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Maine Newborn Hearing Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 22, 2021

Zoom Meeting

9:30 am to 12:30 pm

Members Present:	Duska Thurston (Chair), Donna Casavant, Nola Metcalf, Karen Hopkins, Harriet Gray, Laura Sweet, Susi Delaney, Katie Duncan (Co-Chair), Eileen Petersen, Ariana Whiting, Catherine Lushman	
Members Absent:	Jennifer Gaulin, Nicole Dotson, Leigh Anne Gorecki (Resigned)	
Guest/Member of The Public	Natalie Austin, Pam Dawson, Amy Spencer	
Program Staff:	Anne Banger, Maryann Harakall, Holly Richards	
Interpreters	Cid Pollard, Marisa Zastrow	
CART	Marsha Swain	
Recorder:	Amy Fair	
9:30 a.m.	Welcome and Introductions	Duska Thurston
9:40 a.m.	Review and acceptance of the minutes from March 23, 2021. Eileen Petersen moved to accept minutes, Harriet Gray second.	All
Program Updates	<p>COVID-19 impacts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COVID is still a focus in our department, all staff have been brought back to their positions and are no longer deployed to COVID activities. We could get pulled back in, in the fall. Most staff are still remote, but we are talking about transitioning back into the office after Labor Day. • Some audiology practices are allowing more than 1 person to accompany patients to appointments. <p>MNHP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are in year 1 of our CDC EHDI Grant. Year 1 ends June 30, 2021. Year 2 begins July 1, 2021. • CDC EHDI Grant, Evaluation and Data Management Plans were submitted to US CDC March 31, 2021. • Year 2 continued funding was awarded on May 26th, 2021. 	Holly Richards Anne Banger Karen Hopkins

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data Use Agreement developed between ME CDC and US CDC, signed by ME and US CDC. • We continue to meet monthly with MECDHH HRSA Grant Team to coordinate and collaborate efforts. • Newborn Hearing Program Rules are still in process. The Advisory Board will have a chance to review. • Surveillance system (Nebulogic) is still finalizing hearing data items. This continues to be a challenging process. • CMV Workgroup met May 24th 2021, flyer being printed, the group talked about next steps and future meetings were scheduled for: August 2, 2021 October 4, 2021 December 6, 2021 • Anne Banger, Katie Duncan, Darlene Freeman, and Dixie Herweh continue to meet regularly to develop a series of training videos/webinars from the beginning of the newborn hearing screening process through to EI. • MMP ENT moved their office location to Scarborough at the beginning of June, phone numbers at this point remain the same. <p>MECDHH - HRSA Grant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creating videos as communication opportunities, they are close to being finished. • Making sure website is current and up to date. • Secured funding to do a need assessment, hoping to connect this data to the strategic plan MECDDH is working on now. 	
Public Comments	No public comments	

<p>Advisory Board Discussion</p>	<p>Presentations/Meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation to NL EMMC Dept of Pediatrics ServiceMtg 5/6/2021 and NL EMMC Family Medicine Residency Program 6/9/2021 followed by a discussion about CMV. • Anne Banger and Katie Duncan met with Eddie Silco MMC Newborn Nursery director 6/3/2021 regarding newborn hearing screening, risk factor screening and guidelines. • Duska Thurston also met with Dr. Silco and reviewed the EHDI app with him. • Duska Thurston shared the EHDI app with NL Mayo nursery nurses also. • Duska Thurston will be meeting with NL AR Gould about the EHDI App. <p>Publications/Brochures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risk Factor Guidelines: updated document we continue to receive emails calls with questions and clarification, we address them as they come up. • Prenatal Brochure, Hearing in Infants and Young Children Brochure, General Resource Guide, UnilateralResource Guide, Mild Resource Guide: Members of the board provided comments. We received comments from pediatric audiology workgroup. The document now lies with the program to get the comments together and to come up with a draft. • Pediatric Audiology Guidelines: Katie Duncan worked with a subgroup of the Pediatric Audiology Workgroup to look through the pediatric audiology guidelines and came up with comments. Hoping a draft will be done to submit to the program this summer. <p>Pediatric Audiology Workgroup:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working on next steps for the group and deciding on meeting dates. Major topic of discussion is making changes to the MNHP Audiology online reporting form. <p>Audiology Tip Sheets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finished tip sheets in May, next step is to look at in a smaller group. Finalizing content for audiology clinics to hand out to families. 	<p>Duska Thurston Anne Banger Katie Duncan Advisory Board Members</p>
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CMV

- Added the Maine DHHS logo to four National CMV flyers. They will be added to the CMV Website
- Laura Sweet reached out to her CMV network to see if anyone had a brochure or flyer to give to families to explain targeted screening. Colorado had a good one and said Maine could use it, we added the Maine DHHS logo information to it and are having it printed now. It will be on our CMV website and added to the Maine Newborn Hearing screening page on our website where brochures can be ordered.
- Duska Thurston discussed the NL EMMC targeted CMV testing pilot program, working with Dr. Herbert Grant in Infectious Disease. They will target screen babies who referred after the follow-up outpatient hearing screen, the ones who are going for a diagnostic evaluation. Any baby who refers in the newborn nursery will get a saliva swab for CMV that goes to the lab for hold and freeze. If they refer on the follow up outpatient screening, the swab will be activated by infectious disease department. If they are positive PCR for CMV the Infectious Disease department will reach out to the family and PCP. Will evaluate the program in 3 month increments and look at expanding in the future.
- Laura Sweet will follow up with Duska Thurston about MaineCare coverage.
- Laura Sweet has been meeting with Senator Breen who has agreed to introduce CMV legislation again next session.

CMV Workgroup

- Meeting May 24, 2021

Membership

- Seat 3 – Speech language pathologist vacated by Louise Packness, will be filled by Amy Spencer effective June 23, 2021.
- Seat 11 – Parent of a hearing child, seat available.
- Seat 12 – Representative of Hospitals, Leigh Anne Gorecki resigned seat, seat available.
- Seat 13 -Representative of insurance carriers, seat available.
- The structure of the board is legislatively designed, is there a way to invite a short-

	<p>term parent's involvement who would be willing to attend meetings as a member of the public on a short-term basis.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Anyone is welcome to apply, there is a nomination process.• Can we put out a formal request to all category A and B audiologists inviting parents to be on a board, looking for a parent of a child who has referred then passed.• No restrictions to creating a flyer to advertise for open board seats.• Anne Banger will work on a flyer with Holly Richards input.	
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