

**Colorado EHDl**  
**COVID-19 Task Force Meeting**  
February 22, 2021

<b>Attendees</b>	
<b>Name</b>	<b>Role</b>
Arlene Stredler Brown	EHDl Director and Notetaker
Hannah Glick	COVID Supplemental Grant; Project Coordinator
Becky Awad	Team member
Sara Kennedy	Team Member

### Meeting Outcomes

1. **March Issue of Newborn Hearing Screening Monthly.** A final draft of the March newsletter can be accessed here: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/15PUhVPWgCTuaeBU57EuQJz723ebubBRNI34MWM1VOT8/edit?usp=sharing>. This issue focuses on scripts for newborn hearing screeners to share information about newborn hearing screening and results with families/caregivers during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond. Issue also focuses on key ideas in health literacy when sharing health information with families/caregivers.
2. **Identify next steps in midwife initiative to support midwives in newborn hearing screening.** Based on feedback from midwives, midwives would like to have access to a physical handout/brochure on newborn hearing screening to share with families. Additionally, we want to share updates on newborn screening and COVID-19 related issues with midwives all over the state, but the midwife contact lists from CDPHE, DORA, and from Jan Lepetino (lead midwife in Colorado) appear to be inconsistent and need updating.
3. **Due to overlapping interests/agenda items between the COVID-19 and Screening Task force, beginning in March/April, these two task forces will be combined.** This will allow members of both task forces to continue working on agenda items but be able to collaborate with one another to meet shared goals.

### Agenda/Actions/Decisions

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action/ Decision	Champion	By When
March issue of Newborn Hearing Screening Monthly Newsletter	<p>Group consensus was that focusing on newborn hearing screening scripts would be beneficial to newborn hearing screening programs at this point in time through the newsletter. NCHAM has already developed scripts for screeners (including a general script, script during COVID-19, and a script for infants with microtia/atresia).</p> <p>Becky volunteered the idea of also focusing on health literacy issues for families/caregivers with low health literacy. Group discussed how to best communicate key ideas in health literacy. Most of these ideas were also adapted from NCHAM materials/suggestions.</p>	Hannah: Finalize March issue of Newborn Hearing Screening Monthly and get to Katie Cue for distribution.	All	ASAP

Midwife Initiative	Discussed feedback from midwives that they would like to have access to a physical handout/brochure to distribute to families about newborn hearing screening. This resource used to be an option for midwives (distributed by CDPHE) but was discontinued several years ago and needs updating. Arlene to present this idea to EHDl stakeholders at next meeting and discuss options and whether this is a possibility.	Arlene to present midwife identified need for screening brochures/handouts to EHDl stakeholders.	Arlene	ASAP
	Hannah discussed inconsistencies in midwife contact lists between CDHPE, DORA, and list from Jan Lepetino (lead midwife in Colorado). A lot of midwife contacts appear to be missing from the CDPHE and DORA lists. Hannah to cross-check these lists so that midwife contacts through EHDl (and distribution of the Newborn Hearing Screening Monthly Newsletter) can be updated.	Hannah to cross-check midwife contact lists across several sources and update distribution list	Hannah	ASAP
Plans for COVID Task Force Moving Forward	Members discussed overlap in interests/agenda items between COVID-19 Task Force and Screening Task Force. Group consensus was that these two task forces can be combined. Members of the COVID-19 Task Force will transition over to the Screening Task Force (many members are already a part of the Screening Task Force). This transition will happen in March/April (TBD) depending on need for final COVID-19 Task Force Meeting.	Hannah to send out notification to all COVID-19 Task Force members about move to combining the Screening and COVID-19 Task Forces into a single task force.	Hannah	ASAP

Follow-up		
Task	Person(s) Responsible	By When
Finalize March issue of Newborn Hearing Screening Monthly	Hannah	Mid-February

Discuss midwife request for informational brochure on hearing screening to distribute to families and caregivers with EHDI stakeholders/CDPHE	Arlene	ASAP
Update midwife contact list	Hannah Glick	ASAP
Transition COVID-19 Task Force into Screening Task Force	Hannah Glick	March/April

<b>Future Meetings</b> <i>The COVID Task Force meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month at 12:00 – 1:00</i>		
Date	Time	
March 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Noon – 1:00	TBD
Beginning in April, members of the COVID-19 Task Force will combine with the Screening Task Force. Future meetings will take place during monthly Screening Task Force meetings.		

*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](mailto:info@coehdi.org).** We will also enable Zoom's Live Transcription feature for all meetings.*