**Colorado EHDI**

**COVID-19 Task Force Meeting**

September 25, 2020

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| **Attendees** |
| **Name** | **Role** |
| Arlene Stredler Brown | EHDI Coordinator and Notetaker |
| Hannah Glick | COVID Supplemlental 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. Overview of HRSA supplemental grant
2. Identify grant priorities; discuss implementation of these priorities
3. Review proposed survey
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| **Agenda/Actions/Decisions** |
| **Agenda Items** | **Discussion** | **Action/ Decision** | **Champion** | **By When** |
| Update on Screening Data from Electronic Birth Certificate (Margaret Ruttenber) | A comparison of the statistics collected between January and August 2019 and the same months in 2020 is now available on the CDPHE website. Note that the birthing population has decreased a little.October 6 is the predicted launch date for the HIDS database.  | Check the CDPHE website for stats | All | n/a |
| Overview of HRSA supplemental grant (Hannah Glick) | Seven activities are listed in our HRSA Supplemental grant: 1. **Activity 1:** Conduct a targeted needs assessment to identify the impact of the current COVID-19 public health emergency, including delays and barriers in hearing screening, audiological diagnostic evaluation, and enrollment in early intervention services.
2. **Activity 2:** Collaborate with other state/territory EHDI Program staff for support, and share timely resources and strategies to address impacts of the current public health emergency.
3. **Activity 3:** Implement strategies, including the use of telehealth services, to address identified needs including: (a) those that address missed, delayed, or inaccessible hearing screenings; (b) follow-up audiological diagnostic evaluations; and (c) enrollment in early intervention services.
4. **Activity 4:** Communicate any newly-implemented strategies with service providers, stakeholders, and families.
5. **Activity 5:** Disseminate resources and materials to support families with children who are DHH (or suspect their child may be DHH) in the case of delayed or inaccessible services.
6. **Activity 6:** Conduct targeted outreach and support to families with DHH children of underrepresented, minority and at-risk populations who may be disproportionately impacted by the current public health emergency
7. **Activity 7.** Inform the EHDI National Technical Resource Center about activities conducted to address needs and impacts of the current public health emergency
 | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Identify grant priorities; discuss implementation of these priorities (Hannah Glick) | There are 3 grant priorities and activities are associated with them. These priorities reflect the survey that was distributed in May, 2020, the work of the COVID Task Force to date, and the proposal for HRSA Supplemental Funds. **#1: To support CO birthing facilities surrounding screening, rescreening, and loss to follow up (LTF) and guidance with regards to safe outpatient screening/rescreening.**Fulfillment of this priority includes these activities: (a) Survey birthing facilities to gather more detailed information about the types of support birthing facilities need; (b) Based on survey results, create a FAQ page and information support page regarding safety with outpatient screening/rescreening during COVID and post it on the CO EHDI website; (c) Hannah Glick will serve as the point of contact for birthing facilities who want additional support. Discussion points include: * Hannah will support COVID-related needs identified by hospitals and birthing facilities
* There was general consensus to conduct another survey with these considerations: (a) make it shorter (without duplicating survey questions from May, 2020); (b) focus on families’ returning for a rescreen if the child refers on the initial screen; (c) identify supports that are needed; (d) add an open-ended question to identify what each facility/hospital may need; (e) introduce Hannah as the point of contact; and (f) include in the introduction that this survey is Colorado-specific. Margaret offered to work with Hannah to revise the survey. Task force members will have a chance to review and edit the survey via email before it is distributed.
* FAQs may be posted on the EHDI and/or CDPHE website(s)

**#2: To support tracking of screening, re-screening, and loss to follow-up.**Fulfillment of this priority includes these activities: (a) HIDS database is set to launch October 5th; and (b) Hannah will work with Margaret Ruttenber and Leanne Glenn, at CDPHE, to collect information that we can use to track COVID-related issues and gaps with regards to screening, re-rescreening, and LTF. Discussion points include: (a) reconcile HIDS data with birthing facilities’/hospitals’ data they have been collecting. **#3: Connect with primary care physicians (PCPs) to identify opportunities to monitor screening and rescreening.**Fulfillment of this priority includes these activities: (a) build relationships with PCPs to support screening and re-screening efforts in the state; and (b) connect with PCPs. Discussion points include:* Traditionally, PCPs have not been prominent in the EHDI system; we have an opportunity to formalize a process.
* PCPs, with the name of a child, can request access to HIDS (“breaking glass”). This action will need to be advertised to PCPs. It might be done through the e-newsletters from AAP and AAFP. Perhaps nurse practitioners and physician assistants can be notified. Looking forward to a streamlined process for PCPs to access HIDS. Also discussed possibility of using eBlasts from CDPHE to connect and spread information to PCPs.
* In addition to PCPs, task force members identified other “key players” to support screening and re-screening efforts including nurses and PAs.
 | There is a persistent need to identify the provision of support for screening, rescreening, and LTF. What is the responsibility of EHDI? CDPHE? This topic also is a topic of discussion at the EHDI Screening Task Force. Revise surveyDiscussion about where to post materials so they are all in one place. CDPHE requires approval. EHDI may have more flexibility. Draft FAQ will be shared with task force members | Arlene S-B; Sara Kennedy (CIHAC); Becky Awad (CIHAC); Margaret Ruttenber (CDPHE); Hannah Glick Hannah Glick, Margaret Ruttenber, Arlene Stredler BrownHannah GlickHannah GlickHannah Glick; Maureen Cunningham | OngoingASAPASAPASAPOngoing |

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| **Follow-up** |
| **Task** | **Person(s) Responsible** |  **By When** |
| Electronic Birth Certificate data is now posted on the CDPHE website for January through August 2019 and the same months in 2020.  | All | As needed |
| Support screeners in screening, rescreening, and LTF. Define the role(s) of EHDI and CDPHE. This topic also is being discussed at the EHDI Screening Task Force.  | Hannah will support screeners on COVID-related issues | Ongoing |
| Work on revised survey for hospitals, birthing facilities, midwives | Hannah; to be reviewed, via email, by all task force members | ASAP |
| Define location for online materials – CDPHE website? EHDI website? It will be ideal to have all materials in one place.  | Hannah, Margaret | ASAP |
| Draft FAQ for COVID-related supports to screeners. To be reviewed, online, by COVID Task Force members.  | Hannah Glick | ASAP |