

Meeting Minutes: EHDI Newborn Hearing Screening Advisory Committee May 17, 2023

Minutes prepared by: Samantha Colston
Location: Zoom

Attendance

Present: Ingrid Aasan, Anne Barlow, Joan Boddicker, Mary Cashman-Bakken, Kirsten Coverstone, Darcia Dierking, Danelle Gournaris, Hannah Herd, Tina Huang, Colleen Ireland, Calla Kevan, Joscelyn Martin, Abby Meyer, Jess Moen, Gloria Nathanson, Jessica Novak, Sara Oberg, Elizabeth Pai, Emily Smith-Lundberg, Cat Tamminga-Flores, Katie Warne, Terry Wilding, Jay Wyant

Absent: None.

Agenda Item Minutes

Welcome and Announcements

- Logistics
- Roll call
- Approval of Minutes from February 2023 Meeting: *Minutes are approved.*

EHDI Annual Conference 2023 Discussion

- Members shared their experiences and highlights from the recent EHDI Annual Conference.
 - Highlights included: the conference was in-person, immersive experience, variety of seminar topics, discussion of inclusivity and accessibility.

The Hear Bank – Kelsie Martin

- Goals: provide children who are deaf and hard of hearing access to amplification.
- Loans of devices are for six months.
- The Hear Bank services the entire state of Minnesota.

Local Public Health Assessment – Renae Allen

- EHDI Screenings: offer the Follow Along Program, communication with parents, interpreters, and clinic.
- EHDI Confirmed Hearing Loss: outreach, refer, home visit, assess five areas.
 - Five areas: income, communication and community resources, caretaking / parenting, growth & development, health care supervision.
- Potential for second assessment.

cCMV Update from MDH – Kirsten Coverstone

- Screening and follow-up are going well.
- The occurrences are lower than expected, but the data is still new.
- In the majority of cases, the babies have been asymptomatic.
- All with confirmed cCMV have been referred to Local Public Health for follow-up nursing assessment.
- There are a few hiccups with getting the correct audiology appointment type scheduled but working through those.
- Many questions on the vestibular component of guidelines.

Minnesota State Academies for the Deaf and Blind – Terry Wilding

- Whole-child development.
- Accessible curriculum.
- Additional learning opportunities: independent living skills, extracurricular activities, college level classes, electives, extended school year, and the Pathways to Life Program.
- Student support services.
- Student Life Program.

Next Meeting

Date: Wednesday, August 16, 2023

Time: 1:00-4:00pm

Location: In-person, location is TBD

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

Decisions Made

- None.

Action Items

- None.

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