

**The Nebraska Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Program
Advisory Committee Meeting
September 10, 2015
Minutes
1:03 pm - 3:02 pm**

Eugene T. Mahoney State Park, Main Lodge Red Oak Room

Attending:

Members

Nina Baker
Linsay Darnall, Jr.
Rhonda Fleischer
Cindy Johnson
Kim-Jae Kang
Rick Kang
Joan Luebbers
Jennifer Racine
Kelly Rausch
Stacie Ray
Pete Seiler
Susan Stibal
Rena Zimmermann

Guests

Julie Docter, EDN
Brenda Hoover, BTNRH
Shelli Janning, GBYS
Cole Johnson, EDN
Nicole Kreikemeier, UNL Graduate Student, HearU
Jonathan Scherling, NeAD
Macy Schott, UNL Graduate Student, Children's

Staff

Jim Beavers
MeLissa Butler
Kathy Northrop

Newborn

Screening

Bloodspot Staff

Krystal Baumert
Julie Luedtke

Interpreters

Kelly Brakenhoff
Frances Beurivage

Meeting start time – The meeting was called to order by Committee Vice-Chair, Linsay Darnall Jr., at 1:03 pm.

Open Meeting Act – Presented at the beginning of Advisory Committee Meeting by Linsay Darnall Jr.

I. Welcome and Introductions

Linsay Darnall Jr., Vice-Chair for the Nebraska Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (NE-EHDI) Program Advisory Committee, welcomed all Committee members, staff, and guests.

Kathy Northrop announced that Susan Stibal, who has served on the committee for five years has resigned and this is her last meeting.

II. Review of Agenda

There were no changes.

III. Review of Minutes

The meeting minutes from the June 11, 2015 NE-EHDI Program Advisory Committee meeting were distributed via e-mail prior to the meeting and printed copies were available upon

request. A motion to approve the minutes as published was made by Pete Seiler, seconded by Nina Baker, and unanimously approved by the Committee members.

IV. Presentation – Nebraska Association of the Deaf

Jonathan Scherling, President of the Nebraska Association of the Deaf presented information on the Nebraska Association of the Deaf. Jonathan commended NE-EHDI for including Deaf members on the committee. In his travels, Maryland is the only other state whom he has known to include Deaf members.

Jonathan shared some information on his background. He grew up in Dwight, Nebraska which is a very small town. His entire family is Deaf, and everyone in their small town could point and tell you where “the Deaf family” lived, so they were well known by everyone in the community.

Jonathan asked the group to name a few things they like about living in Nebraska. Many things were mentioned such as the beef, the change of seasons, football and the people. Jonathan agreed that there are many good things about living in Nebraska, but Nebraska lacks in Deaf services. The Nebraska Association of the Deaf focuses on improving the lives of Deaf Nebraskans, especially the youth.

Jonathan went on to talk about the mission, values and beliefs of the Nebraska Association of the Deaf, and the ways the Nebraska Association of the Deaf connects with and mentors Deaf youths and Deaf adults.

The current *Youth Development and Deaf Education Strategy Team* are working to ensure that educational interpreters are qualified for classroom interpreting to give students more access to the curriculum in a mainstream setting.

Jonathan wanted to recognize and thank Pete Seiler for all his efforts as an educator in the state of Nebraska, as Pete has been a mentor to him for many years.

Jonathan stated that the Nebraska Association of the Deaf hosts several parent workshops that focus on helping parents be more confident in helping their children learn how to advocate for themselves, and teaching parents how to advocate for their child.

Kathy Northrop asked Jonathan how many members the Nebraska Association of the Deaf has. Jonathan stated that they currently have 143 members, and for Nebraska that is a large group.

Kathy asked if there is any paid staff at the Nebraska Association of the Deaf. Jonathan stated that there are no paid staff members.

Kathy asked where the Nebraska Association of the Deaf gets their funding. Jonathan stated that they are funded by corporate donations, and most of the funds are put towards costs associated with hosting their bi-annual conference.

V. HearU/Hearing Aid Bank Update

Stacie Ray stated that in line with Jonathan's presentation, she likes the collaborative spirit of Nebraskans, and how everyone works hard for the same mission and purpose of serving people.

Stacie also wanted to recognize Nicole Kreikemeier, a University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) graduate student who interns with HearU and is attending the meeting with her today. She stated that Nicole works very hard to keep operations running smoothly at the hearing aid bank, and Stacie expressed her appreciation for the work Nicole does.

Stacie provided the quarterly report for HearU Nebraska and reviewed the information detailed in the handout.

