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## Maine Newborn Hearing Program Advisory Board Meeting Minutes 10-29-2019

**Members Present:** Melinda Corey, Katie Duncan, Jennifer Gaulin, Harriet Gray, Karen Hopkins, Cathy Lushman, Nola Metcalf, Louise Packness, Eileen Peterson, Laura Sweet

**Members Absent:** Donna Casavant, Susan Delaney and Duska Thurston

**Guests:** Pam Dawson, Leigh Anne Gorecki

**Program Staff:** Anne Banger and Holly Richards

**Interpreters:** Stacy Bsullak and Marissa Zastrow

**CART:** Marsha Swain (remote)

**Meeting Chair:** Nola Metcalf

**Scribe:** Holly Richards

1. **Welcome and Introductions** – Nola Metcalf welcomed attendees and introductions were made. Holly Richards reminded the group of some effective communication guidelines for our meeting having interpreters and CART and Captioning at the meeting:
  - a. **Raise your hand and wait to be called on.**
  - b. **State your name every time you speak.**
  - c. **Speak clearly and at a moderate pace.**
  - d. **No side conversations unless it is to clarify what was said.**
  - e. **Listen without interrupting;** no cross talk
  - f. **If sitting close to a microphone or speaker phone, do not rustle papers, etc.**
  - g. **Turn cell phones off**
  - h. **Reduce background noise whenever a phone conversation is taking place.**
2. **Review and acceptance of the minutes from June 25, 2019:** Unanimously accepted.
3. **Program Updates:** Holly Richards/Anne Banger
  - a. Secretary of State Report for the Hearing Board will be due December 31, 2019
  - b. Monthly meeting continues to happen between the EHDI grant and the HRSA grant.
  - c. EHDI Year #2 grant closed out and all information successfully submitted. Year #3 of 3 began July 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - d. Annual Survey will be due Dec 16<sup>th</sup> for 2018 data. We are pretty much finished

- e. Data briefs created for 2016 data and 2017 and will be added to the website. We will be working on the 2018 soon.
  - f. A new vendor for our data system was hired through an RFP. NebuLogic is a company out of Texas and began duties on July 1<sup>st</sup>. The name of the new system replacing ChildLINK is the Newborn Screening Portal.
  - g. EHDI Annual Meeting in Kansas City will take place March 8-10, 2020. NebuLogic submitted an abstract. Anne Banger will be attending from the program
  - h. Rules in progress. We are working on putting five laws into one rule (newborn bloodspot, newborn hearing, birth defects, CCHD, and Vitamin K/Erythromycin.
  - i. Website...Anne Banger has done a great job updating the website...be sure to check it out. She added a section on CMV.
  - j. CMV workgroup will begin meeting again. The meeting will be on November 18<sup>th</sup>.
  - k. Membership...We have new members. We have a Public Health Nurse (DHHS Rep) and a Hospital Nurse doing hearing screening (Hospital Rep.) whom we have been told have put in applications. We are still in need of a parent of a hearing child and insurance carriers.
  - l. Hiring status. CSHN fully staffed. New Medical secretary who started in July, New Bloodspot/MFIMR Coordinator who started in September, and a New MCH Coordinator who will begin November 5<sup>th</sup>.
  - m. Anne Banger has been doing site visits with hospitals. She has done three and has two more scheduled.
  - n. JCIH Position Statement was released.
  - o. We are currently in the process of updating the Certified Professional Midwife list.
- 4. HRSA Grant Update:** Karen Hopkins
- a. Year #3 of the HRSA grant is wrapping up and a new competitive HRSA grant is being written. Some of the activities in the new notice of grant award are parent to parent support, the deaf and hard of hearing program, CMV, risk factors and ways to improve data. Focus groups have been happening around the state to solicit feedback on what priorities stakeholders and families want to focus on.
  - b. Maine's Hands and Voices conference will be November 8<sup>th</sup>. Katie Duncan got a lot of companies to come and share their products and donate money.
  - c. Darlene Freeman continues to work on an EHDI app which will be marketed to families, physician, providers and audiologists. Darlene is also working on creating videos of Maine families. These videos will focus on loss of follow-up.
  - d. ABR screeners – ongoing discussions, will start using in the coming year.
- 5. Public Comments**
- There were no public comments
- 6. Advisory Board Meeting Revamp:**
- a. Rules-no new updates then what Holly Richards gave in the program updates.
  - b. Website- no new updates then what Holly Richards gave in the program updates.
  - c. Publications/Brochures
  - d. CMV workgroup- no new updates then what Holly Richards gave in the program updates. The next meeting will be November 18<sup>th</sup> from 2:30-4:30pm at 109 Capitol Street.

- e. Membership- no new updates then what Holly Richards gave in the program updates.
- f. Board Chair-Anne Banger stated she reached out to Duska Thurston about moving into the Chair position as Nola Metcalf has served her two years.
- g. Other-Laura Sweet talked about Massachusetts and how they are forming a CMV workgroup. They are modeling it after Maine's and have invited Laura and others to go to their next meeting. Laura is looking for anyone to go along with her.

#### **7. Break**

The group did not take a break.

#### **7. Report out**

- a. Louise Packness asked how the board could help more. Holly Richards stated they will want board input on the rules, brochures, website and when we get ready to get the hearing screening to midwives.
- b. Katie Duncan stated the next quarterly audiology meeting will be December 11<sup>th</sup>. Katie mentioned there is an increase in participation. The group is passionate and excited to be able to provide input.
- c. Leigh Ann Gorecki asked if there are any pediatrician offices that do hearing screening. Could PCPs do follow-up screening? Anne Banger stated what normally happens is a child goes for their well child visit then they go to the hospital to do a hearing re-screen if one is needed.
- d. Leigh Ann Gorecki wants Anne Banger to come to NL EMMC to do a site visit and will work with Anne to get one scheduled.

#### **8. Schedule of 2020 Board meetings**

2020 Meeting dates were discussed as follows:

- March 24, 2020
  - 9:30am-12:30pm
  - 35 Anthony Avenue, Conference room C
- June 23, 2020
  - 9:30am-12:30pm
  - 35 Anthony Avenue, Conference room C
- October 27, 2020
  - 9:30am-12:30pm
  - 35 Anthony Avenue, Conference room C

#### **9. Adjourn**

Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.