

Colorado EHDI Alliance Meeting

Date: September 17, 2021

Meeting Called By: Colorado EHDI

Type of Meeting: Colorado EHDI Alliance

Facilitator: Heather Abraham

Notetakers: Heather Abraham, Arlene Stredler Brown & Katie Cue

Zoom Facilitator: Katie Cue

Alliance & Core Team Members Present: Emily Augsburger, Marti Bleidt, Pat Greenway, Leanne Glenn, Brian Herrmann, Sarah Honigfeld, Shauna Moden, Cliff Moers, Ashley Renslow, Sara Robinson and Christy Scott

Alliance & Core Team Absent Members: Marin Adkisson, Allison Cunningham, Maureen Cunningham, Jack Damico, Sara Kennedy and Amy Novotny

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

Task Force Representatives: Annette Landes and Kristin Sommerfeldt

Accommodations: ASL/English Interpreters: Leslie Blankis and Kirk Neuroth

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

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Agenda Item 2: Announcements		Presenters: All	
Summary of Discussion: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. A cCMV Workshop, including NBHS, will be held with a group of midwives on September 17, 2021. COEHDI will be talking to the attendees about NBHS in an effort to increase awareness of its importance. Thanks to Dawn O'Brien Taylor who has coordinated this workshop.2. COEHDI will be presenting, along with other stakeholders, at the CO Academy of Audiology meeting in early October.			
Conclusion: n/a			
Action Items: n/a		Persons Responsible: n/a	
Deadline: n/a			

Agenda Item 3: HIDS Database Users		Presenter: Leanne Glenn	
Summary of Discussion: <p>There are currently 146 users. The number of users, by discipline, are: 63 screeners, 17 midwives (they, along with one audiologist, enters data for 35 midwives), 51 audiologists (including 13 educational audiologists), 13 early intervention personnel; and two PCPs.</p> <p>There will be more updated contacts in HIDS now that Pediatrix has changed their scope of work.</p> <p>The two parent letters (one for a missed screen, one when a child did not pass the initial screen) have been edited by the CIHAC and CDPHE's Communication Specialist. The letters have been translated to Spanish. The new letters were sent to families as of September 2021.</p>			
Conclusion: n/a			
Action Items: n/a		Persons Responsible: n/a	
Deadline: n/a			

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Agenda Item 4: Alliance Survey Update		Presenter: Heather Abraham
Summary of Discussion: Twelve Alliance members completed the survey that was distributed last month. The summarized information will be shared with Alliance members via email before the end of September. The information will be reviewed at the October Alliance meeting.		
Conclusion:		
Action Items: COEHDI personnel to summarize survey results and distribute to Alliance members.	Persons Responsible: Arlene & Heather	Deadline: End of September

Agenda Item 5: Roles of COEHDI, CIHAC and CDPHE to Support Regional Collaborations		Presenter: Arlene Stredler Brown
Summary of Discussion: Arlene solicited guidance from the Alliance about the role Colorado EHDI personnel might have in supporting the state's 64 birthing facilities' screening programs. Some background information includes:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CDPHE and CIHAC have worked to prepare reports of HIDS data that will be distributed to individual birthing facilities. Only the individual birthing facility has access to their data. These reports will be generated quarterly in the future. To date, statistics for the first quarter of 2021 have been distributed. 2. Pediatrix/Mednax screens approximately one third the births in Colorado which is ~20,000 babies annually. Pediatrix changed their scope of work nationwide effective September 1, 2021. They will continue to do inpatient and outpatient screens in Colorado. They have suspended all care coordination activities including follow-up with families. 3. HIDS data from 2019 indicates that 95% of children were screened. Nationally, 98% of children were screened; so we are behind the national average. In Colorado, 97% of those who were screened passed and most passed before 1 month of age. Approximately 2000 babies didn't pass the screening and approximately 3000 children missed the hearing screen. 		

4. The 2019 JCIH Position Statement identifies eight goals for screening programs.

This background information factors into the need to identify ways to approach birthing facilities. The conversation focused on the roles to be played by CDPHE, CIHAC and COEHDI. During the discussion, these points were made. Some refer to the question of roles:

