



Agenda & Notes



Meeting	
Early Hearing Detection and Intervention in Mississippi (EHDI-MS) Advisory Committee	
Date/Time	May 17, 2024 • 1:00-3:00 p.m.
Location	Online only: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86314368738?pwd=0oXX4r0noI9a0300ZsjEpdQCAL2wEn.1

PRESENT	MEMBERS	AFFILIATION	ROLE
A	Amanda Breaux	<i>Parent</i>	Parent
P	Dr. Ashley Sandifer	<i>Mississippi School for the Deaf</i>	AuD – Diagnostic Provider
P	Benjamin Wagenknecht	<i>Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing</i>	ODHH
P	Brandy Johnson	<i>Parent</i>	Parent
P	Dr. Charles G. Marx	<i>University of Southern Mississippi</i>	AuD - Diagnostic Provider
A	Charlotte Warfield		Early Intervention Provider
P	Dr. Courtney Turner	<i>University of Southern Mississippi</i>	AuD – Diagnostic Provider
P	Dr. Elizabeth Sims	<i>UMMC</i>	AAP
P	Haley Rishel	<i>University of Southern Mississippi</i>	Early Intervention Provider
A	Jasmyne Barnes	<i>Parent</i>	Parent
P	Dr. Jennifer Wiles	<i>Jackson State University</i>	AuD – Diagnostic Provider
A	Jera Havard	<i>Parent</i>	Parent
P	Karonica Crumedy-Mikell	<i>Parent</i>	Parent
P	Kaye Carr	<i>Mississippi School for the Deaf</i>	Early Intervention Provider
A	Kiesha Kennedy	<i>Parent</i>	Parent
P	Dr. Kimberly Ward	<i>University of Southern Mississippi</i>	AuD – Diagnostic Provider
P	Dr. Ashley Grillis	<i>UMMC</i>	AuD – Diagnostic Provider
P	Laura Gremillion	<i>Mississippi School for the Deaf</i>	Early Intervention Provider
A	Laurel Donahoo	<i>Parent</i>	Parent
A	Lea Blair	<i>Parent</i>	Parent
P	Dr. Lori Chapman	<i>Parent</i>	Parent
P	Dr. Mary Gunn Prewitt	<i>UMMC</i>	AuD – Diagnostic Provider
P	Dr. Mary Lauren Porter	<i>UMMC</i>	AuD – Diagnostic Provider
A	Miranda Richardson [Replacement: Melissa Cox]	<i>MSDH</i>	Part C
A	Dr. Ray Rodriguez	<i>MCAM</i>	AAP
A	Toni Hollingsworth	<i>Mississippi Deaf-Blind Project</i>	Early Intervention Provider
P	Valecia Davis	<i>MSDH</i>	CYSHCN
P	Valerie Linn	<i>Magnolia Speech School</i>	Early Intervention Provider
A	Dr. Victoria Kivlan	<i>MCAM</i>	AuD – Diagnostic Provider



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Additional Attendees:

- Dr. Ashten Yost, EHDI Director
- Alice Chaney Herndon, Adult Director of Nursing at UMMC Jackson
- Paula McClain, MSDB
- Christina Graham, MSDH Director of EPIC
- Dr. Dorothy Young, MSDH Chief of Data/Procurement
- Bevin Glass, Interpreter
- Heather Tucker, EHDI Family Support Program Family Advisor
- Dr. Justin Turner, Chief Medical Officer and Central Regional Health Officer, MSDH
- Lakeshia Unger, EHDI Follow-Up Coordinator, MSDH
- Marty Chunn, EHDI Family Follow-Up & Support Coordinator, MSDH
- Dr. McKenzie Burns, Audiologist at Magnolia Speech School
- Melissa Cox, MSDH Early Intervention Northern Regional Coordinator
- Stacy Callender, MSDH Health Services
- Tracie Bryant, MSDH, Director of Genetics

MINUTES

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
Welcome and Introductions	Dr. Courtney Turner called the meeting to order at 1:27 p.m. All participants were welcomed and introduced themselves.	No Action Items
Review and Approve Minutes	<p>Approval of February 16, 2024 EHDI-AC Quarterly Meeting Minutes Move to Approve the Minutes as printed: Valecia Davis A Motion was made to Approve the minutes as printed. Second: Kaye Carr Call for the vote to accept the minutes as printed. Vote to approve the minutes: All EHDI-AC Members approved.</p> <p>Approval of April 26, 2024 EHDI-AC Special Meeting Minutes Move to Approve the Minutes as printed: Dr. Kim Ward A Motion was made to Approve the minutes as printed. Second: Valecia Davis Call for the vote to accept the minutes as printed. Vote to approve the minutes: All EHDI-AC Members approved.</p>	Dr. Ashten Yost to send February 16, 2024 approved EHDI-AC Quarterly Meeting Minutes and April 26, 2024 EHDI-AC Special Meeting Minutes to MSDH Communications for website updates.
Public Comments	Dr. Ashten Yost – Announcement regarding UMMC/EPIC build out: Form 53 build out will be ready around July 2024. UMMC/EPIC requested a July 2024 EHDI-AC meeting. The next EHDI-AC meeting is scheduled for September 13, 2024.	Dr. Ashten Yost to stay in contact with UMMC/EPIC for EPIC build out progress.
Program Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Fun Day at Hattiesburg Zoo: The CARE Project May 4, 2024 	Dr. Ashten Yost to stay in contact with HRSA to continue to

