

Early Hearing Detection (EHD) Advisory Board Meeting

Tuesday/November 19, 2019

Dover, DE 19901

Division of Developmental Disabilities Services (DDDS)/Large Conference Room

Meeting Minutes

Participants: Dr. Carlos Duran, Mary Reed, Dr. Michael Teixido, Laurie Kettle-Rivera, Andrietta Thomas, Susan Campbell, Cindy Brown, Melissa Stone, Kathleen (Kathi) Riley, Roxann Trim, Isabel Rivera-Green, Crystal Sherman, Kathleen L. (Kathy) Johnson, Shatera Baynard, Clare Consavage, Angie Miller, Meedra Surratte and Susan Veenema.

Conference Call Participants: Dr. Michael Hoffman, Dr. Pamela Robinson, Melinda Failing and Shanda Brashears

Absent: Robert Monaghan III

Current Board Members:

Dr. Michael Hoffman – Adult with Hearing Loss

Dr. Carlos Duran – Neonatal Perinatal Physician – EHD Advisory Board Chair

Susan Campbell – Birth to Three Part C/Social Service Senior Administrator

Andrietta Thomas – Teacher of Children w/Hearing Loss

Mary Reed – Appoquinimink School District / Nurse

Dr. Michael Teixido – ENT & Allergy of Delaware/ENT- Otolaryngologist

Robert Monaghan III. – Neonatal Nurse

Laurie Kettle-Rivera – DE Statewide Programs for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing & Deaf-Blind/ Delaware School for the Deaf -Director

Dr. Pamela Robinson – Audiologist

Cindy Brown -DOE/Part B Coordinator

Melissa Stone- Speech Pathologist

<p>Dr. Carlos Duran</p>	<p>Recommended DPH purchase a loaner hearing screener to give to hospital when they have issues with their equipment. Members agree and will have further discussion once funds are available.</p>
<p>Mary Reed</p>	<p>Asked if home health agencies can perform hearing screenings on missed infants?</p> <p>Concerns were expressed about the cost of rescreening since the birth screen is typically incorporated in the cost of the birth. This creates additional cost to parents and may deter them from getting their infant screened.</p>
<p>Dr. Michael Teixido</p>	<p>Suggested the Health Program Representative (position is currently vacant) could go into homes and provide hearing screening to missed families.</p> <p>Participant suggested equipping CDW nurses to complete hearing screenings. However, CDW nurses would not be connected to the infant unless there were referred for EI services.</p>
<p>Susan Campbell</p>	<p>Informed participants Child Find may be able to pay for missed hearing screenings by using community agencies who encounter families. It is possible to expand contract with community agencies and they can conduct the hearing screening for missed infants as part of Child Find activities. Currently, it is not clear what community agencies is available for this process.</p> <p>The board will continue to explore options to catch babies who miss their birth screenings when there are technological issues at the hospitals.</p>
<p>Dr. Michael Teixido</p>	<p>Recommended inviting key individuals from the hospital to the upcoming advisory board meetings. Dr. Teixido will draft the letter and provide to the Roxann to distribute to hospital contacts.</p>
<p>Crystal Sherman and Isabel Rivera- Green</p>	<p>Shared soon, DPH will be going out annually to visit the hospital to review data regarding hearing screening and provide support to each facility.</p>
<p>Roxann Trim</p>	<p>Missed screening parent and PCP letters were shared with participants. The letters will be emailed to members to review and provide feedback.</p>

<p>Dr. Carlos Duran</p>	<p>Shared the JCIH 2019 position statement was released. He would like members to review the document and bring feedback to the next meeting. He recommends developing a strategic plan to come into alignment with the 2019 statement. A working meeting involving all members will be held in January.</p>
<p>Crystal Sherman</p>	<p>Will contact the facilitator for the strategic planning meeting in January.</p>
<p>Laurie Kettle Rivera and Melissa Stone</p>	<p>Presented the 1:3:6 timeline document put together at the subcommittee meeting. This document will be emailed to members for review and feedback.</p>
<p>Next Meeting Scheduled:</p>	<p>Wednesday/ January 15, 2020 at 8:30am to 10:30am Location: Appoquinimink State Service Center, 122 Silver Lake Road Middletown, DE 19709. The meeting will be held in the service center’s large conference room. Conference call lines for the meeting: Call in: 1-877-366-0711 Passcode: 99820077</p>