

**MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
OFFICE OF CHILD & ADOLESCENT HEALTH ● BUREAU OF EARLY INTERVENTION**



**Early Hearing Detection and Intervention in Mississippi (EHDI-MS)
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
November 30, 2018 ● 12:00 – 3:00PM
ALTERNATE LOCATION: 805 S Wheatley St, Ridgeland, MS**

PRESENT	MEMBERS	AFFILIATION	ROLE
X	C.G. Marx (Chair)	<i>Univ. of So. Mississippi</i>	Audiologist/Personnel Prep
	Alyce Stewart	<i>MS State Dept of Health</i>	Title V: Newborn Screening
X	Ashley Grillis	<i>UMMC, Audiology Clinic</i>	Audiologist
	Augusta Bilbro	<i>MS State Dept of Health</i>	Title V: CYSHCN Program
X	Ben Wagenknecht	<i>State Office of the DHH</i>	Adult DHH
X	Callie Daniels	<i>MS Hands & Voices</i>	GBYS Deaf Guide
X	Charlotte Warfield	<i>Magnolia Speech School</i>	Early Interventionist
	Christina Perigoe	<i>Univ. of So. Mississippi</i>	Personnel Prep
	Christopher Spankovich	<i>UMMC, Audiology Clinic</i>	Audiologist
	Claude F. Harbarger	<i>UMMC, ENT Clinic</i>	ENT
X	Haley Rishel	<i>Univ. of So. Mississippi</i>	Early Interventionist
	Jane Luter	<i>Univ. of So. Mississippi</i>	Personnel Prep
	John McMahon	<i>MS Hands & Voices</i>	GBYS Deaf Guide
X	Julie Seawright	<i>MS Hands & Voices</i>	GBYS Parent Guide
	Kaye Carr	<i>SKI*HI Early Intervention</i>	Early Intervention Provider
X	Kim Ward	<i>Univ. of So. Mississippi</i>	Audiologist/Personnel Prep
	Kolesha O' Quinn	<i>State Office of the DHH</i>	DHH Family Member
	Krista Guynes	<i>MS State Dept of Health</i>	Home Visiting Program
	Laura Gremillion	<i>MSD: SKI*HI Early Intervention</i>	Early Interventionist
	Leigh Ann Leonard	<i>Forrest General Hospital</i>	Newborn Hearing Screener
	Lori Ates	<i>MS Hands & Voices</i>	GBYS Parent Guide
	Marilyn Johnson	<i>MS State Dept of Health</i>	Title V: MCH Block Grant
	Rebecca Lowe	<i>University of Mississippi, Speech & Hearing Clinic</i>	Speech & Hearing Clinic/Personnel Prep
	Sandra Edwards	<i>Mississippi School for the Deaf</i>	Early Intervention Provider
	Susie B Phillips	<i>American Academy of Pediatrics, MS Chapter</i>	AAP Chapter Champion
X	Valecia Davis	<i>MS State Dept of Health</i>	Part C of IDEA
X	Valerie Linn	<i>Magnolia Speech School</i>	Early Intervention Provider
	Virginia "Austin" Harrison	<i>American Academy of Pediatrics, MS Chapter</i>	AAP Chapter Champion
	Wendy Rosas-Altieri	<i>MS State Dept of Health</i>	WIC Representative
	Ykeya Springer	<i>MS Hands & Voices</i>	GBYS Parent Guide

Additional Attendees:

EHDI PROGRAM STAFF	ADDITIONAL PARTICIPANTS
Stacy Callender, <i>EHDI-MS Director</i> Lakeisha Unger, <i>Hearing Follow-up Coordinator</i> Renea Baker, <i>EHDI Data Clerk</i> Marty Chunn, <i>Learning Collaborative Facilitator</i>	Michelle Wong, <i>UMMC Audiology Extern</i>

MINUTES

Welcome/Introductions

The meeting was called to order by C. G. Marx, Chair. All participants were welcomed and introduced themselves.

Review and Approve Minutes

Meeting minutes from the September 17, 2018 meeting were reviewed and approved as written. (Motion: K. Ward, Second: V. Linn)

Business

Advisory Committee Bylaws (OLD)

The EHDI-AC reviewed the components to be including in the bylaws, i.e., the name and purpose of the Advisory Committee, organization (membership, leadership/officers, subcommittees), rules for conducting business (rules for meetings and public comments), and rules for amendments to the bylaws. State statute and HRSA grant requirements for the committee composition, terms of service, and committee purpose were also shared. Multiple samples were provided to V. Linn, who previously volunteered, to assist with drafting bylaws. An ad hoc subcommittee was formed with K. Ward and A. Grillis to assist V. Linn with drafting the bylaws and presenting the draft at the next meeting.