	<p>41 Adults/Children (8 families)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Technical Resource Centers (2024-2029) <p>National Beacon Center for Early Language System Accountability and Data: Gallaudet University Family Leadership in Language and Learning Center: Hands and Voices Provider Education Center: American Academy of Pediatrics</p> <p>Each resource center is funded to advance EHDI systems of services nationwide so that deaf and hard of hearing newborns, infants, and young children up to age 3 receive appropriate supports and timely services to improve language acquisition outcomes.</p> <p>Question was asked regarding the NTRC discussion re: LSL Families and what this change will look like for them due to Gallaudet leading the measurement of language acquisition outcomes for children who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing.</p>	monitor changes for EHDI.
Work Group Reports	<p>Systems Building/Quality Improvement Work Group</p> <p>Family Engagement & Support Work Group</p> <p>Professional Development Work Group</p>	Dr. Ashten Yost to send 2024-2025 Work Group sign up form via Microsoft Forms after EHDI-AC appointments are complete.
Work Group Reports: Systems Building/Quality Improvement Work Group	<p>Goal 1 By March 2029, engage and coordinate with stakeholders to enhance the EHDI-MS system infrastructure to ensure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 94% of infants receive a hearing screening by 1 month of age 64.2% of infants receive confirmation of hearing status by 3 months of age 51.1% of infants are enrolled in early intervention by 6 months of age to improve language acquisition for DHH children up to 3 yrs. <p>Goal 4 By March 2029, EHDI-MS will increase engagement and coordination with state and national partners to strengthen the EHDI-MS infrastructure and increase the EHDI-MS capacity to improve language outcomes for children who are DHH up to 3.</p>	No Action Items
Work Group Reports: Professional Development and Quality Improvement	<p>Goal 2 By March 2029, EHDI-MS will increase the number of health professionals and service providers who are trained on key aspects of the EHDI-MS system to enhance language outcomes for children up to three years old with hearing loss by 10% over baseline collected in year one (April 2024-March 2025).</p>	No Action Items

	<p>Activities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Collaborate with professional associations, PCP/SCP, early childhood programs, and the MSFSEIP to conduct outreach and provide training to PCP/SCPs and EI service coordinators/providers. [2.1.1] 2. Collaborate with diverse stakeholders to conduct Annual EHDI-MS conference. [2.1.2] <p>Goal 1 By March 2029, engage and coordinate with stakeholders to enhance the EHDI-MS system infrastructure to ensure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 94% of infants receive a hearing screening by 1 month of age • 64.2% of infants receive confirmation of hearing status by 3 months of age • 51.1% of infants are enrolled in early intervention by 6 months of age to improve language acquisition for DHH children up to 3 yrs. <p>Activities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Collaborate with Systems Building/QI Work Group to develop/implement a plan for improving language acquisition outcomes for DHH children 0-3. [1.2.2] 2. Implement/Update the EHDI-MS Communication plan with families and professionals. [1.2.4] 	
<p>Work Group Reports: Family Engagement and Support</p>	<p>Goal 3 By March 2029, EHDI-MS will engage 20% more families and caregivers of children who are DHH in the EHDI-MS system and increase the number of families and caregivers of infants and toddlers with confirmed hearing loss who are enrolled in family-to-family support by six months of age by 20% over baseline and DHH adult-to-family support by nine months of age by 10% over baseline collected in year one (April 2024-March 2025) and have resources to improve language outcomes of their children.</p> <p>Activities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Conduct state-level outreach and provide educational and networking opportunities targeting families. [3.1.1] 2. Provide Family Support with Family Advisors/DHH Role Models for families and caregivers of children who are DHH 0-3. [3.2.1] 	<p>No Action Items</p>
<p>Business:</p>	<p>Attendance: If a member of the EHDI-AC does not attend or send an alternate for two or more meetings within a calendar year, the member shall forfeit his/her membership on the committee.</p> <p>2024-2025 EHDI-AC Committee/Renewal (Renewal/New Nomination Forms Due by May 17, 2024)</p>	<p>Dr. Ashten Yost to send nominations to Dr. Edney for 2024-2025 EHDI-AC Appointments.</p>

Announcements:	MSDH Genetics – Newborn Screening Regional Education & Skills Trainings May 21, 2024: Hattiesburg (William Carey University) May 22, 2024: Jackson (E-center) May 23, 2024: Columbus (Courtyard by Marriott)	No Action Items
Adjourn:	Motion to Adjourn: Dr. Kim Ward Second: Valecia Davis The meeting was adjourned at 2:42PM.	No Action Items