**Colorado EHDI**

**COVID-19 Task Force Meeting**

December 28, 2020

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| **Attendees** |
| **Name** | **Role** |
| Arlene Stredler Brown | EHDI Director and Notetaker |
| Hannah Glick | COVID Supplemental Grant; Project Coordinator |
| Margaret Ruttenber | Team Member |
| Becky Awad | Team member |
| Sara Kennedy | Team Member |
| Lisa Cannon | Team Member |
| Jennifer Schryer | Team Member |
| Mat Landman | Team Member |
| Cory Portnuff | Team Member |
| Stacy Claycomb | Team Member |
| Maureen Cunningham | Team Member |

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| **Meeting Outcomes** |
| 1. **Discuss COVID FAQ page, proposed material, and suggested additions for CO EHDI website.**A draft of the COVID-related FAQ page for the website can be accessed here: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1qzIYX3UF_XC-fktkzFLiv_ztgX_Ei8BWSBN_hpf70Lk/edit?usp=sharing>
2. **Discuss idea of monthly screening/COVID-related newsletter to be distributed to screening facilities.**A draft of the December/January newsletter can be accessed here: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/12Au6fOionfUFv-M6qpGRcxfE729-EdU16e-MVUpgErM/edit?usp=sharing>. Should the same email blast be sent to all screening facilities, diagnostic audiologists, CO-HEARS, midwives, or should information be tailored to different groups? Also, Arlene and I had the idea of including a synopsis of a relevant new article or best practices update regarding COVID-19 and/or screening during the pandemic within the newsletter - however, it seems new information is quite limited on this topic. I've been following resources like NCHAM's web-page on COVID-19 and there have not been many updates or new additions to the site since late summer/early fall (<https://infanthearing.org/COVID-19/index.html>).
3. **Brainstorm idea of midwife support group to support screening efforts and education surrounding screening and COVID-related screening issues.**
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| **Agenda/Actions/Decisions** |
| **Agenda Items** | **Discussion** | **Action/ Decision** | **Champion** | **By When** |
| COVID-related materials posted on COEHDI website | COVID resources will soon be posted on the COEHDI website. There will be separate pages for professionals and families. The website will be populated with these topics: FAQs with appropriate answers; information on infection control; importance of screening, rescreening, and LTF; how to manage a referral to diagnostic testing; a list of audiologists on EHDI-PALS; Margaret: Missed/failed screening numbers are not significantly changed from the same time period in 2019. Some families have asked where they can get their children screened. Margaret to send list of birthing facilities to Sara Kennedy so *Roadmaps* can be updated. Some issues were discussed about EHDI-PALS. Arlene will contact Randi Winston at NCHAM to discuss these. For families, we have identified these topics to be posted on the COEHDI website: (a) FAQs about importance of NBHS; (b) screening when born in hospital or at home; (c) screening if adopted; (d) helping with child development; (e) supporting emotional needs during COVID; and (f) what to do if intervention has been interrupted. Suggestions were made by those attending.  | Review the templates of information that are being placed on the COEHDI website: <https://www.coehdi.org/covid/>Contact Randi Winston at NCHAM about EHDI PALS | AllArlene | ASAPASAP |
| Newsletter for Screeners and NBHS Coordinators | Utilize a newsletter, specifically for screeners, as a way to get updated information to screeners/screening coordinators. We will need to decide of the frequency of distribution (e.g., monthly, every 2 months). Reach out with questions. Discussion introduced these topics: * Can we send a newsletter to all screeners/screening coordinators?
* Sara suggested monthly distribution.
* Include the importance of populating 2019 and 2020 data. Encourage HIDS users to populate 2019 data first!
* Include who to contact if you need help – Leanne Glenn.
* Provide rationale for inputting 2019 data into HIDS before 2020
 | Develop first newsletter for screeners.  | Hannah | ASAP |
| Midwives’ Support | Postponed to January meeting |  |  |  |

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| **Follow-up** |
| **Task** | **Person(s) Responsible** |  **By When** |
| Review the templates of information that are being placed on the COEHDI website: <https://www.coehdi.org/covid/> | All | Ongoing |
| Contact Randi Winston at NCHAM about EHDI PALS | Arlene | ASAP |
| Develop newsletter for screeners | Hannah Glick | Ongoing – Start in January |
| Discuss midwives’ participation in screening/rescreening | Hannah Glick | January Task Force Meeting |

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| **Furture Meeetings*****The COVID Task Force meets on the 4th Monday of each month at 12:00 – 1:00*** |
| **Date** | **Time** |  |
| January 25th | Noon – 1:00 |  |
| February 22nd | Noon – 1:00 |  |
| March 22nd  | Noon – 1:00 |  |

*Beginning February 1, 2021, all Alliance meeting and task force meeting accommodations (e.g., American Sign Language interpreters, Cued Language Transliteration, and/or Spanish translators) must be requested at least 72 business hours or 3 business days in advance.****Requests may be made via your task force facilitator and/or at******info@coehdi.org****. We will also enable Zoom's Live Transcription feature for all meetings.*