

**STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL
for the
EARLY IDENTIFICATION OF DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING INFANTS**

Quarterly Meeting

**Friday, October 28, 2022
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

*****In person*****

Children's Hospital State Street Conference Center
210 State St. New Orleans, LA

Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) is a national initiative supporting the early identification of infants who are deaf or hard of hearing through screening, audiological evaluation, enrollment in early intervention and family-to-family support services.

The overarching goal of the support provided through the EHDI program is to maximize opportunities for communicative and linguistic development for children who are deaf or hard of hearing. Without appropriate opportunities to learn language, these children will fall behind their hearing peers in communication, cognition, reading, and social emotional development.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order

- a. The meeting was called to order at 10:10 AM by Jill Hudson, Vice-Chair. Amanda Perry with the Bureau of Family Health (BFH) Clinical Systems Program (CSP) announced that the new EHDI program manager is Dana Carlisle-Hubbard.
- b. Council Present (sign in sheet)
 - i. Amanda Giles proxy for Leigh Anne Norman
 - ii. Jill Hudson
 - iii. Jana Broussard
 - iv. Gina Easterly
 - v. Marbely Barahona
 - vi. Theresa Nicholls
 - vii. Heather Laine proxy for Natalie Delgado
 - viii. Joel Jones proxy for Ellis Arjmand
- c. Council Absent
 - i. John Carter
 - ii. Leigh Anne Norman
 - iii. Caitlyn Robinson
 - iv. Ellis Arjmand
 - v. Cindy Voelker
 - vi. Natalie Delgado
- d. Program/Public (sign in sheet)
 - i. Jon Laine
 - ii. Danielle Mercer, BFH-EHDI

- iii. Dana Hubbard, BFH-EHDI
 - iv. Dawne McCabe, BFH-EHDI
 - vi. Amanda Perry, BFH-CSP
 - vii. Tri Tran, BFH-EHDI
- 2. Accessibility and Etiquette – *Jana Broussard, LCD*
 - a. Public meeting guidance on ensuring equitable meetings
- 3. Review and Acceptance Minutes
 - a. No acceptance of July 2022 minutes as in person quorum not present
- 4. Advisory Council Bylaws
 - a. Charge of council
 - b. Attendance requirements
 - c. Vacancies
 - i. school teacher or administrator certified in education of the deaf
 - ii. pediatrician
 - iii. deaf person
- 5. Officers for 2023
 - a. Nominations were received, but due to individuals declining acceptance of nomination 2023 officers are unopposed, therefore:
 - i. Jill Hudson – Chair
 - ii. Natalie Delgado - Vice Chair
 - iii. Theresa Nicholls – Secretary
- 6. Meeting dates/locations/times for 2023
 - a. Unable to vote as in person quorum not present. Of those members present, there were no objections. Proposed meetings take place on the last Friday of the month.
 - i. January 27th
 - ii. April 28th
 - iii. July 28th
 - iv. October 27th
- 7. No Early Intervention/Late Early Intervention Data – *Tri Tran*
 - a. Study of late or no early intervention enrollment – including variables:
 - i. early enrollment by six months
 - ii. late enrollment after six months
 - iii. no enrollment.
 - b. Clarification was made regarding the process for newly identified babies who are deaf/hard of hearing and early intervention referrals.
 - c. Danielle Mercer explained that the EHDI program has completed many targeted data activities over the last several years, resulting in steps to provide more education, referral and support.
 - d. Materials are sent to parents and pediatricians, including one specific for unilateral loss.
 - e. LA EHDI intervention coordinator recalls families who initially declined services regarding referral to EI.
 - f. Recommendation was made to revisit the unilateral document.
- 8. EHDI Program Updates – *Danielle Mercer, Dana Hubbard*
 - a. Early intervention and audiological follow up rates would be presented via poster presentation at the upcoming ASHA conference in New Orleans

- b. Five Regional EHDI Collaborative meetings have been held. The next meeting will be Region 3.
 - c. CDC Four-year cooperative agreement
 - i. Target progress shared
 - ii. Ideas for improvement:
 - 1. follow-up calls to pediatricians
 - 2. education to rescreen once then refer to diagnostics
 - d. Feedback shared regarding collected experiences of Hispanic families.
9. Materials for Families - What Families Need to Know
- a. LA EHDI has a series of informational materials available for families on the website
 - i. Revised “Your Child is Identified as Deaf/Hard of Hearing” shared
10. Committee Updates
- a. North Louisiana – *Danielle Mercer*
 - i. The last committee meeting was held on August 15th via zoom.
 - ii. Open cases and follow-up reports were discussed
 - iii. Need for more Medicaid providers for hearing aids in north Louisiana
 - iv. Next committee meeting is scheduled for November 28th, 2022
 - b. cCMV – *Danielle Mercer*
 - i. no meetings since the last Council meeting
 - ii. EHDI has started sending letters to pediatricians whose patients are identified with cCMV
 - iii. Universal CMV screening was recently rejected for the RUSP
 - v. Louisiana legislature's recommendation is that screenings should mimic what is happening at a national level.
 - vi. committee wishes to pursue legislation for universal CMV screening, but will not consider pursuit until 2024.
 - c. Language Outcomes – *Dana Hubbard*
 - i. Outcome measures: at present, SKI*HI measurement for PPEP, and the Battelle for Early Steps
 - ii. Discuss how LA EHDI can continue to support parents and providers with regard to 1-3-6 and EI outcomes
 - iii. An e-mail will be sent to any potentially interested individuals to set up an initial meeting.
11. New Business – pending topic submission by members
- a. none submitted
12. Public Comment
- a. Language First conference November 15th, 2022 at Louisiana School for the Deaf
13. Adjourn
- a. Quorum was not present; meeting ended at 12:39 PM.

Next meeting: January 27, 2023
 Louisiana State Capitol - Governor's Press Room - 4th Floor
 900 North Third Street Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802

Council members and guests attending today's meeting are reminded to utilize good communication strategies, including turn taking without side conversations to ensure accessibility of discussions. Please, raise your hand and wait for the Chair to call on you before speaking. Identify yourself ("This is") before speaking to ensure accessibility for all.