

Maryland Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (MD EHDl) Advisory Council

Minutes January 18, 2018

Members Present

Jennifer Reesman, Ph.D., Chair
Claire Buxton, Au.D., Vice Chair
Tina Backe
Judith Black (on phone)
Bridgetta Bourne-Firl
Kelby Brick
Sue Burnes
Lori Moers
Brian Morrison
Olga Polites

Guests

Debbie Badawi, M.D., MD AAP EHDl
Chapter Champion (on phone)
Craig
Cheri Dowling
Keithia Harding
Margaret Hargrove
Marny Helfrich
Dawn Marsiglia
Jennifer Mertes

Members Absent

Jessica Thornton
Brian Reilly, M.D.

Maryland Department of Health (MDH) Staff

Tanya D. Green

Called to Order - 12:43 pm

I. Welcome, Introductions and Sharing of a Story

Claire Buxton shared a story about her audiology students at Gallaudet University. The students were given an assignment to conduct a brief presentation about something that is important to them and related to their work. One student shared information about EHDI programs and a discussion ensued about knowing who your state's EHDI coordinator is and understanding the 1-3-6 EHDI guidelines.

II. Approval of Previous Minutes

The minutes from the October 19, 2017 meeting were voted on and approved.

III. Old Business

Parent Connections Update (Cheri Dowling)

Upcoming Events:

Organize Your Records workshop

January 20, 2018 - Maryland School for the Deaf (MSD) Columbia Campus

February 3, 2018 - MSD Frederick Campus

Families are encouraged to bring their child's education and health related papers (IEPs, evaluations, medical records) to receive help with getting organized for 2018. Supplies and lunch will be provided.

Autism Support Group

January 22, 2018 - MSD Columbia Campus, Denton Building, Library

All Children Can Succeed workshop

April 21, 2018 – Washington County Technical High School, Hagerstown, MD

Effective interventions for behavioral and social challenges

<https://tinyurl.com/WMD2018>

Newborn Hearing Screening Protocols/Best Practices Workgroup Update (Claire Buxton)

The protocols work group is still working toward finalizing the document in preparation for a final vote by the Council. The draft was reviewed with the Council. The primary audience of the protocols document is professionals. There was discussion about whether or not to include a parents' responsibilities section. One member suggested including a parents' section because professionals need to know what the parents' responsibilities are. The version that receives the Council's approval will be forwarded to MDH for final approval of the content, for editing and for adding photos and graphics. The Council wishes to request a review of the MDH's final edits. Some Council members offered to provide MDH with photos to be used in the final document. MDH will have to verify proper permissions have been granted for the use of all photo

submissions. The protocols work group will have the draft finalized in two weeks and then the draft will be sent to Council board members for a vote.

Membership Update (Tanya Green)

All board member positions are currently filled. The following board members' positions expired on June 30, 2017: Kelby Brick, Dr. Jennifer Reesman, Lori Moers, Jessica Thornton. All of these members have agreed to continue serving until reappointed or their position is filled. Four additional members' positions will expire on June 30, 2018. Those members are: Dr. Brian Reilly, Sue Burnes, Claire Buxton and Olga Polites. All are eligible for a subsequent term except Olga, who is currently completing her second consecutive, three-year term. Claire Buxton announced that she will not seek a second term. Concerns were expressed about board members meeting the attendance requirements. Board members must attend 50% of the meetings.

MDH is seeking diversity among board members in all department councils. Some diversity attributes being sought are geographic location of residency, ethnicity and gender. Assistance is requested from the council in seeking potential board members who will add diversity to the council in the positions which have recently expired as well as those positions expiring in 2018.

MD EHDl Program Update (Tanya Green)

MD EHDl Program Follow Up Statistics

Follow up statistics dated January 18, 2018 were provided.

HRSA Grant Update

The HRSA grant includes requirements to establish learning communities and an ad-hoc advisory committee to assist with the implementation of the grant objectives. Learning communities will be formed in which primary care practices, nurses, and EI providers will be among the partners to be recruited. The ad-hoc advisory committee (Maryland EHDl Screening and Beyond Advisory Committee) has been formed and has met twice. This committee is similar in make-up to the MD EHDl Advisory Council, however the focus of this committee is on the objectives of the grant. The members to date include: Shee' Newman, Marny Helfrich, Olga Polites, Mary Ann Richmond, Dawn Marsiglia, Debbie Badawi, M.D., Tanya Green, Rene Averitt-Sanzone, Stacy Taylor, and Cheri Dowling. The committee is seeking a birth facility member and is expecting Gloria Valentine from the Baltimore City Public School System. There will be opportunities to include others as consultants to the committee.

MD EHDl Brochure Revision

Suggested edits and feedback were received from board members following the previous Council meeting and is being reviewed by staff at MDH. It will be determined whether the current brochure will be revised or a new brochure will be developed.

National EHDI Meeting

The annual National EHDI Meeting will be held in Denver, Colorado from March 18th – 20th. Two funding opportunities will be made available to parents. Information about the funding opportunities will be sent out via email. One funding opportunity is made possible through the use of HRSA funds to the MD EHDI Program and the other opportunity is made possible by NCHAM.

In 2015, through a grant from the Maryland Department of Health, diagnostic audiology centers were established at the Frederick and Columbia campuses of the Maryland School for the Deaf. Since the establishment of these centers, about 150 babies have been tested. Information about this establishment will be shared by Jennifer Mertes, AuD and Michelle Bode, AuD of the Maryland School for the Deaf through a presentation at the upcoming National EHDI Meeting.

Council Member, Bridgetta Bourne-Firl will be one of four presenters at the National EHDI Meeting, presenting on the partnership between the Hands & Voices Family Leadership in Language and Learning (FL3) Program and the Laurent Clerc National Deaf Education Center.

Kelby Brick indicated that he may be presenting at the National EHDI Meeting.

New Business

May 3, 2018 - Annual MD EHDI Stakeholders Conference
Governor's Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (ODHH)
100 Community Place, Crownsville, MD

This year the annual MD EHDI Stakeholders Conference will be moved to the ODHH facility in Crownsville, MD. This will allow the conference capacity to exceed the past previous maximum 100 participants to 125 maximum participants. Thanks to Kelby Brick and the Governor's Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (ODHH), for the use of the conference space. The conference theme for this year is Systems Change. This theme is based on the goals of the new grant to the Parents' Place of Maryland from the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) Office for Genetics and People with Special Health Care Needs (OGPSHCN). A morning session will focus on systems change and potential improvements to the statewide EHDI system. The afternoon session will focus on cultural competency and self-awareness.

Announcements

Next MD EHDI Advisory Council meeting – Thursday, April 19th, 2018, 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM, Hearing and Speech Agency; park in the rear lot.

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CMV Public Health and Policy Conference
September 23-25, 2018
Burlington, VT

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:13 PM.