

Colorado EHDI Alliance
Dx/Id and Transition to Intervention Task Force

Meeting Notes
Date: February 4, 2021

Attendees	
Name	Role/Agency
Heather Abraham	Facilitator/Notetaker
Arlene Stredler Brown	Facilitator/Notetaker
Emily Wojahn	CO-Hear Coordinator
Brittany Goodside	Parent
Allison Sedey	University of Colorado, ODDACE Project
Emily Chamberlain	Audiologist; Denver Health (focus on pediatrics)
Jami Fries	CO Hands & Voices
Annette Landes	CO-Hear Coordinator
Jill Jacobs	Parent of a 14-year-old child who is deaf/hard of hearing
Mah-rya Proper	Parent of a child who is late identified as deaf/hard of hearing
Richard Jeffries	Director of Outreach, CSDB
Laura Merrill	Early Intervention Colorado
Emily Augsburger	Parent
Kristin Sommerfeldt	Audiologist; University of Colorado
Jessi Cooney	AG Bell Member & Teacher of the Deaf/HH
Cliff Moers	CCDHHDB

Laura Greaver	Audiologist; Children’s Hospital
Krissa Britsch	SLP; The Listen Foundation
Lynn Wismann	CO-Hear Coordinator
Cathy Cortese	Parent
Dawn Taylor	Audiologist
Allison Beaver	Audiologist; Rocky Mountain Ear Center
Brian Herrmann	Pediatric Otolaryngologist; Children’s Hospital
Dani Nouguier	Parent

Meeting Agenda
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Announcements 2. Audiologists’ access to CO EHDI Newsletter 3. CO-Hear Coordinators – EHDI is here for you! 4. Family-to-Family Support

Discussion/Actions/Decisions				
Agenda Items	Discussion	Action/ Decision	Champion	By When
Announcements	COEHDI Website: The URL for our website is www.coehdi.org . We continue to develop sections of the website. Please share any materials you would like us to consider placing on the website. We are specifically looking for information related to the topics addressed by this task force. In addition, please check the “Resources” tab and share what you would like us to include.	Please share materials you want to include in our website with Heather or Arlene	All	Ongoing

	<p>Tele-audiology: The group decided at the last meeting to create a subcommittee to work on our state’s tele-audiology initiative. Currently, there are eight people signed up for this subcommittee. Please let Arlene know if you would like to participate. We hope to have parents and audiologists living and working in rural areas.</p> <p>EHDI Governance: The EHDI structure, specifically the COEHDI Alliance & our six task forces, was shared for the benefit of new task force members. The task forces identify topics and analyze and discuss them until they reach a point at which they are ready to make system recommendations to the COEHDI Alliance. The Alliance can accept task force recommendations, ask for more information and further review, and/or reject a recommendation. The six task forces are ongoing. Most meet monthly.</p>	Contact Arlene if you are interested in joining the sub-committee on tele-audiology	All	Ongoing
<p>Audiologists’ access to COEHDI Newsletter</p>	<p>COEHDI publishes a monthly newsletter; we would like to expand distribution to as many people as possible. Task force members discussed different stakeholder groups and the approach for newsletter dissemination:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part C Service Coordinators (in CCBs): Part C will send the COEHDI Newsletter to directors (via Laura M) • Clinical audiologists who see pediatric patients: Filter lists in DORA and/or CAA for pediatric audiologists. In addition, add audiologists working in major pediatric centers. Add all clinical audiologists on EHDI-PALS to the newsletter distribution list • EI Providers: Contact Christy Scott (Part C) 	<p>Assure Laura Merrill (Part C) is on the list to receive the Newsletter</p> <p>Filter audiologist names to identify pediatric practitioners (CAA and DORA)</p>	Arlene	ASAP

- ENTs and Neurotologists: Work with Dr. Herrmann
- Families: Send the link to 5 agencies offering parent support. They can distribute at their discretion.
- Teachers of the DHH (focus on preschool): Work with Shauna Moden (CDE)
- Child Find teams: TBD
- HIDS Users: TBD

We will continue to advertise the newsletter on our social media (e.g., COEHDI website, COEHDI Facebook page).

Notably, the e-version of our newsletter includes the option to “unsubscribe”.

Identify names on EHDI-PALS

Check with Christy Scott about getting this information to Part C-funded early intervention providers

Check with Dr. Herrmann to identify an appropriate avenue for distribution of the newsletter

Check with CO H&V, Listen Foundation, CHCO, CO AG Bell, RMDS

Contact Shauna Moden at CDE

<p>CO-Hear Coordinators</p>	<p>JCIH guidelines recommend a single point of entry into an intervention system within 7 days of identification of hearing level (IDEA, 2004). CO-Hear Coordinators fulfill this recommendation. In an attempt to review, support and refresh this part of our EHDI system, the focus is on 4 aspects of the system: (a) capacity; (b) interface between Part C service coordinators and CSDB CO-Hear Coordinators; (c) sustainability; and (d) fidelity. In December, we talked about capacity. In January, we discussed the interface between Part C Service Coordinators and CSDB CO-Hear Coordinators. This month, we returned to the discussion about capacity of the referral process in light of the number of births in the 7 CO-Hear Coordinator regions and the estimated caseload of babies who are DHH.</p> <p>Our system is unique; unlike other states, we have the expertise of CO-Hear Coordinators in addition to Part C Service Coordinators. In April 2020, CO-Hear Coordinators took on the entire caseload of children with UHL which is estimated to have increased their caseloads by ~30%.</p> <p>Is the current referral system “good to go”? Task force members requested more information to support an informed analysis and response to this question. CSDB staff, CO-Hear Coordinators and Part C report that they are also discussing the issue. The discussion will continue during the March meeting.</p>	<p>Review documentation and data to date to share with task force members</p>	<p>Arlene & Heather</p>	<p>Before March, 2021 meeting</p>
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Next Meeting(s)		
DATE	TIME	FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
Thursday	4:00-5:00 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Announcements

March 4, 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transition from identification to early intervention - review and refresh, as needed, of current system
April 1, 2021	4:00 – 5:00 PM	TBD

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