

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

Meeting Notes
 January 6, 2022

Attendees	
Name	Role/Agency
Heather Abraham	Facilitator/Notetaker
Allison Bieber	CI Audiologist; Rocky Mountain Ear Center
Arlene Stredler Brown	Facilitator/Notetaker
Jessie Cooney	Denver Public Schools: ToDHH; CO AG Bell
Riley Corcoran	AuD Student @ CU-Boulder; LEND Trainee
Jami Fries	CO H&V: Guide by Your Side Coordinator; Parent
Leanne Glenn	CDPHE; Newborn Hearing Screening Coordinator
Jamie Koch	AuD Student @ CU-Boulder; LEND Trainee and Marion Downs Center
Cliff Moers	Director: CO Commission for the DHHDB; Co-PI: COEHDI Grant
Ashley Renslow	CSDB; Early Education Consultant
Allison Sedey	CU-Boulder: Director of ODDACE Project; CSDB: Assessment Coordinator
Emily Small	CO-Hear Coordinator; Colorado Springs and SE counties
Kristin Sommerfeldt	Audiologist: University of Colorado Hospital; Faculty CU Boulder

Meeting Agenda

Outcomes:

- Obtain insights into current utilization of the developmental monitoring tool for children with UHL
- Obtain feedback regarding UHL infographic

Agenda:

1. Announcements
2. Review of UHL Infographic

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action/Decision
Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virtual Site Visits (VSVs): The VSV team has conducted three visits to date and plans to conduct five more VSVs by March 31, 2022. Kristin Sommerfeldt, the audiologist on the VSV team, reported that the data we are collecting is helping to create stronger programming at birthing facilities. • An observation about HIDS Data: CDPHE is doing an awesome job analyzing information from HIDS for the 2020 CDC report. It appears as though, for 2020, audiologists have not consistently populated a field that indicates a child has been identified as DHH. Therefore, the data being reported to CDC will be an underestimate (by about 1/3) of the true number of children documented as DHH. We will use other means to collect accurate information for our state's use. It should be noted that audiologists are still entering data in arrears for 2020, so hopefully this issue will improve with 2021 real-time data entry. • Frequency of Meetings: At the task force members' request, COEHDI is creating products (e.g., UHL Infographic, PCP UHL report, VSVs). We plan to skip the February meeting to accomplish the work at hand. We will share information about these activities via email between now and the March meeting. 	
Review of UHL Assessment Data	<p>Allison Sedey reported on the use of the developmental monitoring tool for children with UHL: CO-Hear Coordinators have been trying different strategies to encourage family participation in the assessment. Allison tracked data for 10 months (assessments due November 2020 - August 2021) and has identified some trends:</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CO-Hear Coordinators successfully reached $\sim\frac{2}{3}$ of families (after numerous attempts to contact them). There is no clear explanation explaining why $\frac{1}{3}$ of the families do not engage with the CO-Hear Coordinator. • The CO-Hear Coordinators offer the developmental monitoring tool to the families they reach. Most families express interest in doing the assessment which is mailed directly to the family. Approximately $\frac{2}{3}$ of interested families actually do the assessment. This is an $\sim 40\%$ rate of participation in the developmental assessment. • The children in this report <i>does not</i> include those enrolled in Part C services. <p>At $\sim 40\%$, this is a disappointing percentage of families participating in developmental monitoring.</p> <p>Strategies to encourage participation include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CO-Hear Coordinator can complete the assessment with the family during a Zoom call. • CO-Hear Coordinators check in with the audiologist who identified the UHL. <p>New strategies proposed at today's meeting include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jami Fries asked if there was an online version for the assessment. There is a fillable pdf that can be completed. CU will consider mailing the forms electronically and having the family return them electronically. • Create the protocols as Google Forms. Allison was open to this suggestion too. 	
<p>Review of UHL Infographic</p>	<p>Creating this infographic is a strategy this task force identified at our November meeting. It can serve as a way to encourage families to engage in follow-up services. COEHDI's work on this infographic reflects a recent review of the literature and information from other states.</p> <p>Comments from task force members about the infographic (still in draft form):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Content is appropriate. • Add a sense of urgency for families to follow-up. • Audiologists will have 7 versions - one for each CO-Hear Coordinator. We may use a QR code to link to a list of all CO-Hear Coordinators and the county(ies) they serve. • Consider adding contacts, in addition to the CO-Hear Coordinator. 	

Next Meeting(s)		
DATE	TIME	FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
Thursday, Mar 3, 2022	4:00-5:00 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor HIDS data to determine if there is an action step regarding the entry of data by the diagnosing audiologist. • Review UHL Topics for PCP Messaging (not covered in January)
TBD	4:00 – 5:00 PM	

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