**Colorado EHDI Alliance**

**Diagnostics/Identification and Entry into Intervention Task Force**

**Meeting Notes**

January 5, 2022

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| **Attendees** | |
| **Name** | **Role/Agency** |
| Heather Abraham | Notetaker |
| Arlene Stredler Brown | Facilitator |
| Kelly Fernandez-Kroyer | Parent: Hands & Voices |
| Robin Getz | CSDB: Colorado Hearing (CO-Hear) Coordinator |
| Elaine Kim McCarty | CSDB: Colorado Hearing (CO-Hear) Coordinator |
| Allison Sedey | CU-Boulder: Director of ODDACE Project  CSDB: Assessment Coordinator |
| Lynne Wismann | CSDB: Colorado Hearing (CO-Hear) Coordinator |

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| **Meeting Outcomes** |
| * Develop a plan of action to increase participation in EHDI PALS * Awareness of Virtual Site Visit Outcomes |

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| **Agenda Item** | **Discussion** | **Action/Decision** |
| **Virtual Site Visits (VSVs)** | 16 virtual site visits have been conducted to date. The take home message from these visits is that we are appropriately directing issues addressing best practice to the Screening Task Force. In the future, with increased capacity to conduct VSVs, this project could become a quality improvement (QI) project in which baseline data is collected, intervention is implemented, and outcomes are identified. In the future, should the recommendation to hire a State Audiologist (a recommendation from the CDPHE Strategic Planning process) come to fruition, more VSVs could be done. Arlene shared some data trends with the group based on 12 VSVs. This data is available on request by contacting Arlene: [astredlerbrown@coehdi.org](mailto:astredlerbrown@coehdi.org)  The process for disseminating the NBHS Brochure was shared and includes: a) email; b) social media; c) COEHDI website; and d) individual mailings to each birthing facility in the state.  Two questions were raised: a) PCP access to HIDS; and b) an interface between HIDS and other existing databases. Both of these topics are being addressed by the NBHS Coalition, at CIHAC meetings, and at inter-agency meetings among CDPHE, CDHS and CDEC. |  |
| **EHDI PALS (EHDI Pediatric Audiology Link to Services)** | NCHAM created the EHDI PALS database to include the names of clinical audiologists who apply for and meet requirements for diagnostic services. NCHAM asks each audiologist/program to update their information annually. In Colorado, only ~50% of those listed on EHDI PALS have updated their information in the last three years. Heather is actively involved in encouraging audiologists to update their information. However, there is no requirement for audiologists to do so.  The discussion today suggested a lack of awareness about this database. COEHDI staff will act on some of the recommendations from the group. | Heather will ask Randi Winston (NCHAM) if there is an EHDI PALS brochure. If there is, we will disseminate it to stakeholders in CO to increase awareness about EHDI PALS.  Disseminate information about EHDI PALS to Local EI Programs.  Heather will continue to remind audiologists, via email and/or phone calls, to update their information on EHDI PALS. |

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| **Next Meeting(s)** | | |
| **DATE** | **TIME** | **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS** |
| TBD; Meetings are held periodically on an as-needed basis | 4:00-5:00 PM on the first Thursday of the month | TBD |

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