

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

Approved

Virtual Meeting Minutes
July 21, 2022
12:30 pm – 2:30 pm

Members Present	Members Absent	Guests
Patty Muldowney, Chair	Mara Clement	Cheri Dowling
Robyn Miller, Au.D.	Catherine Paige	Jocelyn Leung
Jamie Perry, MD		Savannah Showman
Marny Helfrich	Maryland Department of Health (MDH)	
Kelby Brick, Esq., CDI	Stacy Taylor	
Emily Kelleher	Erin Filippone	
Margaret Hargrove		
Jonathan Walsh, MD	ASL Interpreters	
Danielle Previ, Ph.D.	Pat McKenny-Benjamin	
	Angela Reel	

Call to Order

Chairperson Patty Muldowney called the meeting to order at 12:34pm.

Welcome and Meeting Etiquette Reminders

Chairperson Muldowney shared meeting etiquette reminders.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Council members received meeting minutes from the April 21st meeting in advance for review. Chairperson Muldowney asked for any suggested edits to those minutes and there were none. Marny Helfrich made the motion to approve the minutes and Margaret Hargrove seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved.

Continued Business

MD Department of Health (MDH) Updates

Membership Updates

- Stacy Taylor announced no significant membership updates. Only vacant spot as of now is the Maryland Association of the Deaf (MDAD). She has been in

contact with them but has not received a suggested member.

MD EHDl Program Updates

Statistics

- Stacy emailed statistics out to the committee in advance. Erin Filippone was available for any questions regarding the statistics. There were no questions.

HRSA grant

- The Family Support Initiative is being worked on. Hoping to have some news that can be shared publicly soon. Stacy is working on budgets for the HRSA grant.

CDC grant

- The CDC grant priority is enhancing the EHDl information system. MD EHDl is working with Vital Statistics Administration and CRISP to make sure information received is all the information that the CDC needs in order to ensure accurate and informative data is being shared.

Hearing Screening Follow-Up Initiative

- A significant number of babies from 2020 and 2021 required follow up. Higher numbers in 2022 than we want to see. Maryland Department of Health (MDH) engaged in an agreement with MD School for the Deaf (MSD) as another State entity to perform follow up work.
- Cheri Dowling, representing MSD, shared a summary about the Hearing Screening Follow-Up Initiative, which ended June 30, 2022.
 - Of the 1,441 babies that needed attention, 1,310 cases have been closed.
 - Screening and diagnostic appointments have been made.
 - 24 home visits and thousands of calls were made to families.
 - All services were free.
 - 19 Clinics were conducted over the State and were well attended.
 - 131 open cases currently open. 38 in process and the others have been notified.
- The Committee was impressed with Cheri's summary and progress. A few questions were raised by some Committee members regarding follow up of 2022 babies. Stacy Taylor shared that MDH is hoping to continue the partnership with MSD to provide administrative follow up services through June 2023.

New Business

Follow Up: Identify Council Objective for Calendar Year 2022

Chairperson Muldowney opened a follow up discussion on identification of a Council objective for 2022. A work plan chart has been created of issues that have been brought to the attention of Council members, all of which fall under the umbrella of EHDl. The draft chart was reviewed and discussed by the Committee and volunteers were identified to work on certain areas of concern.

Providing accurate information regarding referral sources

Margaret Hargrove, Dr. Walsh and Nina Desell

Early Intervention Standardized Information

Chairperson Muldowney, Robyn Miller and Marny Helfrich

The updated chart will be sent out to Committee members. It was suggested that groups meet before the October meeting and report strategies to improve the areas of concern to the Council at the October meeting.

Announcements

No Legislative announcements.

Next MD EHD Advisory Council meeting: Thursday, October 20th, 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM; meeting will be virtual.

Adjournment

Kelby Brick moved to adjourn the meeting. Marny Helfrich seconded the motion. Motion was approved. The meeting was adjourned.