Colorado EHDI DHHDB Adult Task Force

Meeting Notes

November 8, 2021

Attendees		
Name	Role/Agency	
Heather Abraham	Facilitator	
Aaron Rose	DHHDB Adult	
Roseane O'Connor	DHHDB Adult	
Sarah Honigfeld	DHHDB Adult	
Robin Getz	DHHDB Adult	
Sara Robinson	DHHDB Adult	
Lauren Sandal	DHHDB Adult	

Agenda Overview

Outcomes:

• Updates and collection of feedback regarding a variety of EHDI initiatives

Agenda:

- Introductions
- EHDI Updates
- Structure of Task Force & EHDI Participation
- Wrap Up

Accommodations Provided: ASL Interpreters, Cued Speech Transliterators, Live Captioning Enabled

Agenda/Actions/Decisions				
Agenda Items	Discussion	Action/Decision		
EHDI Updates	The Ascent Program just trained nine new people who are now going through the process of onboarding with CSDB. The diversity of the background of adults continues to grow. EHDI is focusing on increasing gender diversity of the group.	TBD		
	The task force members discussed ways to increase utilization and exposure of the program, including advertising the program through CAD, AG Bell, and parents of adult children and audiologists. The group had a thorough discussion around when and how to share information about resources with families.			
	Task force members made recommendations around increasing education around EHDI issues through informational meetings from the Commission and the possible creation of videos to help people learn about EHDI initiatives.			
Restructuring of Task Force	The focus of EHDI work is on the 1-3-6 guidelines. The work on the EHDI system is happening at the following task forces: Screening, Dx/ID & Entry to Intervention, Early Intervention and Transition to Part B. By meeting as a separate group, this task force is receiving information after the fact. It acts as an advisory group, however, it doesn't allow for input into the central work as EHDI in real time as it is happening in the 1-3-6 task forces.	This task force will continue to meet quarterly and members will join task forces that are of interest to them if they choose to do so.		
	Task force members indicated that they appreciate the opportunity to meet quarterly to learn about focus areas for EHDI. Some members indicated that participating in other task forces can be intimidating because the EHDI issues are complex and they include a lot of professionals, so it is difficult to contribute. Task force members may choose to join other task forces that focus on topics that interest them.			

Next Meeting(s)			
DATE	TIME	AGENDA ITEMS	
February 14, 2022	2:00-3:30 PM	Update on EHDI Initiatives	

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