

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

Approved

ZOOM Meeting Minutes
October 20, 2022
12:30 pm – 2:30 pm

Members Present	Members Absent	Guests
Robyn Miller, Au.D.	Marny Helfrich	Cheri Dowling
Jamie Perry, MD	Kelby Brick, Esq., CDI	Connelly Leis
Mara Clement	Patty Muldowney	Shee Newman
Thomas Horejes, Ph.D.	Danielle Previ, Ph.D.	Jennifer Willis
Jonathan Walsh, MD	Catherine Paige	
Margaret Hargrove		
Emily Kelleher	Maryland Department of Health (MDH)	
	Stacy Taylor	
	ASL Interpreters	
	Anessa Hughes	
	Bethany Slater	

Call to Order

Vice Chairperson Robyn Miller called the meeting to order in Chairperson Muldowney's absence.

Welcome and Meeting Etiquette Reminders

Vice Chairperson Miller shared meeting etiquette reminders.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Council members received meeting minutes from the July 21, 2022 meeting in advance for review. Vice Chairperson Miller asked for any edits to those minutes. There was a question regarding older minutes. A link was shared with the Council for past meeting minutes. Margaret Hargrove made the motion 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 MDH is recovering from the network security incident

that the entire department suffered from and is returning back to normal.

Membership Updates

- Stacy updated the Committee on new membership within the Advisory Council introducing Thomas Horejcs, MD representing The Maryland Association of the Deaf (MDAD). Dr. Horejcs introduced himself to the Council.
- Stacy mentioned that emails have gone out for any memberships that are up for renewal and to get your paperwork in as quickly as possible.
- Stacy announced it is time for nominations for Chair and Vice Chair. She explained who can be nominated and the process. It was agreed that nominations take place at the close of the meeting.

MD EHDI Program Updates

Statistics

- Statistics were mailed out to the committee in advance and Stacy shared her screen. The floor was open for questions, but none were asked.

HRSA grant

- The HRSA grant is about expanding newborn hearing screening, ensuring all newborns are screened and the follow up activities take place. As part of that, HRSA mandated Family Support and outreach activities. MDH was unable to hire someone so they issued a request for applications to provide grant funds to organizations to develop programs for peer to peer mentoring and deaf adult to family mentoring. Another grant project was to provide support and resources to families of newly diagnosed babies who are deaf or hard of hearing. Stacy announced the mentoring grant was awarded to the Maryland/DC Chapter of Hands and Voices and the family support and resources grant was awarded to the MD chapter of the AG Bell Association. Representatives from each of the grantees shared with the Council about their grant project.

CDC grant

- No CDC updates at this time.

Follow-Up: MD EHDI Advisory Council Work Plan

- Vice Chair Miller discussed the work plan created a few months ago by the Council and the work groups formed for each chosen topic. That work plan chart was screen shared. Margaret Hargrove gave an update on what she and her committee had been working on and some of their results. She also mentioned there is still a lot more work to do. Margaret agreed to head that committee.

New Business

Council Bylaws

Stacy Taylor emailed the Committee the Council bylaws. There is no requirement that

bylaws be reviewed within a certain time period but they have not been reviewed and approved since 2008. It may be beneficial for the Council to review and potentially revise, which would be a Council decision.

Announcements

- Stacy Taylor shared that the next legislative session begins January 11, 2023.
- Cheri Dowling informed the Council that the 2022 State Stakeholders meeting will be held on 3 consecutive Thursdays: December 1, 8 and 15. Registration will be out next week. It will be hosted by NCHAM and on their website. It will be open to anyone to attend nationwide.

The Council revisited nominations for the Chair and Vice Chair positions for the EHD Advisory Council. Stacy gave a description of the expectations, responsibilities and commitments of the Chair and Vice Chair positions. Dr. Thomas Horejes nominated himself for the Vice Chair position. Vice Chair Miller was nominated for the Chair position and accepted the nomination. Elections will be held at the next meeting.

Next MD EHD Advisory Council meeting: Thursday, January 19, 2023, 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM; meeting will be virtual.

Adjournment

Jamie Perry moved to adjourn the meeting. Mara Clement seconded the motion. Motion was approved. The meeting was adjourned.