**Colorado EHDI**

**Screening Task Force**

**Meeting Notes**

September 12, 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, CSDB |
| Deb Draus | Educational Audiologist; Littleton Public Schools |
| Brenda Elliot | Parent; Colorado Hands & Voices |
| Jami Fries | Director; Colorado Hands & Voices |
| Angela Harder | Audiology Assistant; Children’s Hospital of Colorado - Colorado Springs |
| Kirsten Nelson | Pediatrician; Representative for CO-AAP about cCMV |
| Christy Taylor | Pediatrix/Mednax |

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| **Agenda/Actions/Decisions** | **Next Steps** |
| **NBHS Scripts: Language about cCMV** | At the last task force meeting, Arlene was tasked with asking Pediatrix about their screeners sharing information about cCMV testing. Christy Taylor, from Pediatrix, shared today that they train screeners to share hearing screening results. They do not offer training about any other screening, including cCMV. Their approach is to notify the nurse if the child DNP the hearing screening; the nurse communicates the significance of that result to the family. Several issues were discussed regarding the language about cCMV that is in the scripts: 1. Use of the word “test” or “screening”: Jami asked about this terminology; she prefers “screening” over “test”. Dr. Nelson shared that “test” is more appropriate from the medical perspective. After much discussion, the group seemed to endorse use of the term “test”.
2. Use of CMV or cCMV: Jami suggested using the term “cCMV” instead of “CMV”. Her reasoning is that information about CMV could lead parents to a lot of irrelevant information. Jami favored using cCMV since this is the condition newborns could have. Dr. Nelson favored the term CMV because it accurately identifies the test that is being ordered. Dr. Nelson asked if it was sufficient to provide parents with a brochure about cCMV to direct parents to more specific information.
3. Use of “bedside nurse” or “nurse”: There was a suggestion to change "bedside nurse" to “nurse”. This would account for some hospitals that have only a few nurses to collect samples for the CMV test.

Next steps for task force members review the scripts reflect two different approaches. Jami suggested we solicit perspectives from Pediatrix and Envision about cCMV before we finalize the scripts. Deb Draus suggested finishing the script for the benefit of the ~75% of birthing facilities who do not contract for NBHS and, therefore, are more likely to use the scripts we create.  | Arlene will share the response from Pediatrix about their use of the language related to cCMV that is in our scripts. Christy Taylor offered to check about whether or not screeners working for Pediatrix would be able to use language about cCMV. Arlene was asked to reach out to Envision, about the language for cCMV in our scripts.  |
| **NICU NBHS Brochure** | Arlene suggested task force members review the *content* knowing that adjusting the content for *readability* will impact the wording. The group discussed the need to clarify the section titled, “Why didn’t my baby pass the Newborn Hearing Screening?” Please refer to the document for current wording. It was noted by Arlene and Dr. Nelson that there are far more NICUs in the state than many people thought. This brochure will support many families. Dr. Nelson recommended the next step after a DNP screen for a child in a NICU is a referral to an outpatient diagnostic audiology evaluation.  | Arlene will check with Becky to identify JCIH recommendations for next steps when a child in a NICU DNP the initial screening.  |

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| **Next Meeting** |
| **DATE** | **TIME** | **AGENDA ITEMS** |
| October 10, 2023 | 11:00-12:00 | * Continue to review the NBHS scripts and make a decision regarding the language for cCMV.
* Continue review of the content in the NICU NBHS Brochure
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