

Colorado EHDI Alliance
Diagnostics/Identification and Entry into Intervention Task Force

Meeting Notes
November 4, 2021

Attendees	
Name	Role/Agency
Heather Abraham	Facilitator/Notetaker
Allison Biever	CI Audiologist; Rocky Mountain Ear Center
Arlene Stredler Brown	Facilitator/Notetaker
Jessie Cooney	Denver Public Schools & AG Bell
Riley Corcoran	AuD Student @ CU-Boulder; LEND Trainee
Leanne Glenn	CDPHE; Newborn Hearing Screening Coordinator
Brian Hermann	Pediatric ENT: Children's Hospital of Colorado
Jamie Koch	AuD Student @ CU-Boulder; LEND Trainee and Marion Downs Center
Dawn O'Brien Taylor	Pediatric Audiologist
Ashley Renslow	CSDB; Early Education Consultant
Emily Small (Wojahn)	CO-Hear Coordinator; Colorado Springs and SE counties
Kristin Sommerfeldt	Audiologist; University of Colorado Hospital; Faculty CU Boulder
Lynn Wismann	CO-Hear Coordinator; Arapahoe & Douglas counties

Meeting Agenda

Outcomes:

- Increase awareness of virtual site visits
- Identify avenues to increase effectiveness of messaging about children with UHL

Agenda:

1. Announcements
2. Update on Virtual Site Visits and Regional Collaboration
3. How we message UHL

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action/Decision
Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The task force will not have a meeting in December; enjoy your holiday break and see you in January. ● Nine more DHH adults have been trained for the Ascent Program; this brings the total to 22 DHH adults participating in the program. We now have an adult who speaks Spanish, and adults with cochlear implants. As more DHH adults are trained, it is recommended that we look for gender diversity. <p>There is a steady number of requests for The Ascent Program. There are more requests for events (virtual and in person) than individual family visits. COEHDI continues to promote awareness of The Ascent Program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Some birthing facilities are closing their OB centers including Prowers Medical Center (near Lamar) on a temporary basis due to staffing shortages. Kit Carson is closing their Department permanently. ● Rachel MaArthur is a clinical audiologist in Burlington; she can perform diagnostic ABRs. It is unclear how she will receive referrals when there are no birthing facilities in her area. 	
Update on Virtual Site Visits and Regional Collaborations	<p>The VSV team has visited two birthing facilities; one is on the Front Range and one is on the Western Slope. The VSV visiting team includes: Arlene (Colorado EHDI), Jami Fries (H&V), Kristin Sommerfldt (pediatric clinical audiologist), and the CO-Hear Coordinator for</p>	<p>VSV Team will identify six additional sites, visit them, and share recommendations/materials by 3/31/22</p>

	<p>the respective region (Dee Woodard and Kelly Doolittle). Dr. Herrmann will attend when his schedule allows.</p> <p>The diagnostic centers each of these birthing facilities refers to is narrow in scope. Recommendations from the VSV team includes awareness of additional referral sources including the EHDI-PALS database.</p> <p>One site received more than 6 commendations, the other site received three. The VSV visiting team has met and recommends conducting an additional six site visits. Our goal is to identify common themes regarding screening practices and transition to clinical audiology services. To date, recommendations include: (a) the use of scripts to encourage families to follow up with a rescreening or an appointment with a pediatric audiologist; (b) use of the new Newborn Hearing Screening Training Curriculum (produced by NCHAM); and (c) following JCIH recommendations for audiological guidance/oversight.</p> <p>Future sites will be determined based on: (a) the number of births at the facilities (<350, 351-750, 751-1750, >1750); (b) the presence or absence of onsite audiology support; (c) geographic location (rural, urban, suburban, Front Range, eastern plains, western slope); and (d) whether or not the facility contracts with a company to provide screening.</p>	
<p>How do we message UHL</p>	<p>The members of this task force have identified three groups that may benefit from new/enhanced messaging about children with UHL:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ENTs: Arlene will follow up with Brian Herrmann who mentioned that some physicians may benefit from education including a brief review, an update on the timeliness of intervention, the importance of a multidisciplinary approach to assure UHL does not impact socialization, the impact on academics, and currently available resources (e.g., CO-Hear Coordinators, progress monitoring tool at CU-Boulder). Dr. Herrmann and COEHDI staff will review different ways to approach ENTs including a forum, email, and/or a newsletter. 2. Pediatricians: COEHDI staff will be meeting with a representative of the CO-AAP and the CAFP. 3. Audiologists: Knowing that the services of CO-Hear Coordinators and the progress monitoring tool at CU-Boulder are both underutilized, task force members made some suggestions about the messaging shared by clinical audiologists. A draft template, based on recommendations from our October meeting, include: 	<p>COEHDI will consider all recommendations as they create a flyer. The flyer will be distributed to clinical audiologists, and others, for comments and input.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Focus on why it is valuable for a family to connect with resources (e.g., the CO-Hear Coordinator, a H&V Guide, progress monitoring done by CU-Boulder) b. Focus on possible developmental (versus academic) challenges c. Include a QR code d. Make the handout available electronically so changes/updates can be made easily and regularly e. Identify the number of children in CO born each year with UHL f. Add an adult with UHL to the Ascent Program g. Consider mentioning the Early Start Program (which may start July 1, 2022) h. Consider a byline (e.g., “minimal is not inconsequential”) i. Mention Anu Sharma’s work (e.g., P1 latencies and neuroplasticity) j. Make all information relevant to the spectrum of degree of UHL (mild to profound) <p>We will incorporate these suggestions into a one-page flyer. The flyer will be shared with clinical audiologists for their input.</p>	
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Next Meeting(s)		
DATE	TIME	FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
1/6/22	4:00-5:00 PM	Review status of UHL messaging to audiologist and PCPs
2/3/22	4:00 – 5:00 PM	TBD

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