Alliance is to monitor the fulfillment of the Work Plan submitted to HRSA. We have established four task forces to date; Alliance members hear reports from task forces (following), analyze the information presented, make system recommendations, and collaborate with stakeholders statewide.		
Meeting Norms: Reference page 11 in <i>The Handbook</i> that was distributed for this meeting.		
Governance: The Alliance will, in the future, identify a decision-making process (e.g., consensus, majority vote, other).		
Conclusions:		
Action Items:	Person Responsible:	Deadline:
Alliance members to decide on decision-making process	Alliance meeting facilitator	Next Alliance meeting

COVID-19 Task Force		
Agenda Item 2: Report	Presenter:	Becky Awad
Summary of Discussion: A survey was distributed in late May to all birthing facilities. Most facilities reporting were continuing to screen (except for COVID-positive moms). Rescreening was a bit more challenging.		
A \$10,000 HRSA supplemental grant was submitted with funding expected in September, 2020. Please contact Arlene if you want to see a copy of this grant proposal. Hannah Glick, PhD, AuD will be the person leading activities associated with the supplemental grant application.		

Margaret Ruttenber reported on stats from the EBC. Stats show that a similar number of children are being screened and rescreened in calendar year 2020 as in 2019 for the same months.

Conclusions:

Action Items:

Await funding from HRSA

Person Responsible:

Arlene/Hannah Glick

Deadline:

As soon as HRSA funding arrives

Agenda Item 3: Parent Task Force

Presenters:

Emily Augsburger;
Geoff Goodside

Summary of Discussion: The task force had their first meeting and has since reviewed a survey that was just distributed about the DHH Adult-to-Family Support Services program that will be developed with funding from our EHDI grant.

Sara Kennedy will share the Spanish version of the survey that is going to parents to inquire about the development of DHH adult-to-family support services.

Conclusions: The survey is being distributed to families by many organizations in the state.

Action Items:

Review survey results

Person Responsible:

Heather Abraham

Deadline:

Survey results will be collected until the end of August.

Agenda Item 4:

DHH Adult Task
Force

Presenter:

Heather
Abraham

Summary of Discussion: There are about 20 members on this task force. Sara Robinson and Sarah Honigfeld are the two representatives to the Alliance. They will be offering input on many issues related to the development of the DHH adult-to-family support services. During the first six months of this grant year, EHDI staff are reviewing the literature on DHH adult involvement, contacting existing programs, and reviewing existing curricula.

Conclusions:

Action Items:	Person Responsible:	Deadline:
Pursue data collection (literature review, existing programs, existing curricula)	Heather Abraham (in collaboration with Ashley Renslow and Katahy Sevier)	September 30, 2020

Agenda Item 5: Screening Task Force		Presenter: Kristin Sommerfeldt
Summary of Discussion: The first meeting of the Screening Task Force was August 13, 2020. There are several action items as a result of this meeting including: (a) once the Health Information Data System is operational, there will be opportunities to coordinate among CDPHE, CIHAC, and EHDI; (b) how to utilize the medical home as a “fail safe” for all children who refer on a screen/rescreen; (c) reach for equitable care for children in rural areas (Lisa Cannon, lead of Colorado’s educational audiologists, will be contacted); (d) EHDI PALS, the pediatric diagnostic audiology database, housed at NCHAM, is being updated; (e) pursue ways to fulfill the role played by Audiology Regional Coordinators up until April 2020; and (f) Arlene will join the cCMV group already meeting in Colorado.		
Conclusions: Each topic here will be reviewed with Screening Task Force members in order to identify activities.		
Action Items:	Person Responsible:	Deadline:
Another meeting will be scheduled ASAP to review additional items not yet discussed (or reported here)	Arlene Stredler Brown	ASAP

Agenda Item 6: Subgrant Applications		Presenter: Heather Abraham
Summary of Discussion: Our EHDI grant allocates funds for subgrants in three areas: (a) \$7000 for family-to-family support, \$7000 for professional development, \$2000 for resources for Spanish-speaking families. It is the responsibility of The Alliance to review the grant applications and to prioritize awards. We are seeking volunteers among Alliance members who are willing to serve on a subcommittee to review these subgrant applications. Applications are submitted one time each year. The application materials are in <i>The Handbook</i> (see pages 13-29).		
Conclusions: Subgrant applications are due by August 31, 2020. A review of these applications will take place in September. Funded programs can start work on October 1, 2020.		
Action Items:	Person Responsible:	Deadline:
Email Heather Abraham (habraham@coehdi.org) if you want to serve on this subcommittee.	Heather Abraham	ASAP

Agenda Item 7: Alliance meetings open to the public		Presenter: Cliff Moers
<p>Summary of Discussion: This first Alliance meeting was by invitation and it was not open to the public. Future meetings will be open for public comment. Alliance members were asked how they want to manage public comments. These decisions were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How will comments be submitted – before and/or during an Alliance meeting? CDPHE does both in their meetings. In this way, if a question is not submitted before the meeting, people can still contribute. • When should public comments be presented? Associate public comments with each agenda item. This supports active involvement by community stakeholders. • Who should respond to comments from the public? The Core Team can respond to public comments. Alliance members can contribute. 		
Conclusions:		
Decisions made about public comments. This information needs to be shared widely with stakeholders statewide.		
Action Items:	Person Responsible:	Deadline:
Put an announcement about public comments in the September EHDl newsletter.	Core Team; Katie Cue	September 1 newsletter

Agenda Item 8: Closing		Presenter: Cliff Moers
<p>Summary of Discussion: Role call with each person sharing one thought: Connection; openness; efficacy; opportunity; supportive; transparent; proud; possibilities; relationship; intentional; inspired; comprehensive; sensitivity; communication; innovative; empowerment; novel</p>		
Conclusions:		
Action Items:	Person Responsible:	Deadline:
Publicize these words – Wordable?	Heather Abraham/Katie Cue	n/a