**Colorado EHDI**

**Screening Task Force**

**Meeting Notes**

March 9, 2021

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| **Attendees** |
| **Name** | **Role** |
| **Arlene Stredler Brown** | Facilitator |
| **Heather Abraham** | Notetaker |
| **Dee Schuler Woodard** | Western Slope Regional CO-Hear Coordinator |
| **Sara Kennedy** | Director; CO Hands & Voices |
| **Becky Awad** | Audiologist, Children’s Hospital |
| **Lisa Cannon** | CDE Consultant for Educational Audiologists |
| **Annette Landes** | CO-Hear Coordinator; North Region |
| **Kristin Sommerfeldt** | Audiologist and Faculty, University of Colorado |
| **Jennifer Schryer** | Educational Audiologist; Western Slope |
| **Dawn O’Brien-Taylor** | Pediatric Audiologist |
| **Deb Draus** | Audiologist - Littleton Public Schools |
| **Katie Cue** | Colorado Commission for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing, Deafblind - Outreach Specialist & Colorado EHDI |
| **Ashley Renslow** | Colorado School for the Deaf and the Blind (CSDB) - Early Education Consultant & EHDI Alliance |
| **Mah-Rya Proper** | Parent |
| **Maureen Cunningham** | Pediatric Hospitalist; Children’s Hospital  |
| **Brian Hermann** | Pediatric Otolaryngologist, Children’s Hospital |
| **Angela Harder** | Audiology Assistant, Children’s Hospital |

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| **Agenda Overview** |
| 1. Support for Screening and Rescreening to Decrease LTF – A poll to identify priorities
2. Identify recommendations for Alliance if appropriate
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| **Agenda/Actions/Decisions** |
| **Agenda Items** | **Discussion** | **Action/Decision** |
| **Prioritization of Initiatives to Increase Screening & Rescreening and Decrease LTF** | When our work started last year, a survey was completed to identify screening needs. Many ideas have been generated. Work on the majority of them has been initiated. After a brief discussion of the initiatives in proces, the group was asked to prioritize them. The activities in process, in prioritized order, are:* PCP Access to NBHS Results **(11)**
* Technical Assistance to Screeners **(9)**
* Interface between the roles of CDPHE and CO EHDI **(8)**
* Educational Audiologists Supporting Screening **(6)**
* Midwifery Participation **(4)**
* Hands & Voices Roadmaps **(4)**
* Monthly Newsletter for Screeners **(2)**

Some priorities may focus on areas that other entities (e.g., CIHAC) may be addressing. There was a recommendation to look at regional needs (e.g., Western Slope). For example, Lisa Cannon, along with the educational audiologists on the W. Slope, plan to collect numbers in that region to identify specific needs and the numbers of children impacted. And, Sara Kennedy is gathering information to identify the number of hours needed to update the Hands & Voices *Roadmaps*. An update on the number of midwives in Colorado was given. There are approximately 67 midwives currently practicing. There are 8 midwives registered in the HIDS database at this time.There are three activities that have not yet been started by CO EHDI. These are: * Regional Meetings
* Follow-up Coordinator
* Newborn Hearing Screening Brochure for Midwives

Regarding regional meetings, the Regional CO-Hear Coordinators have indicated their interest in facilitating these meetings. A list of to invite to regional meetings could include: screeners, clinical audiologist(s), Leanne Glenn, CO-Hear Coordinator, educational audiologists, Hands & Voices Guides, midwives, Part C representatives from the CCB in that region, and participants in The Ascent Program. Arlene and Heather, at a previous meeting with the CO-Hear Coordinators, agreed to attend these meetings. Brochure for Midwives: This brochure would be distributed to women while they are pregnant so they can be familiar with newborn hearing screening once their child is born. There is a CDPHE brochure, that is no longer being used, that can be used.  | Arlene will compile all activities, those in process and those awaiting action, and bring a report to the task force in April.  |

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| **Next Meeting(s)** **Meetings of the Screening Task Force are on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 11:00 - noon.**  |
| **DATE** | **TIME** | **AGENDA ITEMS** |
| 4/13/21 | 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM | Review all activities in play. Identify recommendations, as appropriate, for The CO EHDI Alliance meeting scheduled for April 16th.  |
| 5/11/21 | 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM | TBD |

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