

Colorado EHDl Alliance Meeting

Date: March 19, 2021

Meeting Called By: Colorado EHDl
Type of Meeting: Colorado EHDl Alliance
Facilitator: Heather Abraham
Notetaker: Arlene Stredler Brown
Zoom Facilitator: Katie Cue

Alliance & Core Team Members: Marin Adkisson, Emily Augsburg, Marti Bleidt, Allison Cunningham, Maureen Cunningham, Jack Damico, Pat Greenway, Sarah Honigfeld, Sara Kennedy, Cliff Moers, Amy Novotny, Ashley Renslow, Margaret Ruttenber, Sara Robinson, and Christy Scott

Absent Members: Geoff Goodside

Core Team Participants: Heather Abraham, Arlene Stredler Brown, and Katie Cue

Task Force Representative: Kristin Sommerfeldt

Accommodations: ASL/English Interpreters: Julia Ostberg and Jordann Hoelzel

Agenda Item 1: Adoption of Meeting Minutes		Presenter: n/a
Summary of Discussion: n/a		
Conclusion: February meeting minutes adopted unanimously without changes.		
Action Items: n/a	Persons Responsible: n/a	Deadline: n/a

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Agenda Item 2: Announcements		Presenters: Heather Abraham; Katie Cue
Summary of Discussion: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The COEHDI Facebook Page: We have 93 followers. Please pass this information on to your colleagues. The link is: www.facebook.com/coehdi Our goal is to grow to 500 followers in the next 3 years.2. Subgrants - Year 1: March is the last month for activities during the first year's subgrants. Reports for funded projects are due by April 30, 2021. Reports will be reviewed by the Subgrant Committee, and then shared with the Alliance.3. Subgrants - Year 2: Application materials have been updated to include recommendations from Year 1. They will be distributed soon.		
Conclusion: n/a		
Action Items: Year 2 subgrant applications	Persons Responsible: Arlene	Deadline: ASAP after April 1, 2021

Agenda Item 3: Alliance Membership		Presenter: Arlene Stredler Brown
Summary of Discussion: Shauna Model, Consultant for DHH at the CO Dept. of Education will be a new Alliance member starting in April, 2021. We are soliciting a new Alliance member to represent midwives.		
Conclusion: n/a		
Action Items: New Alliance member to represent Midwives	Persons Responsible: Arlene	Deadline: ASAP

Agenda Item 4: HIDS Database	Presenter: Margaret Rutenber
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<p>Summary of Discussion: There are currently 114 HIDS users: (a) 54 screeners; (b) 38 audiologists (4 are educational audiologists); (c) 9 midwives; and (d) 13 early intervention personnel. The number of screeners and midwives has increased in the last month. In the previous IDS database, there were ~290 users. CDPHE is looking at potential reasons to explain the lower number of HIDS users. One reason is that some hospitals do not have every audiologist signing on as a HIDS' user; other personnel (e.g., Audiology Associates at Children's Hospital) enter the data for the audiologists.</p> <p>There is discussion about ways to use the HIDS data to create reports of individual hospitals' performance.</p> <p>Sara Kennedy made us aware that there is a field in HIDS to identify a referral for family-to-family support. It is important to note, however, that Hands & Voices does not have access to this data. Sara requested running a report. This item will be discussed at a meeting of the Colorado Infant Hearing Advisory Committee (CIHAC). Ashley Renslow mentioned that CO-Hear Coordinators have a role in supporting referrals for family-to-family support.</p>		
<p>Conclusion: (1) There is a need to analyze the number of HIDS users to assure all appropriate personnel are enrolled and inputting data. (2) There is a need to review documentation of families' access to parent-to-parent supports.</p>		
<p>Action Items: (1) CDPHE; (2) CDPHE/CIHAC</p>	<p>Persons Responsible: (1) Margaret Ruttenber; (2) Sara Kennedy</p>	<p>Deadline: Ongoing</p>

<p>Agenda Item 5: 2019 Data Collection</p>	<p>Presenter: Margaret Ruttenber</p>
<p>Summary of Discussion: To date, 23 users have entered 2019 data. There are ~4000 individual records, but they are not complete. CDPHE will start to work on COEHDI's request for 2019 data; they will report this data to COEHDI by the end of March. COEHDI will report the data to CDC.</p> <p>There are fewer people backfilling 2020 at this time. It is important to note that this was not advertised as a priority. Rather, current data and 2019 data were announced as priorities.</p>	
<p>Conclusion: CDPHE has been at work analyzing 2019 data.</p>	

