**Colorado EHDI**

**Screening Task Force**

**Meeting Notes**

Date: 8/27/20

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| **Attendees** | |
| **Name** | **Role** |
| Arlene Stredler Brown | Faclitator |
| Dee Shuler-Woodard | Notetaker |
| Sarah Wedekin | Educational Audiologist, Mesa 51 |
| Mathew Landman | Pediatrix |
| Sara Kennedy | Director, CO Hands & Voices |
| Lisa Shigio | Audiologist, CSDB |
| Jennifer Schryer | Educational Audiologist, Colorado River BOCES |
| Becky Awad | Audiologist, CHCO |
| Samuel Gubbels | ENT, UCHealth |
| Margaret Ruttenber | State Birth Defects Registry, CDPHE |

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| **Agenda/Actions/Decisions** | | |
| **Agenda Items** | **Discussion** | **Action/Decision** |
| **Topical Issue: Professional Development** | Professional development is an ongoing need, especially with turn-over in NBHS positions. In addition, screeners have a variety of positions and trainings keep NBHS issues current. Screeners need to know how to screen, scripts to use, and issues that affect screening (e.g., COVID). Needs in rural areas may be different than those in urban areas. Pediatrix has an online curriculum and in-person training. NCHAM has materials. | A suggestion for ongoing professional development for birthing and regional centers was discussed. Hannah Glick, PhD, CCC-A, will be working on the COVID grant; she will collect data on training needs of screeners. |
| **Topical Issue: Trauma-informed Care** | Many can benefit by learning more about how to share sensitive information with parents. “Holding Space” is a program that addresses how to share difficult information with parents. We want to be sure the “best” message is given to parents so they follow recommendations (e.g., rescreen, diagnostic testing).  Pediatrix follows the audiology-led curriculum online. Screeners are referred to the NCHAM screening certification process which they complete prior to conducting screenings. Updates are required annually.  California has site visits with review of curriculum; includes staff learning how to present information to parents. Mat Landman is an advocate of “knowledge is power” - especially for babies that refer and the subsequent message that is given to the parents. He addresses the importance of this message for screeners. | We will keep this topic in mind in future meetings after other priorities have been addressed. |
| **Topical Issue: Home Births** | PCPs on the W. Slope are referring to Child Find (with screening done by educational audiologists).  Data from the past showed that ~70% of home births were screened; follow up could be for education/awareness and seeking out the 30% of home births who are not screened. Some midwives have requested screening equipment to use in the home.  Not all children born at home go to a PCP. | There may be an opportunity to work with Educational Audiologists to support our state system. Need to loop Lisa Cannon into this conversation. |
| **Topical Issue: Out-of-state Births** | The goal is to connect families moving into the state with resources. The question is, how do we know who these babies are? Some states have a system in place (e.g., cross-state agreements). | PCP education may help to keep awareness high for screening, rescreening, and/or referral for audiologic diagnostics. |
| **HIDS Database** | Margaret announced that the planned launch for HIDS is October 5th. (There were a lot of smiles associated with this announcement!) Users will need to apply and be certified in order to have access. There will be Zoom meetings to train all users. Trainings will be recorded and will be broken down by user types. A help line will be offered by CDPHE, especially during the first week after the launch of the system.  Margaret reported that notices will be sent to HIDS users as “reminders” to populate/update the database. HIDS will import old data (at least 2 years) into the new database.  Once the database is live, the priorities of our group may change. Concerns about rescreening and LTF will probably still exist. Activities need to be identified. | HIDS launch will be associated with IT support from CDPHE personnel. Leanne Glenn is making videos for training. |
| **Role of EHDI : CDPHE : CIHAC** | There is currently no tracking of risk factors in HIDS.  Future need to identify support to NBHS Coordinators. Who will offer that support (e.g., CDPHE? EHDI?).  The Task Force needs to identify, and seek input from The Alliance, about screening activities that are seen as the responsibility of CDPHE and activities that fall within the scope of EHDI. | Becky Awad suggested seeking clarification on the rules that support the legislation to see how tracking of risk factors is interpreted.  Additional communication with NBHS Coordinators will be considered after everyone is up and running with HIDS.  Address this topic at future meetings of the Screening Task Force. |
| **Impact of COVID** | COVID may have exacerbated existing gaps in our system (e.g., LTF/LTD). | Hannah Glick will be addressing COVID issues. She will be informing the Screening TF members about her work.  Hannah to connect with Mat Landman @ Pediatrix. While Pediatrix has materials to address impact of COVID, other materials (e.g., NCHAM, other agencies) may be available. Mat would be interested in seeing these materials. |
| **Possible Activities** | Activities listed here will be considered after HIDS database is up and running (October):   * Role of PCPs in our statewide system * Role of educational audiologists in our statewide system * Survey NBHS Coordinators to identify information they want to learn   Arlene will connect with the EHDI and/or database Coordinators in the three other states where EHDI and the state database are not in the same agency. We’re looking for solutions to the challenges we have here in CO. |  |

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| **Next Meeting(s)** | | |
| **DATE** | **TIME** | **AGENDA ITEMS** |
| TBD |  | Wait for HIDS database to be up and running. Plan next meeting for mid-October. |
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