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**Maine Newborn Hearing Advisory
Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 26, 2021
Zoom Meeting
9:30 am to 12:30 pm**

Members Present:	Duska Thurston (Chair), Donna Casavant, Nola Metcalf, Karen Hopkins, Laura Sweet, Susi Delaney, Katie Duncan (Co-Chair), Eileen Petersen, Ariana Whiting, Cathy Lushman, Amy Spencer, Nicole Dotson	
Members Absent:	Jennifer Gaulin, Harriet Gray, Leigh Anne Gorecki	
Guest/Member of The Public	Natalie Austin, Pam Dawson, Shilo Goodhue,	
Program Staff:	Anne Banger, Holly Richards	
Interpreters	Cid Pollard, Marisa Zastrow	
CART	N/A	
Recorder:	Holly Richards	
9:30 a.m.	Welcome and Introductions	Duska Thurston
9:40 a.m.	Review and acceptance of the minutes from June 22, 2021. Susie Delaney moved to accept the minutes; Cathy Lushman seconded the motion.	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 at any point. Most staff are still working remote and most are in person in the office 1-2 days/week. <p>MNHP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have a staff vacancy. Amy Fair, Medical Secretary left on July 30th. We will be interviewing a 2nd round of applicants this week. • We are in year #2 of our CDC EHDI Grant that began July 1, 2021. • Dataset and PMP Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submitted iEHDI patient level data set for 2020 births 10/22/2021 but was not complete. We were not the only state that did not submit complete survey, US CDC asked all to submit with explanation of what still needs to be done. 	Holly Richards Anne Banger Karen Hopkins Katie Duncan Natalie Austin

- Was unable to complete the cleaning up of the data - missing NHS and audiology data, etc
- DRVS Final Annual file still needs to be imported and records updated
- Performance Progress and Monitoring Report is due 11/2/2021

- Anne presented at Maine’s Maternal and Child Health and Substance Exposed Infant Conference on 9/29 as part of the Children with Special Health Needs Program panel.
- We continue to meet monthly with MECDHH HRSA Grant Team to coordinate and collaborate efforts.
- Newborn Hearing Program Rules are still in process.
- Surveillance system (NebuLogic) is still finalizing hearing data items. This continues to be a challenging process.
- CMV Workgroup met August 2, 2021. the next meetings are scheduled for 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.
- Anne held virtual meetings with Lincoln and Houlton Hospital hearing staff.
- Working with audiologists on changes to the MNHP Audiology Online Reporting Form
- Working on the Audiology Facility Listing Survey with Katie Duncan and Allison Reitz, 4th year audiology extern, to update the Category A and Category B Audiology Facility listings. The survey will be an online survey.

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- Katie stated they are still working on the Audiology tip sheets. They will next be reviewed by the communication specialist for the HRSA grant.
- Katie announced they are working on updating Pediatric Audiology Guidelines. She met with audiologists who volunteered to help with this project and developed an outline and reviewed examples from other states. She will share with

the board when she had a draft ready.

- Karen announced that MECDHH Early Childhood and Family Services is now called Early Intervention and Family Engagement. MECDHH has hired a new Director of Early Intervention and Family Engagement who will be administering the HRSA grant. Her name is Natalie Austin.
- Karen stated that the HRSA grant team has been meeting monthly with the CDC grant team at the MNHP to support collaborative planning and work towards our statewide EHDl system. This work has moved some long-standing projects along.
- Anne Banger, Jamie Michaud from CDS, Karen and Natalie recently met to look at ways to improve data collection for Part C enrollment and have a plan in place for moving forward.
- The HRSA grant is looking to combine HRSA needs assessment with the MECDHH needs assessment to ensure one plan is created for meeting the identified needs. Other projects include the audiology tip sheets, training videos and a re-vamped Earliest Interactions website for the grant.
- Natalie started this summer as Administrator of the HRSA EHDl grant and Director of EI & Family Engagement Services. Natalie said a survey to parents was conducted for feedback on web development. Also looking at different way to look at 1-3-6 data.
- Natalie stated they are working on creating Swag Bags, which is a resource bag. Each hospital will be given a box of these bags (EI resources and information will be included in the bags).
- Katie announced they are working with three LEND students assisting with projects. The three are working on the following:
 - The first trainee is focusing on the needs assessment and helping match up data collected between the need's assessment and the MECDHH strategic planning process and will help make progress toward fulfilling some of the needs we identified.
 - The second trainee is supporting the CMV workgroup specifically around connecting

	<p>with stakeholders and helping revamp the HRSA Earliest Interactions website and related resources.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The third trainee is helping with the audiology facility survey and the audiology training video - she is writing the script and starring as the audiologist in the video. 	
Public Comments	<p>Pam announced that Harriett is experiencing some health challenges and would appreciate anyone who wants to reach out to her. Holly stated she will mail a card from the advisory board.</p>	
Advisory Board Discussion	<p>Publications/Brochures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prenatal Brochure, Hearing in Infants and Young Children Brochure, General Resource Guide, Unilateral Resource 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. <p>Pediatric Audiology Guidelines</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Katie stated she would like these completed by the March meeting. <p>Audiology Tip Sheets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Katie stated these are still being worked on and are in the final stages of being finalized. <p>CMV</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added the Maine DHHS logo to four National CMV flyers. They will be added to the CMV Website, online ordering form and will be printed. There was a meeting held on August 2nd. Laura Sweet has been meeting with Senator Breen who has agreed to introduce CMV legislation again next session. It is already on the bill list and as soon as there is a draft of the bill, she will share the draft with board. The bill being proposed is based on the 2017 CMV Workgroup Final Report recommendations which are mandated screening and education (women and families during prenatal visits) Darlene Freeman is creating a new CMV resource flyer to be added to Earliest Interactions swag 	<p>Duska Thurston Anne Banger Advisory Board Members</p>

	<p>resource bag.</p> <p>Membership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seat 11 – Parent of a hearing child, seat available. • Seat 12 – Representative of Hospitals, seat available • Seat 13 -Representative of insurance carriers, seat available. <p>There was a discussion on having a membership subcommittee and an education subcommittee. Anne stated that members could email Anne expressing their interest. Katie stated are there other committees we are missing? Laura asked if there would be an interest in having a CMV subcommittee since the workgroup has a difficult time meeting. The Advisory Board Meetings have been adjourning well before the scheduled 12:30 pm time, usually around 11 am. It was suggested that the extra time be used for the subcommittees to have working meeting time.</p> <p>Committees will be an agenda item on the next Advisory Board Meeting. The committees that were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education Committee • Membership Committee • CMV Committee <p>Advisory Board members should email Anne at anne.banger@maine.gov if interested in serving on any subcommittees and also any other committees they think should be considered.</p> <p>2022 Meeting Schedule</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 22, 2022 • June 21, 2022 • October 25, 2022 <p>Other</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are no other meeting discussions 	
Break	There was no break as the meeting ended early.	
Report Out	There was nothing to report out on from the group members.	
Adjourn	The group adjourned at 10:49 am.	