Colorado EHDI Family Task Force

Meeting Notes

November 8, 2021

Attendees		
Name	Role/Agency	
Heather Abraham	Facilitator	
Emily Augsburger	Parent	
Kathy Sevier	Parent	
Sara Kennedy	Parent & Director, Colorado Hands & Voices	

Agenda Overview

Outcomes:

- Increased awareness of EHDI Issues
- Identification of feedback regarding Newborn Hearing Screening Brochure

Agenda:

- Introductions
- Updates/Announcements
- Newborn Hearing Screening Brochure Update
- Wrap Up

Agenda/Actions/Decisions		
Agenda Items	Discussion	Action/Decision

Announcements	 December's meeting will be cancelled - Happy Holidays!! EHDI presented at the CAA conference and it was a good opportunity to inform audiologists about the EHDI work. 	n/a
EHDI Updates	 Ascent Training: 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 for future trainings. Screening - brochure, curriculum, virtual site visits, regional collaborations ID: Teleaudiology, Unilateral Hearing Loss & Importance with Families EI: Recommendations on Transition to Part B 	n/a
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 of EHDI in real time with the 1-3-6 task forces. Task force members indicated that it might be good to move to quarterly meetings that can include topics and focus areas for EHDI. In addition, it can provide a forum for people to ask questions and above stories and	Family Task Force meetings will move to quarterly meetings. The next meeting will be on Monday, March 14, 2022.
	provide a forum for people to ask questions and share stories and information relevant to their experiences. It was mentioned that the Family Task Force has provided a "beautiful safe space" for families to talk with each other and people would like to continue to see that forum.	
Recruiting Family Involvement	In addition to advertising meetings as we have been, focus on making sure announcements are included in newsletters for CSDB (including their constant contact system) and CDE. EHDI will start fresh with the new year and encourage people to join in the discussion.	

Next Meeting(s)				
Meetings of the Family Task Force are on the June 14th from 1:00-2:00 pm				
DATE	TIME	AGENDA ITEMS		
March 14, 2022	1:00 - 2:00 PM	• TBD		
June 13, 2022	1:00 - 2:00 PM	• TBD		

A note about accommodations: Beginning February 1, 2021, all Alliance meeting and task force meeting accommodations (e.g., American Sign Language interpreters, Cued Language Transliterators, and/or Spanish translators) must be requested at least 72 business hours or 3 business days in advance. **Requests may be made by contacting your task force facilitator**. We will also enable Zoom's Live Transcription feature for all meetings.