

Colorado EHD Screening Task Force

Meeting Notes
February 13, 2024

Attendees	
Name	Role
Heather Abraham	Facilitator & Notetaker
Becky Awad	Facilitator & Audiologist; Children's Hospital of Colorado
Jill Cimino	CO-Hear Coordinator, CSDB
Deb Draus	Educational Audiologist; Littleton Public Schools
Kelly Fernandez Kroyer	CO Hands & Voices
Kirsten Nelson	Pediatrician; Representative for CO-AAP
Stacy Stiell	Audiologist, UCHealth
Christy Taylor	Pediatrician
Brian Hermann	ENT, Children's Hospital

Agenda/Actions/Decisions		Next Steps
Announcements	The national EHD Conference is scheduled for March 17-19th in Denver and registration is open. There will be a Colorado stakeholder "Happy Hour" for people to network on Monday evening.	

	<p>Becky announced that there is currently an issue with the HIDS database due to the fact that CDPHE has transitioned to a new system for the electronic birth certificate and that system is currently not syncing with HIDS. CDPHE is working on this issue and hoping to have it resolved soon.</p>	
<p>NBHS NICU Brochure</p>	<p>A group of parents reviewed the language in the brochure with mixed feedback regarding the need and content of the brochure.</p> <p>The group was asked whether or not there is value to a NICU brochure. The group agreed that there is a need for the NICU brochure, however, there was concern expressed about how to ensure that people working in the NICUs know which version to use.</p> <p>The group was reminded that reading level is a component of the process and ensuring an accessible reading level is a priority. There was a suggestion to change “We know your hands are full,” to “We know you are busy.” There was a concern that this might be understandable in English but might not translate to other languages/cultures.</p> <p>Questions for the Group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Should we explicitly identify the level(s) (e.g, 1, 2, 3, 4) of NICU placement for whom this brochure is relevant? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The group asked for clarity about the meaning of the different NICU levels. ○ From a virtual site visit perspective, the feedback is that Levels 1 & 2 equate to approximately 1-2 weeks so hearing screening is more similar to well baby screening. The Level 3 & 4 NICU stays look a bit differently, so this brochure can apply to those levels and the original wellbaby brochure would be used for Levels 1 & 2. ○ The focus should be on clear messaging to parents, regardless of the version used. ○ It was suggested that length of stay could be an indicator for which brochure to give, i.e. if the child stays longer than 1 week, the NICU version would be used. For less than 1 week, the wellbaby brochure would be used. ○ The group was presented with 3 options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ NICU brochure for all levels of NICU ■ NICU brochure for levels 3 & 4 ■ NICU brochure for more than 1 week ○ The decision by the group was to proceed with the timeline criteria that the NICU version will be recommended if a child is in the NICU (at any level) for 1 week or 	<p>The brochure content will be presented to COEHDI Alliance members at the February 2024 meeting.</p>

more. If a child is in the NICU for less than a week, the wellbaby brochure will be recommended.

- Do you like the word "stickers" to identify the electrodes that are used with ABR testing?
 - The recommendation was to use “sensors” rather than stickers and that the term stickers is vague and would need more of an explanation. **The group agreed and reached consensus that “sensors” should be used.**
- Are you concerned about identifying one person (Leanne Glenn) as a contact when parents want to know where to go for a rescreen? Some parents are concerned that the brochure would need to be reprinted if she were no longer the appropriate person to contact.
 - A recommendation was made to change it from a specific name to having the role listed to “Newborn Hearing Screening Program.” **The group reached consensus to change from Leanne’s name to the role.**
- It suggested to change language to indicate that it is recommended that rescreening be done by a pediatric audiologist.

Next Meeting

DATE	TIME	AGENDA ITEMS
March 12, 2024	11:00-12:00	● TBD

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