**Colorado EHDI**

**Screening Task Force**

**Meeting Notes**

February 14, 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  |
| **Jill Cimino** | CO-Hear Coordinator, Pikes Peak Region (extends to Kansas and NM borders) |
| **Brenda Elliott** | Parent; Colorado Hands & Voices |
| **Jami Fries** | Director; Colorado Hands & Voices |
| **Dawn O’Brien-Taylor** | Audiologist, North Star Audiology |
| **Stacy Stiell** | Audiologist: University of Colorado Hospital |

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| **Agenda/Actions/Decisions** | **Next Steps** |
| **Analysis of NBHS Scripts** | The group discussed several overarching questions. 1. *Should the “What not to say” section be included?* Overall, the group likes the concept of including this list. Specific copy regarding C-section & water birth (under “what not to say”) could be: a) Your child’s screening result could be related to your child’s water birth; b) The screening result could be affected as a result of a C-Section or water birth; and/or c) A c-section or water birth may cause your baby to not pass.
2. *NCHAM has multiple versions of scripts for various scenarios (inpatient, outpatient, microtia-atresia, etc.). How should our scripts address these various situations?*

Task force members favored keeping things simple and sending the message that follow-up is needed without making it too complicated. If the baby has additional (medical) issues, this would require a diagnostic follow up. Becky Awad suggested following up with each screening program to determine the level of complexity they would like to see in the scripts. To this end, task force members proposed a two step document: 1) a short, simple option for all screeners; and 2) a more detailed option for program managers and programs that would like more in-depth information. 1. *Two issues seem to relate more to screener training (than scripts for screeners to use). These are guidance about making only two attempts in a screening session; and language related to cCMV.*

Regarding cCMV, Jami Fries expressed concern about including information about cCMV as many hospitals contract for hearing screening and information about cCMV may be outside the scope of work for these screeners. We wouldn’t want to jeopardize screeners’ use of the entire script. It might be appropriate to put an asterisk in the script to alert families about talking with their PCP about cCMV. If language about cCMV is included, it should be moved up higher due to the time sensitivity (cCMV screening by 21 days of life) of that issue. Regarding language about two screening attempts, Dawn O’Brien-Taylor commented that this is more of an educational issue rather than a parent issue. 1. *The following resources could be integrated into the scripts and/or provided as a separate handout: a) EHDI NBHS Brochure; b) H&V Roadmaps; and c) the H&V Loss & Found Video.*

Jami recommended sharing the Virtual Waiting Room app in lieu of the Loss & Found video. (The Loss & Found video is included in this new app.) Jami suggested distributing resources as follows for families to review at their leisure. * For “Pass,” distribute the *Roadmap* and NBHS brochure.
* For “Did Not Pass,” screeners provide: a) Virtual Waiting Room; b) *Roadmap*; and c) NBHS Brochure.
* Consideration can be given to including additional resources; some could be provided at a diagnostic evaluation.
1. *Resources for parents that were created by the Utah EHDI program were shared with task members in January. Should Colorado EHDI create something similar? Should we adopt the handouts from Utah?* The decision was to review these at our March task force meeting.
 | Feedback from this meeting will be incorporated into the next draft of the scripts; the task force members will be provided an opportunity to provide feedback on the script language.Resend Utah documents to task force members |

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| **Next Meeting** |
| **DATE** | **TIME** | **AGENDA ITEMS** |
| March 14, 2023 | 11:00-12:00 | * Review of next iteration of NBHS scripts
* Review resources for families
* Review Utah’s handouts for parents
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