

## Maryland Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (MD EHDI) Advisory Council

# APPROVED

ZOOM Meeting Minutes  
January 19, 2023  
12:30 pm – 2:30 pm

<b>Members Present</b>	<b>Members Absent</b>	<b>Guests</b>
Patty Muldowney	Jonathan Walsh, MD	Jocelyn Leung
Robyn Miller, Au.D.	Emily Kelleher	Jennifer Willis
Jamie Perry, MD		Cheri Dowling
Thomas Horejes, Ph.D.		
Marny Helfrich	<b>Maryland Department of Health (MDH)</b>	
Margaret Hargrove	Lauren Whiteman	<b>ASL Interpreters</b>
Mara Clement	Stacy Taylor	Anessa Hughes
Kelby Brick, Esq., CDI	Erin Filippone	Danielle Gately
Catherine Paige	Wendeline Frederic	
Danielle Previ, Ph.D.	Jody Sheely	

### **Call to Order**

Chairperson Patty Muldowney called the meeting to order.

### **Welcome and Meeting Etiquette Reminders**

Chairperson Muldowney shared meeting etiquette reminders.

### **Announcements**

The legislative session began January 11, 2023. There are no legislative updates.

Wendeline Frederic, Health Policy Analyst and Jody Sheely, Director of the Maryland Department of Health, Prevention and Health Promotions, Office of Support Services presented a legislative session training for Councils.

### **Approval of Previous Minutes**

Council members received meeting minutes from the October 20, 2022 meeting in advance for review. Chairperson Muldowney asked the Council if there were any edits for those minutes. Marny Helfrich moved to approve the minutes and Dr. Jamie Perry seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved.

## **Continued Business**

### ***MD Department of Health (MDH) Updates***

- Stacy Taylor shared that the Office for Genetics and People with Special Health Care Needs (OGPSHCN) has a new Office Director replacing Dr. Jed Miller. She introduced Lauren Whiteman to the Council.

### **Membership Updates**

- The MSDE representative which is currently Marny Helfrich's position expired June 2022. Stacy asked Marny to submit her renewal paperwork. The ODHH position and the provider with expertise in Mental Health which are Dr. Previ and Kelby Brick's positions are expiring June 2023. The positions are eligible for renewal.
- Stacy suggested opening the floor for any additional nominations for Chair and Vice Chair positions from the last Council meeting due to reduced attendance at the last meeting. Dr. Thomas Horejcs was nominated for Vice Chair. Motion to close nominations for Vice Chair were approved. Robyn Miller was nominated for Chair. Chairperson Muldowney was nominated for Chair and Chairperson Muldowney accepted the nomination. Motion to close nominations for Chair were approved. In light of the additional nomination for Chair, voting will be held at the next scheduled meeting.

## ***MD EHDl Program Updates***

### **Statistics**

- Statistics of 2021 and 2022 calendar years as of January 10, 2023 were shared with the Council for review. Stacy reminded the Council of the EHDl Program's staffing issues but they are optimistic that they will be able to get the numbers down. A contract is in place now with Maryland School for the Deaf (MSD).

### **HRSA grant**

- No specific HRSA grant updates at this time.

### **CDC grant**

- No specific CDC grant updates at this time.

### **Follow-Up: MD EHDl Advisory Council Work Plan**

- Families unable to be contacted or declining service
  - Chair Muldowney and Marny have not met to start formal data collection on the ITP question, however, she has met a few families now who have come to MSD when the child is one because the first year of the child's life, the families sole focus was keeping the child alive.
- Parents knowing the outcome of hearing screen prior to leaving the hospital
  - Margaret and Nina had met prior to the last meeting but nothing more recent.
- Cheri Dowling shared information on the MD EHDl Stakeholders meeting that was held in December. Feedback on the meeting was positive, noting the powerful presenters and good attendance.

**New Business**

Funding through the HRSA grant is available for a parent to attend the National EHDI Conference in Cincinnati, OH in March. All travel expenses will be reimbursed.

**Next MD EHDI Advisory Council meeting:** Thursday, April 20, 2023, 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM; meeting will be virtual.

**Adjournment**

Dr. Thomas Horejes moved to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Jamie Perry seconded the motion. Motion was approved. The meeting was adjourned.