

**Colorado EHDI
Family Task Force**

Meeting Notes
September 13, 2021

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

Agenda Overview
<p>Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Increased awareness of EHDI Issues● Identification of family participation in transition work <p>Agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Introductions (5 Minutes)● Update on Family-to-Family Support Data Collection (10 Minutes)● Screening Update (10 Minutes)● Transition from Part C to B (30 Minutes)● Wrap Up (1 Minute) <p>ASL Interpreter: Lesley Joseph</p>

Agenda/Actions/Decisions

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action/Decision
Announcements	<p>Sara announced the late identification project between H&V and Children’s Hospital. There will be a survey going out about late identification to families. They are looking for families to share their experiences regarding late identification. They want as many families as possible. She will share the link when it’s ready. The definition of late identification is when a child is identified after 3 months or intervention begins after 6 months.</p> <p>Hands & Voices has hired a Spanish-speaking guide. She lives in Pueblo and is being trained.</p>	N/A
Data Collection	<p>The template for data collection has been created and reviewed by program leaders. Our next step is to gather the first round of data regarding F2F support.</p>	N/A
Screening Update	<p>Heather updated the group on the work being done on a Newborn Hearing Screening Brochure that will be aimed at midwives and physicians, as well as anyone who works to support newborn hearing screening.</p> <p>The group discussed the different agencies/entities involved in supporting the work around newborn screening, including EHDI, CDPHE and CIHAC. There are different perspectives on the roles that the different players have in the process. Sara K. shared that a letter was drafted by a group of concerned agencies and sent to CDPHE in an attempt to encourage them to re-evaluate their interpretation of their role in newborn screening, per Colorado legislation. The role of EHDI and Colorado’s initiatives will continue to be analyzed by the task forces and Alliance.</p>	N/A
Transition from Part C to B	<p>Heather shared the work being done by the Early Intervention Task Force regarding the transition from Part C to Part B. The group discussed new legislative initiatives around the newly forming Dept. of Early Childhood and the transition of Child Find to EI Colorado. There is a subcommittee that will be working on recommendations for best practice for that transition and Heather solicited involvement from Family Task Force members in that subcommittee work. Sara Kennedy volunteered to join this work group.</p>	Heather will share subcommittee meeting information with Sara K.

Next Meeting(s)

Meetings of the Family Task Force are on the June 14th from 1:00-2:00 pm

DATE	TIME	AGENDA ITEMS
October 11, 2021	1:00-2:00 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• TBD
November 8, 2021	1:00 - 2:00 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• TBD

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