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Action Items: COEHDI will report 2019 stats to CDC	Persons Responsible: Arlene & Heather	Deadline: ASAP after March 31, 2021
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Agenda Item 6: Screening Task Force	Presenter: Kristin Sommerfeldt
Summary of Discussion: The Screening Task Force members are looking at many initiatives and have prioritized them. One project has been completed. This was a survey that was initiated by Becky Awad (CHCO) and Stacy Claycomb (UCHealth). This survey identified the initiatives below.	
Current projects underway, and in prioritized order, are:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. PCP access to NBHS results: COEHDI is coordinating efforts to disseminate information about NBHS to PCPs.2. Technical assistance for screeners: Hannah Glick, PhD, AuD is leading efforts to provide technical assistance to screeners and midwives. Questions about HIDS are referred to Leanne Glenn at CDPHE.3. Interface between CDPHE and COEHDI: The activities of CDPHE and COEHDI are continually being reviewed as we work to increase the number of babies screened and rescreened and decrease LTF rates.4. Educational Audiologists: Educational audiologists are supporting screening/rescreening. Lisa Cannon, the consultant for educational audiologists at CDE is spearheading this ongoing work.5. Midwife Initiative: Jan Lapetino, a "lead" midwife in Colorado, shared several ways to help midwives to get more babies screened. These recommendations include: (a) obtain equipment; (b) create brochures (English and Spanish) about NBHS for dissemination before babies are born; and (c) have technical assistance. The most recent number of midwives in Colorado is ~79. This is a more realistic number than previous counts.6. Hands & Voices <i>Roadmaps</i>: Many, but not all, hospitals use this resource. We are looking at ways to expand usage and update existing <i>Roadmaps</i>.7. <i>NBHS Monthly</i> newsletter for screeners: Three issues have been created and distributed.	
It is important to note that some of these initiatives are also under the purview of the CIHAC.	
There are three projects that have not yet been launched. These are:	

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<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Regional meetings 2. Follow-up Coordinator: 3. NBHS Brochure for Midwives: Ashley Renslow mentioned that the CIHAC guidelines are close to being finalized. She suggested using this information to support screeners. There is also a section for parents that could be included in any materials that are created. 		
<p>Conclusion: As this task force meets, they are working to develop some clear recommendations to bring to the Alliance.</p>		
<p>Action Items: n/a</p>	<p>Persons Responsible: n/a</p>	<p>Deadline: n/a</p>

<p>Agenda Item 7: Dx/Id and Transition to EI Task Force</p>	<p>Presenter: Arlene Stredler Brown</p>	
<p>Summary of Discussion: This task force focuses on two elements of the system: (1) diagnostics/identification; and (b) transition from dx/id to intervention. The work about our growing tele-audiology initiative is related to Dx/Id. Regarding transition, the task force members' work is based on a letter that was written by Ashley Renslow (CSDB) and Christy Scott (El Colorado) in April 2020 stating that, on an interim basis, referrals would be made by clinical audiologists to the seven Regional Colorado Hearing (CO-Hear) Resource Coordinators. The work on this part of the system is ongoing.</p>		
<p>Conclusion: n/a</p>		
<p>Action Items: n/a</p>	<p>Persons Responsible: n/a</p>	<p>Deadline: n/a</p>

<p>Agenda Item 8: Family Task Force</p>	<p>Presenter: Emily Augsburger</p>
<p>Summary of Discussion: This task force is reviewing HRSA's definition of family-to-family support. HRSA has clearly identified they want data about: (a) the number of families that receive family-to-family support; (b) from a parent-led agency; and (c) by 6 months of age. This task force is discussing ways to collect and report this information.</p>	

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The task force recognizes that some professionally-led agencies also offer family-to-family supports. This data can be reported to HRSA separately.		
Conclusion: n/a		
Action Items: Work to define supports and report data to HRSA.	Persons Responsible: Heather Abraham (Facilitator of Family Task Force)	Deadline: Ongoing

Agenda Item 9: Early Intervention Task Force	Presenter: Heather Abraham	
Summary of Discussion: This task force, with more than 30 stakeholders, has met two times. It has identified the initiatives they will discuss and the task force is in the process of prioritizing these initiatives. To date, a clear priority is the transition from early intervention services to Part B (school-age) services.		
We are continuing to request a volunteer to serve as a representative from this task force to the Alliance.		
Conclusion: n/a		
Action Items: Let Heather Abraham know if you are interested in being the representative to the Alliance.	Persons Responsible: All	Deadline: ASAP

Agenda Item 10: Closing	Presenter: All	
Summary of Discussion: A one-word checkout on the work we are doing includes: seamless/smoothly; persistence; moving; collaborative; on track; inclusive; step-by-step; continuing; efficient; advancement; and cohesive.		
Conclusion: n/a		
Action Items: n/a	Persons Responsible: n/a	Deadline: n/a

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COEHDI Alliance meetings are held on the third Friday of each month.

The next meeting will be April 16, 2021, 10:00 – 11:30AM

*Note about accommodations: Beginning February 1, 2021, all Alliance meeting and task force meeting accommodations (e.g., American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters, Cued Language Transliteration, and/or Spanish translators) must be requested at least 72 business hours/3 business days in advance. **Requests may be made via your task force facilitator and/or at info@coehdi.org**. ASL interpreters will continue to be provided for all Alliance meetings. We will also enable Zoom's Live Transcription feature for all meetings. (Note, Live Transcription utilizes automatic voice-recognition and computer-generated captioning. As such, the accuracy cannot be guaranteed. It is not a substitute for the full functionality of Communication Access Realtime Translation (CART)).*