



# Meeting Minutes: EHDI Newborn Hearing Screening Advisory Committee May 15, 2019

**Approved 8/21/2019**

Minutes prepared by: Darcia Dierking

Location: Amherst H. Wilder Foundation, 451 Lexington Pkwy. N, St. Paul MN 55104

## Attendance

### Present:

Ingrid Aasan, Renae Allen, Kathy Anderson, Joan Boddicker, Nicole Brown, Mary Cashman-Bakken, Kirsten Coverstone, Laura Godfrey, Hannah Herd, Tina Huang, Colleen Ireland, Kathryn Lein, Joscelyn Martin, Nathaniel Meuser-Herr, Abby Meyer, Gloria Nathanson, Jessica Novak, Sara Oberg, Anna Paulson, Emilee Scheid, Sonny Wasilowski, Jay Wyant

**Absent:** Lisa Schimmenti

## Agenda Item Minutes

- Topic/Presenter/Time/Decision Item
- Welcome/Kathy Anderson/1:00pm
- Introductions/All/1:05pm
- Meeting Minutes from February 2019/Kathy Anderson/1:15pm
  - Sara Oberg – noted correction to minutes of grandparent’s ages to 5 & 14 in her committee member’s story.
  - Anna Paulson – moved to approve
  - Joscelyn Martin – 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - Committee voted to approve
- Announcements/All/1:20pm
  - Newborn Screening Advisory Committee Liaison- Emilee Scheid- gave update that the NSAC is working on the development of a process to nominate new conditions. No conditions are currently being considered for review.

- Legislative Update-Nicole Brown- discussed advisory committee structure changes and extension
- Deaf Awareness Day- Several members shared
  - Nicole Brown- Great event- was fun to be a part of this.
  - Gloria Nathanson. We do this every year. This year was at Stillwater High School. Many booths representing many organizations and lots of groups represented. Next year will be at White Bear Lake.
  - Sonny Wasilowski- This is a wonderful resource. Deaf community members love to get information/vendors at this event, find information about organizational plans, and make social connections.
  - Laura Godfrey- Fun event with lots of opportunity to meet students and make connections
- Amplification Guideline Workgroup update-Melanie Wege -workgroup continues updates to document and will present to Committee as soon as guidelines are ready
- EHDI Story/Jamie Jordan/1:30pm – Gave her story about her varied experiences and exploring her identity while growing up as a Deaf and Hard of Hearing person, both speaking and using ASL. She talked about her personal and work experiences, joys and challenges. Children should be given a sense of community and access to lots of resources.
- EHDI National Conference Highlights/All/1:50pm
  - Laura Godfrey- went to session on supporting families who are homeless
  - Kirsten Coverstone- CMV screening updates
  - Jesi Spratt- looking at the language professionals use when describing hearing
  - Joscelyn Martin – Great to see Minnesota as a national leader, went to sessions on counseling, NICU, question lists and phone apps, among others.
  - Abby Meyer – Chapter champions are considering other model for interacting with providers and community
  - Nicole Brown- California gave a talk about how they are assessing outcomes
- Hearing Screening After the Newborn Period to Kindergarten Age Guidelines Discussion and Vote/Darcia Dierking and Faith Kidder, MDH Child Health Consultant with MN Child and Teen Check-ups/2:05
  - Guidelines were first done in 2010
  - Documents were sent out prior to the meeting
  - Darcia highlighted proposed wording changes to the document; the committee discussed and asked questions.
    - Representatives from the EHDI committee, school nurses, and pediatric providers served on the workgroup. Workgroup recommended new early childhood screening algorithm for 3-5 year olds that includes otoacoustic emissions as an option for older children when they are not testable by pure tone audiometry screening.
    - Question: Are schools required to have OAEs in their districts? Answer: No, not required. If they have it, they can use it.
    - Jay- gave suggestion to add a table of contents
    - Question – Sonny: The first page (2<sup>nd</sup> sentence under background). Proposed change: add the word “language” next to communication.

- Discussion re: including speech/language evaluation, audiology, and Help Me Grow. Comment – Sonny: Under development observations and screening, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph. Propose adding wording regarding immediately learning ASL (Wants to make sure all options are available and eliminate any delays in services for children). Responses (summarized from many): these are screening guidelines for the general population who may need further assessment and evaluation. These children may not have a hearing difference. Screening tool is typically an ASQ tool, parent questionnaire--if the child does not “pass” this screening tool, the child would be referred for speech/language evaluation to determine if any delays or issues in any areas of language and development, including any difference in hearing. If a change in hearing is identified, then the child would be referred for further evaluation and services specifically related to hearing. The goal of this section is to encourage providers to make a referral right away for further evaluation, rather than waiting to see. The reason all 3 referrals are specified is to ensure all 3 referrals are made and there is no delay in identify needs and refer to additional services as needed. There are multiple reasons for speech and language delays beyond a change in hearing. For Help Me Grow/Part C, age 0-3, all domains must be evaluated. Kathy paused discussion for a break and will resume with vote after break.
- Break/2:50pm
- Vote on Hearing Screening After the Newborn Period to Kindergarten Guidelines/All/3:10pm
  - Sara Oberg moved to accept proposed changes from workgroup with additional changes of adding table of contents, the word “language” next to “communication” in background section, and add referral “through Help Me Grow” in the birth-3 developmental screening section.
  - Jay Wyant 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - Committee voted unanimously to approve changes.
- Minnesota Hands and Voices (MNHV) 2018 Summary/Brenda Hommerding/3:15pm
  - Described the process of calling families after referrals
  - Gave data summary on contacts with families, % families reached, and timeliness
  - Discussed how the guides discuss information and resources with families without bias
  - Provide materials like Beginnings book if families have not yet received
  - Answered questions about the data they track about conversations and referrals made
  - Discussed the process for audiologists making direct referrals to MNHV
  - From a parent on the committee: MNHV’s information was very helpful to me.
- MDE EHDl Update/Kathy Anderson/3:45pm – gave brief update on resources they are using with EHDl teams
- MDH EHDl Update/Nicole Brown/3:50pm – gave brief update on Parent Journey Map project (Wilder contract), and local public health conference
- Topics/Partner Updates/All/3:52pm
  - Sonny- What is the process for tracking complaints parents have about EHDl system?
  - Kathy- perhaps we will learn some from the Parent Journey Map project? Not aware of a system-wide log except for complaints made to individual providers or organizations.

- Laura- when MNHV hears a complaint from a parent, they try to empower families to advocate for themselves.
- Nicole- MNCDHH just worked with Wilder for the Collaborative Plan Summit and strategic plan development. Perhaps there could be some things to learn about system improvements from those efforts.
- Sonny- When will the committee talk about language intervention?
  - Gloria – We are doing great work on detection. Now we are shifting to intervention.
  - Nicole – This committee’s role does not have specific educational interventions in scope, however this committee can refer to resources.
  - Cat Tamminga- offered to talk about referral process into early intervention
- Closure/Kathy Anderson/3:55pm
  - Jay moved to adjourn
  - Jesi 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - Committee adjournment

## Next Meeting

Date: Aug. 21, 2019

Time: 1:00 – 4:00 pm

Location: Amherst H. Wilder Foundation, 451 Lexington Pkwy. N, St. Paul MN 55104

Agenda items: submit proposed agenda items to ehdi@state.mn.us

## Decisions Made

- Decision: Approval of changes to Guidelines for hearing screening after the newborn period

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