

Colorado EHDI Alliance Meeting

Date: November 20,
2020

Meeting Called By: Colorado EHDI

Type of Meeting: Colorado EHDI Alliance

Facilitator: Heather Abraham

Notetaker: Arlene Stredler Brown

Alliance & Core Team Members: Emily Augsurger, Marti Bleidt, Maureen Cunningham, Jack Damico, Pat Greenway, Sara Kennedy, Cliff Moers, Amy Novotny, Ashley Renslow, Sara Robinson, Margaret Ruttenber, Christy Scott

Absent Members: Allison Cunningham, Sarah Honigfeld, Geoff Goodside, Cory Portnuff

Core Team Participants: Heather Abraham, Arlene Stredler Brown, Katie Cue

Task Force Representatives: Emily Chamberlain, Kristin Sommerfeldt

Accommodations: Gloshanda Lawyer (Trilingual ASL/English/Spanish interpreter), Richard Blankis (ASL/English interpreter), Leslie Blankis (ASL/English interpreter), Alicia Berg (CART), Kellie Schier (CLT), and Carrie Apple (CLT)

Agenda Item 1:

Adoption of
Meeting Minutes

Summary of Discussion: Adoption of meeting minutes – October 2020

Conclusions: Minutes were approved

Action Items: n/a

Person Responsible: n/a

Deadline: n/a

Agenda Item 2: Updates **Presenters:** Arlene Stredler Brown, Christy Scott, Heather Abraham, Katie Cue

Summary of Discussion:

AMCHP Tele-audiology grant (Arlene for Christy Scott): Unfortunately, this grant application was not awarded to Colorado. There may be opportunities to apply to other funders in the future. The concept is sound. We can continue to discuss tele-audiology in task force meetings, including discussions to secure all system components.

Oberkotter Grant (Arlene): This grant application was designed to gather information from parents and professionals about parents' access to and utilization of listening and spoken language. There has been no response from the funder to a request outlining the reasons this grant was not awarded.

DHH Adult-to-Family Support Program (Heather Abraham): Heather reported that the philosophy, values, & outcomes of this program are being developed and reviewed by stakeholder groups. Next steps are recruitment of adults and the new training/orientation. The Core Team and task forces are developing training procedures. This program will be piloted in January, 2021. DHH adults will be recruited by recognizing those who have expressed interest, notifying interested people using our COEHDI networking materials (e.g., newsletters, website), and by posting a job description. There is a commitment to training a variety of people (i.e., different backgrounds & experiences). The criteria for working with this program will be shared with the Alliance before recruitment starts.

Website (Katie Cue): Our interim website(www.coehdi.org) has been running. A new site is being developed. It will offer resources for screeners, audiologists, parents, early interventionists, and other stakeholders. Input about materials to post/link on our website are being solicited from Alliance members. Contact Katie Cue: kcue@coehdi.org

Action Items:

Request input from the Oberkotter Foundation to explain why our grant proposal was not funded

Person Responsible:

Arlene

Deadline:

Before next Oberkotter grant opportunity (spring/summer, 2021)

Send info for website to Katie Cue

Katie Cue

Ongoing

Agenda Item 3: Presenter: Emily Chamberlain

Diagnosis/Identification Task Force

Summary of Discussion: The CDPHE HIDS database was launched on October 6, 2020. The task force recommends collecting 2019 (and 2020). Having these numbers will provide a base rate for screening, rescreening, diagnostic, and entry to early intervention. Collecting this data was presented to the Alliance members. Margaret Ruttenber (CDPHE) reported that data on the old IDS database was entered into HIDS. However, there are many people who stopped using IDS. Margaret supported the entry of 2019 data into HIDS. Leanne Glenn will notify HIDS users to enter 2019 data. The CDPHE cannot “require” users to enter this data. Screeners, audiologists, and Regional CO-Hear Coordinators can go into HIDS and backfill 2019 (and 2020) data from their own records. EHDI would like to see aggregate data for 2019 and the same for 2020. Either CDPHE (preferable) or EHDI can share 2019 and 2020 data with CDC. Colorado has been granted an extension on the reporting of 2019 data to allow time to encourage users to upload 2019 data into HIDS.

In addition to encouraging Users of HIDS to enter their own documentation for 2019, several people can assist in the effort. This includes: Hannah Glick (funded by the HRSA COVID grant), Regional CO-Hear Coordinators, and Allison Sedey/Claire (CU-Boulder).

There are ~70 users of HIDS to date.

Emily C. mentioned some awkward features of HIDS that make it tricky to enter old data. Margaret said this feature will *not* change. Rather, users can rely on the training videos and contact Leanne Glenn as needed.

Conclusions: Alliance members are in unanimous support of collecting 2019 and 2020 data.

Action Items:

Leanne Glenn to send letter from CDPHE to HIDS users to encourage them to upload 2019 and 2020 data into HIDS.

Discuss inputting of 2019 and 2020 data with Hannah Glick, Ashley Renslow (on behalf of CO-Hear Coordinators), and Allison Sedey

Person Responsible:

Leanne Glenn

Arlene

Deadline:

mid-December, 2020

ASAP

Agenda Item 4:**COVID Task****Force****Presenters:** Arlene

Summary of Discussion: The results of the COVID survey indicate that screeners, especially midwives, would like more information and support related to screening and rescreening and becoming a user in HIDS. Uploading COVID information on the COEHDI website is a priority.

Conclusions: Information on COVID and its impact on screening and rescreening is a priority.

Action Items:

1. Katie Cue has prioritized COVID-related materials to be uploaded to our COEHDI website.
2. Individual support is available to screeners.

Person Responsible:

Katie Cue

Hannah Glick

Deadline:

Ongoing

Ongoing

Agenda Item 5:**Screening Task****Force Report****Presenter:** Kristin Sommerfeldt

Summary of Discussion: The task force discussed EHDI PALS and Roadmap documents and supported keeping these as they are a current and useful resource. This includes continual updating of diagnostic testing centers. Hands & Voices has maintained responsibility for this activity.

There are currently ~70 users registered to enter data into HIDS. There can be efforts to increase awareness of the system. One idea was for Regional CO-Hear Coordinators to reach out to birthing centers. No decision was made on this comment.

Some educational audiologists (specifically, on the W. Slope) are conducting hearing screens and rescreens. Margaret acknowledged that educational audiologists can be users.

Coordinating the immunization database with HIDS would give PCPs needed access to hearing screening information. Maureen Cunningham posited that Margaret has been unclear as to PCP access to HIDS. On the one hand, PCPs are not entering data, only looking at it, so they may not be "users". In addition, there are thousands of

PCPs statewide and this could overwhelm the HIDS system. On the other hand, PCPs need a way to oversee each child’s screening, rescreening, and, as applicable, diagnostic data and entry into early intervention.		
Conclusions:		
Action Items:	Person Responsible:	Deadline:
1. Regional CO-Hear Coordinators reach out to birthing centers to remind them to become HIDS users and to input data into HIDS	Ashley Renslow	ASAP
2. Encourage educational audiologists who are conducting hearing screenings/rescreenings to enroll as a HIDS user	Lisa Cannon (Arlene to inform)	ASAP

Agenda Item 6		
General Public		
Comments Presenter: n/a		
Summary of Discussion: No public comments		
Conclusions: n/a		
Action Items: n/a	Person Responsible: n/a	Deadline: n/a

Our CO EHDI Alliance meetings are held on the 3rd Friday of each month.

Next meeting: December 18, 2020 @ 10:00 – 11:30