**Colorado EHDI**

**Screening Task Force**

**Meeting Notes**

June 8, 2021

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| **Attendees** | |
| **Name** | **Role** |
| **Arlene Stredler Brown** | Facilitator |
| **Heather Abraham** | Facilitator & 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 |
| **Katie Cue** | Colorado Commission for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing, Deafblind - Outreach Consultant and Manager; & Colorado EHDI |
| **Hannah Glick** | Audiologist & Instructor University of Colorado, Boulder; & Consultant for EHDI Grant |
| **Jillian Gerstenberger** | Pediatric Audiologist & Chief Operations Officer, Pediatrix |
| **Sara Kennedy** | Director, CO Hands & Voices |
| **Angela Harder** | Audiology Assistant, Children’s Hospital Colorado |
| **Leanne Glenn** | Newborn Hearing Screening Coordinator, CDPHE |
| **Sandra Gabbard** | Audiologist, Marion Downs Center; LEND @ JFK |
| **Maureen Cunningham** | Pediatric Hospitalist; Children’s Hospital |
| **Kristin Sommerfeldt** | Audiologist & Instructor; University of Colorado, Boulder |

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| **Agenda Overview** |
| **Outcomes:**   * Review current number of HIDS users * Consider activities to increase participation of PCPs in COEHDI * Identify next steps in distribution of Hands & Voices *Roadmaps* * Review remainder of 2019 data * Update about the current iteration of the NBHS Brochure * Explore intended outcomes for COEHDI regional meetings   **Agenda:**   1. HIDS Update 2. Update on PCP Participation 3. Update on Hands & Voices *Roadmaps* 4. 2019 Data Report 5. Update on NBHS Brochure 6. Identify Outcomes for COEHDI Regional Meetings |

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| **Agenda/Actions/Decisions** | | |
| **Agenda Items** | **Discussion** | **Action/Decision** |
| **HIDS Update** | There are currently 135 HIDS users which is a net increase of two users since May, 2021. There is a consistent number of 58 screeners/hospital coordinators; a consistent number of 14 midwives; an increase to 50 audiologists (13 are educational audiologists); and a consistent number of 13 early intervention users. The trend indicates fewer new users this month. According to Leanne Glenn at CDPHE, this is expected. CDPHE is hoping to get more pediatric audiologists and midwives enrolled as HIDS users. There are three hospitals that Leanne is planning to contact about becoming HIDS users. | Leanne @ CDPHE will continue to solicit more HIDS users |
| **PCP Participation Update** | Arlene has been pursuing an initiative to engage more PCPs (specifically family practice doctors, nurse practitioners and physician assistants) in EHDI activities. She has contacted NCHAM to see if they have any initiatives underway for these three groups of providers at the national level. They do not. She has been in touch with Ted Maynard (CO-AAP) and received a contact for the Colorado Academy of Family Practitioners. In addition, Dr. Maynard shared the names of the two training programs for physician assistants in Colorado. NCHAM is supportive, and recommended materials to share.  Maureen Cunningham indicated her interest in joining Arlene in a meeting with the person associated with the CO Academy of Family Physicians. Maureen indicated that there is a group representing physician assistants in CO and she will provide that contact information as well. | Arlene to arrange a meeting with a doctor from the Colorado Academy of Family Physicians.. Maureen will be invited to join.  Maureen Cunningham will provide contact information for physician assistants in CO. |
| **Hands & Voices *Roadmaps* Update** | EHDI will provide support to Hands & Voices as they update the first two pages of the *Roadmap.*  Updates will include a contact for educational audiologists. (There is no central number at this point, but Lisa Cannon will be asked about this.) In addition, we will include some information related to cCMV screening.  Pediatrix has reached out with new information for the *Roadmap*. Pediatrix contracts with 17 hospitals. | Arlene will work with Sara Kennedy to update the Roadmap.  Sara Kennedy will contact Lisa Cannon to identify the appropriate contact for educational audiologists. |
| **2019 Data Update** | Arlene shared new analyses about the degree of hearing loss for the children represented in the 2019 data.  The group asked for clarification regarding the definition of a “slight” hearing loss, which is defined as 16-25dB. (This is ASHA’s definition and it is used by CDC,) A loss may be marked as “unknown” in HIDS. This may be due to audiologists not consistently going back into the HIDS system to update diagnostic information.  Leanne indicated that we need to be careful about sharing disaggregated data by region as we cannot inadvertently identify centers. |  |
| **Newborn Hearing Screening Brochure** | A subcommittee of 8 writers has been reviewing a working version of the brochure. Their effort produced two versions. Heather and Arlene are in the process of incorporating input to combine the best of both versions. Then, we will provide the update to the writing subcommittee members. We hope to share a proposed iteration at the Screening Task Force meeting in July. |  |
| **EHDI Regional Meetings** | Task force members broke into small groups to discuss desired outcomes and appropriate participants for regional meetings. COEHDI will synthesize the input from these four small groups and share this information at the next task force meeting. The western slope has volunteered to be a pilot for this COEHDI initiative. |  |

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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** |
| July 13, 2021 | 11:00 - 12:00 | * Newborn Hearing Screening Brochure Draft * Update on group’s defined outcomes and participants for regional meetings |
| August 10, 2021 | 11:00 - 12:00 | TBD |

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