VI. CMV Task Force Update

Rick Kang updated the Advisory Committee on the status of the CMV Task Force. The most recent meeting was held August 6, 2015. The main update Rick shared with the committee is that Dr. Ann Anderson-Berry is has recruited a pediatric resident to help with the grant application and the pilot project. The pilot project will be smaller version of what Utah State did. The focus of the pilot project will be on short-term stay infants who refer on the inpatient newborn hearing screening. Ideally, all babies who refer will be screened, but the pilot is a start.

Rick also stated that Dr. Anderson-Berry is a member of the Nebraska Perinatal Quality Improvement Collaborative (NPQIC) which is a network of neonatologists working towards quality improvement. NPQIC will be holding a conference soon, and at the conference Dr. Anderson-Berry will be speaking about the importance of screening expectant mothers for CMV.

VII. Hospital Training Task Force Update

MeLissa Butler stated that Marietta Mathis is making progress on getting her capstone approved by the Institutional Review Board (IRB). Once the approval process is complete, progress on the Hospital Training Task Force will start moving forward again.

Kathy Northrop explained to the committee that the purpose of the IRB is to monitor and review research involving human subjects to assure that appropriate steps are taken to protect the rights and welfare of the subjects participating in the research study.

VIII. Nominations for Advisory Committee Chair and Vice-Chair

Kathy Northrop stated that, per the charter it is time for nominations for Advisory Committee Chair and Vice-Chair for the 2016-2017 terms.

Nominations are as follows:

Chair:

Linsay Darnall Jr. was nominated by Nina Baker, Rhonda Fleischer and Kathy Beauchaine (not present)

Pete Seiler suggested that since there is only one nominee, nominations close. Kim-Jae stated that this would prevent members who are not present from making their nominations. After some discussion, the committee agreed to close nominations, as quorum was reached per the Advisory Committee Charter. A vote was taken, and the decision for Linsay Darnall Jr. to serve as Advisory Committee Chair for 2016-2017 term was unanimously approved by the Advisory Committee members present at the meeting.

Vice Chair:

Kim Jae Kang was nominated by Kathy Beauchaine (not present), nomination seconded by Pete Seiler

Stacie Ray nominated herself, nomination seconded by Kelly Rausch

Jennifer Racine was nominated by Pete Seiler nomination seconded by Rick Kang

Pete Seiler made a motion to close nominations. Cindy Johnson seconded the motion.

Kathy Northrop stated that a ballot will be sent to the Advisory Committee for voting.

IX. The NE-EHDI Program Statistics and Lost to Follow-up Information – Jim Beavers

Jim Beavers reviewed the handout entitled *January through June 2015 DOB the NE-EHDI Status Report*.

XI. EHDI Dash

Jim Beavers presented information on the EDHI Dash website hosted by the CDC, and provided the committee with handouts showing some of the Nebraska specific information he accessed using the application.

http://ehdidash.cdc.gov/IAS_WebApp/

Jim discussed the CDC's calculation method for the 2013 Diagnostic Assessments. Jennifer Racine asked Jim how he would calculate the number of Diagnostic Assessments to more accurately demonstrate the data. Jim said he would present that information at the December meeting.

Rick Kang recommended that rather than look at our numbers compared to the CDC goal, we should look at our numbers in comparison to other states. That way, we can compare whether we struggle with the same things other states struggle with. Rick also stated that if we look at our 1-3-6 numbers compared to other states and find that we struggle with the same goal, we could start to work together to identify the problem and figure out a method to resolve it.

Rick asked if there are consequences for not achieving the 1-3-6 goals, such as losing our grant funding. Jim stated that we are expected to improve 5% each year, or 15% over three year life the grant. According the way the CDC calculates the data, that is an impossible goal to achieve.

XII. Other

Joan Luebbbers handed out a save the date flyer for June 2016 Nebraska Young Child Institute. Joan explained that the purpose of the initiative is to make sure all systems for maltreated children work well together.

Kathy Northrop asked the committee members to send her some suggestions for speakers they would like to see at future meetings. She already has Cindy Johnson lined up to present at a future meeting.

XIII. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Pete Seiler and seconded by Rick Kang. The meeting was adjourned at 3:02 pm.

Next Meeting: December, 10 2015 – 1:00 pm at Mahoney State Park, Main Lodge, Red Oak Room

2016 Meeting Dates:

- March 10, 2016
- June 9, 2016
- September 8, 2016
- December 8, 2016

Respectfully submitted by Melissa Butler, Community Health Educator