**Colorado EHDI**

**Screening Task Force**

**Meeting Notes**

January 10, 2023

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| **Attendees** | |
| **Name** | **Role** |
| Heather Abraham | Notetaker & Facilitator |
| Arlene Stredler Brown | Facilitator & Notetaker |
| Becky Awad | Audiologist; Children’s Hospital of Colorado |
| Karen Brennhofer | Audiologist: Mednax/Pediatrix |
| Jill Cimino | CO-Hear Coordinator, Pikes Peak Region (extends to Kansas and NM borders) |
| Maureen Cunningham | Physician; Children’s Hospital of Colorado |
| Debra Draus | Educational Audiologist; Littleton Public Schools, |
| Brenda Elliott | Parent; Colorado Hands & Voices |
| Jami Fries | Director; Colorado Hands & Voices |
| Brian Herrmann | ENT; Children’s Hospital of Colorado |
| Dawn O’Brien-Taylor | Audiologist, North Star Audiology |
| Ashley Renslow | Early Education Coordinator; CSDB |
| Stacy Stiell | Audiologist: University of Colorado Hospital |

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| **Meeting Outcomes** |
| * Identification of next steps supporting use of scripts to share NBHS results. |

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| **Agenda/Actions/Decisions** | | |
| **Announcements** | * (Arlene) Arlene has been in touch with the Physician Assistant program at CUs Health Sciences Center. She is awaiting an email from a faculty member to investigate opportunities to share Colorado EHDI’s program with those enrolled in the training program. Arlene will also pursue opportunities to share CO EHDI activities with PA alumni. * (Jami Fries) Six OAE units have been spoken for by midwives. Four have been distributed to date. The other two will be distributed after the midwives complete training requirements. Another unit is being donated by a hospital on the E. Plains that closed its birthing department. |  |
| **NBHS Scripts Analysis** | This task force has chosen to pursue use of scripts by screeners in birthing facilities. Today, the group worked in small groups to review existing scripts published by NCHAM, H&V, and Utah’s EHDI Program. The goal is to review what exists and adopt/adapt these for distribution to all birthing facilities.  Arlene shared perspectives from other EHDI Coordinators in the US about the use of scirpts. To see these comments, [Click Here](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1iUk6xT0yzvuF23EHzLiS-PbHkwU_tPVs/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=112876235897375223956&rtpof=true&sd=true).  The task force members worked in small groups and provided input. Next, COEHDI staff will integrate this input into a working draft of a master script.  Three issues were raised about the screeners sharing information with parents: a) Some parents might want more information and some might want less or tiered information. Jami shared her perspective: that parents need more, rather than less, information so they can digest it in a way that works for them; b)  Jami suggested we consider asking screeners to create a recording that parents can listen to at a later time; and c) Brenda Elliott shared that it might be helpful to prepare screeners for hearing an emotional response - positive or negative - from parents.  To add your input into the working Google doc, click here: [Newborn Hearing Screening Script Review](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1BHAj1apMuikHlpSMcKLpz6anJh6Zo8zTpwe5xbSNUeU/edit?usp=sharing) | Heather and Arlene will integrate the input from task force members into a draft of new scripts. |

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| **Next Meeting** | | |
| **DATE** | **TIME** | **AGENDA ITEMS** |
| February 14, 2023 | 11:00-12:00 | Share the scripts based on edits proposed by the task force members in January. |

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