**Colorado EHDI**

**Screening Task Force**

**Meeting Notes**

May 11, 2021

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| **Attendees** | |
| **Name** | **Role** |
| **Arlene Stredler Brown** | Facilitator |
| **Heather Abraham** | Notetaker |
| **Dee Woodard** | CO-Hear Coordinator; Western Slope Regional |
| **Becky Awad** | Pediatric Audiologist, Children’s Hospital |
| **Annette Landes** | CO-Hear Coordinator; North Region |
| **Dawn O’Brien-Taylor** | Pediatric Audiologist, Colorado Springs |
| **Deb Draus** | Educational 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 |
| **Brian** **Herrmann** | Pediatric Otolaryngologist, Children’s Hospital Colorado |
| **Hannah Glick** | Audiologist, University of Colorado, Boulder; & Consultant for EHDI Grant |
| **Jillian Gerstenberger** | Pediatric Audiologist & Chief Operations Officer, Pediatrix |
| **Sara Kennedy** | Director, CO Hands & Voices |
| **Jennifer Schryer** | Educational Audiologist, Colorado River BOCES and Early Intervention Facilitator |
| **Lisa Cannon** | Educational Audiology Consultant, Colorado Department of Education; & Educational Audiologist with Denver Public Schools |
| **Angela Harder** | Audiology Assistant, Children’s Hospital Colorado |

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| **Agenda Overview** |
| **Facilitator**: Arlene Stredler Brown, PhD, CCC-SLP  **Notetaker**: Heather Abraham   1. HIDS Users – Update 2. 2019 Data Update - Demographics 3. NBHS Brochure for Midwives - Update 4. Best Practice - Child “Does not Pass” in One Ear 5. Prioritizing Future Topics for *NBHS Monthly* |

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| **Agenda/Actions/Decisions** | | |
| **Agenda Items** | **Discussion** | **Action/Decision** |
| **HIDS Users** | As of May 5, 2021, there are 132 HIDS users. This is an increase of 10 users since April, 2021. There are:   * 57 screeners (2 more since April, 2021) * 14 midwives (1 more than April, 2021) * 48 audiologists (includes 13 educational audiologists) (7 additional educational audiologists since April, 2021) * 13 early intervention personnel | n/a |
| **2019 Data** | Arlene shared information regarding type of hearing loss and demographics (e.g., ethnicity, maternal age, etc) for 2019. All information was shared verbally as written reports are not authorized at this time.  Going forward, the group identified these issues to explore:   * Number of children not screened and why * Breaking down of missed screens/rescreens by geographic location. We cannot secure hospital-specific data. * Late identified children and how they are entered into the HIDS database   The CIHAC is strongly encouraging CDPHE to share data. | Arlene will continue to analyze the 2019 data for degree of hearing loss. She will solicit additional data from CDPHE.  Arlene will advertise the effort to collect 2020 data in upcoming months. |
| **2020 Data** | Children’s Colorado is already entering 2020 data into HIDS. COEHDI will start, in a few months, to remind users to enter 2020 data into HIDS. | Arlene |
| **Newborn Hearing Screening Brochure** | A subcommittee has formed to update of the newborn hearing screening brochure; members of the subcommittee are in the process of making revisions. A draft will be provided to the entire Screening Task Force at the June 2021 meeting. The audience receiving this brochure has been expanded beyond midwives to include a variety of stakeholders. We are looking for partners to distribute the brochure and ways to distribute it (e.g., electronic, printed).  A question was raised about including information about family-to-family and DHH adult-to-family supports in this brochure. The task force members acknowledge that this information may be premature and, consequently, overwhelming to families at this point in the process. The group concurred to stay focused on encouraging parents to have their babies screened along with contact information for next steps. | A working draft will be shared with this task force in June, 2021. |
| **Best Practice Regarding “did not pass” in one ear** | Best practice, stated in the CIHAC guidelines, states that a child who does not pass a hearing screening in one ear during the initial screen, have both ears rescreened. When the 2019 data was reviewed, it appears that many children receive a rescreen only in the ear that did not pass the initial screening. It would be helpful to know who needs education about this best practice. In light of not having access to hospital-specific information, COEHDI will continue to distribute this best practice in our newsletters (e.g., monthly COEHDI newsletter, *NBHS Monthly)*. | We can communicate best practice in the *NBHS Monthly*. The information in this newsletter is cross-referenced in the AAP monthly newsletter. (Hannah Glick)  An announcement will be added in the CO EHDI newsletter. (Arlene, Katie Cue, Hannah Glick)  Arlene will inquire with CDPHE as to types of facilities that may need education about this practice and their willingness to distribute this information to facilities. |
| **Education of PCPs** | The group agreed that it makes sense for COEHDI to reach out to nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and family practice docs about NBHS. | Arlene to pursue |
| **Future Topics of *NBHS Monthly*** | Thank you for reviewing and adding topics to be published in the *NBHS Monthly*. Hannah shared these upcoming topics:   * Troubleshooting Equipment (April *Monthly*) * Calibrating Equipment (May *Monthly*)   Additional topics going forward:   * Best practices (e.g., rescreen both ears if a child “does not pass” in one ear) * Screening data from 2019 * Acceptable referral rates & “red flags” * Positive messaging for parents * Record keeping and EBC * Setting up a NBHS program and evaluating its effectiveness * Data management * Test types * One stage vs. two stage protocol * NCHAM “Just in Time” Resources * Parent stories, both positive and negative * cCMV * Trends for best practice * Co-Hear Coordinator roles & early intervention | Hannah and Arlene will prioritize topics for the *NBHS Monthly* based on the input from this task force. |
| **EHDI Regional Meetings** | The opportunity to establish regional meetings was mentioned by Annette Landes. Dee Woodard, on the W, Slope, offered her region as a pilot site for this activity.  Some guiding principles for this COEHDI activity include:   * Identifying outcomes (e.g., building relationships, identifying and addressing concerns of screeners, etc) * Identifying participants * Identifying criteria to evaluate success * Identifying frequency of regional meetings   This topic will be discussed with other task forces. Updates will be provided to this task force at our June meeting. Additional principles guiding this initiative will be discussed. | The establishment of regional meetings will be discussed at all COEHDI task forces as we explore a meeting (pilot) on the W. Slope. (Arlene & Heather) |

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| **Next Meetings**  **Meetings of the Screening Task Force are on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 11:00 - noon.** | | |
| **DATE** | **TIME** | **AGENDA ITEMS** |
| June 8, 2021 | 11:00 - 12:00 | * Review of the first iteration of the newborn hearing screening brochure * Update initiative for regional meetings; develop recommendation for Alliance * Update on utilization of Hands & Voices *Roadmaps* |
| July 13, 2021 | 11:00 - 12:00 | TBD |

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