- What scripts are being used by screeners? It is difficult to answer this question because no one has been in regular contact with birthing facilities since 2019. Colorado EHDI contracts with Hannah Glick, a clinical audiologist, to provide technical assistance and education. The use of NCHAM's scripts has been shared in the *NBHS Monthly*.
- Hannah Glick conducts the following activities that are based on the results of a survey sent to birthing facilities in Spring, 2021: (a) responds to requests for technical assistance from birthing facilities; (b) offers technical support (including the script they are using); and (c) writes the *NBHS Monthly* which is a newsletter with information and guidance for best practice. These are interim actions that are funded and conducted by COEHDI while we await a response from CDPHE to a letter requesting them to review their role. Arlene is awaiting guidance from the Alliance before expanding activities of COEHDI personnel.
- Hannah Glick shared examples of the types of inquiries she receives: (a) HIDS questions which are forwarded to Leanne Glenn; and (b) talking to midwives and doulas which is done in collaboration with CDPHE.
- A coalition of agencies has written a letter to CDPHE regarding their interpretation of the 2018 legislation and the accompanying regulations. Leanne Glenn reported that CDPHE cannot get involved in providing technical assistance and/or practice guidance with birthing facilities. They do not have the staff to visit individual birthing facilities.
- Is birthing facility data sufficient information for improvement without accompanying guidance?
- Ashley Renslow offered support by CSDB for COEHDI activities which would be done on an interim basis.
- It is challenging to prioritize contacts with birthing facilities that would benefit from support without having access to any facilities' data.
- Discussion of this issue in more detail at a future retreat was suggested.
- While screening issues may be a priority due to the recent changes reported above, there are other topics that can be discussed in regional collaborations. Regional collaboration activities are within the scope of Colorado EHDI.

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Conclusion: There was consensus for COEHDI to identify a systematic plan for regional collaborations with a focus on birthing facilities' screening data.		
Action Items: Hannah Glick to share survey results from birthing facilities that was collected in Spring 2021.	Persons Responsible: Hannah Glick (and Arlene)	Deadline: Ongoing

Agenda Item 6: Newborn Hearing Screening Brochure Update	Presenter: Arlene Stredler Brown	
Summary of Discussion: The brochure is in its final stage of review by midwives (who requested this brochure). COEHDI hopes to present a brochure to the Alliance in October for their endorsement. Cliff Moers suggested sharing the brochure with the Family Task Force and the DHH Adult Task Force. This would postpone completion of the brochure. It has already taken 6 months with input from audiologists, screeners, parents and DHH adults. Do we want to delay dissemination while more stakeholders weigh in on the product?		
Conclusion: n/a		
Action Items: n/a	Persons Responsible: Arlene & Heather	Deadline: October 2021

Agenda Item 7: Screening and Entry into Diagnostics/Identification Task Force	Presenter: Kristin Sommerfeldt	
Summary of Discussion: All items were discussed earlier in this meeting.		
Conclusion: n/a		
Action Items: n/a	Persons Responsible: n/a	Deadline: n/a

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Agenda Item 8: Diagnostic/Identification and Entry to Intervention Task Force		Presenter: Annette Landes	
<p>Summary of Discussion: Hands & Voices was given financial support from COEHDI to update their <i>Roadmaps</i>.</p> <p>The Tele-Audiology Subcommittee reported that: (a) COEHDI is adopting NCHAM's terminology of a "hub" site and "spoke" site(s); (b) two agencies are interested in becoming a hub site; (c) Dee Woodard and Sara Wedekin have compiled information about rural counties on the Western Slope in anticipation of becoming a spoke site; (d) NCHAM has a plethora of materials about tele-audiology; and (e) focus groups will be conducted on the Western Slope to solicit interest in and support for the tele-audiology initiative.</p> <p>Current messaging about unilateral hearing loss by different stakeholder groups was shared. Information is delivered by screeners, audiologists, PCPs, ENTs, and Part C Service Coordinators. The group discussed what is typically shared with parents and investigated potential ways to improve messaging. Messaging includes: (a) the importance of follow-up; (b) the value of getting a diagnostic evaluation; (c) the potential impact of UHL; (d) developmental monitoring; (e) impact of UHL at preschool entry; and (f) CU-Boulder's progress monitoring project.</p>			
Conclusion: n/a			
Action Items: n/a		Persons Responsible: n/a	
		Deadline: n/a	

Agenda Item 9: Family Task Force		Presenter: Heather Abraham	
<p>Summary of Discussion: Hands & Voices (H&V) has identified a Spanish-Speaking Guide. A collaboration between COEHDI and H&V is focusing on ways to improve supports to culturally- and linguistically-diverse families. COEHDI is also collaborating with El Grupo Vida to help them learn more about hearing related issues.</p> <p>There was a discussion about the screening system.</p>			

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There was a discussion about the transition from Part C to Part B that is a topic for the Early Intervention Task Force. The Early Intervention Task Force has created a subcommittee that will make suggestions about ways to support families during this transition.		
Conclusion: n/a		
Action Items: n/a	Persons Responsible: Heather and Arlene	Deadline: ongoing

Agenda Item 10: Closing	Presenter: All	
Summary of Discussion: The one-word check-out included these descriptive words: focused, process, wholistic, busy, focused collaboration, depth, opportunities, driven		
Conclusion: n/a		
Action Items: n/a	Persons Responsible: n/a	Deadline:

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

The next meeting will be October 15, 2021

10:00 – 11:30 AM

*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*

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