Annual Priorities (OLD)

The EHDI-AC shared issues/concerns to determine annual priorities. The EHDI-AC discussed ongoing concerns with the lack of timely diagnostics, lack of use of medical home practices, inconsistent/incorrect information shared by professionals from hearing screening through early intervention, gaps in service delivery across the State, and unqualified providers/inappropriate referrals preventing the state from meeting the national 1-3-6 Goals.

The EHDI-AC determined a need to focus on education for health care professionals about the impact of hearing loss on children and the importance of timely identification and appropriate follow-up practices. A subcommittee was formed on professional education comprised of C.G. Marx, K. Ward, A. Grillis, M. Chunn, and H. Rishel to address the following recommendations:

- Coordinating with birthing hospitals to educate them about appropriate referrals.
- Partnering between MSHA and EHDI to create a video in hospitals to share with screening professionals/nurses.
 - C.G. recommended working with the communications department at USM.
- Partnering between MSHA and EHDI to present at the annual MSHA conference.

The EHDI-AC also determined a need to focus on education for families about the impact of hearing loss on children and the importance of timely identification and appropriate follow-up practices. A subcommittee was formed on family engagement comprised of A. Grillis, M. Chunn, H. Rishel, J. Seawright, and B. Wagenknecht to address the following recommendations:

- Partnering between MSHA and EHDI to create a video in hospitals to share with families at screening to help them understand the follow-up process.
- Creating outreach material for families

There was a discussion on ensuring children are receiving the appropriate follow-up. It was decided the EHDI procedures should be updated to include the required tests for diagnostic follow-up using the guidelines developed by MSHA. Revised procedures can be shared with all of the professionals in the State, including new providers, to ensure they are consistent in their practices.

K. Ward asked about updates to the new Joint Committee on Infant Hearing recommendations and the potential impact on the State practices. S. Callender noted the new recommendations have not yet been delivered but will share any information when available.

The EHDI-AC discussed working with mid-wives to support them in performing hearing screenings, including the need for equipment and training. K. Ward noted the ECHO project which can assist with obtaining equipment. The discussion focused on expenses for screenings and potential

Program Updates

The EHDI-MS provided updates on changes to personnel. Skyler Jackson is now a Hearing Follow-up Coordinator and Renea Baker has joined EHDI-MS as a Data Clerk. Sadie Silcot, HRSA Project Officer, has left HRSA, and a permanent replacement has not been assigned yet.

The EHDI-MS continues to work on improving communications with stakeholders, including changes to the EHDI webpages and a quarterly newsletter. Links will be forwarded to the EHDI-AC as soon as the website is updated. The first quarter newsletter will be shared with the EHDI-AC for feedback. Any information to be included in the EHDI update should be submitted by December 15, 2018.

Results from a survey of diagnostic providers was shared:

- Most providers reported being familiar to very familiar with EHDI-MS.
- Most providers reported being not familiar with the EHDI-MS website.
- Most were familiar with the 1-3-6 goals; however one provider was not familiar.
- Most providers reported not consistently tracking their patients through the 1-3-6 goals.
- Barriers noted included incomplete record, problems determining when children were screened and receive intervention.
- Most respondents see at least 50 cases per year, but very few conduct sedated ABRs.
- Most providers reported being familiar to very familiar with the Hearing Diagnostic Report (Form 53), and rated the form as easy to complete and submit.
- Most providers reported not being familiar with MS-HIN or using it to share results with other providers.
- Most providers reported only being somewhat familiar with early intervention options and coordinating with primary health care providers.

An update was provided on the NATUS data system and planned enhancements. Until the system is updated to allow access to healthcare providers, providers can request a report of information about a specific child.

The EHDI-MS reported that MS-HIN is being utilized more frequently improving the quality of data due to increased legibility; however, we continue to have difficulty connecting with primary health care providers, as this information is often missing or unclear on reports.

Announcements

- March 3-5 – National EHDI Annual Meeting (Chicago, IL)
- March 21-22 – The Children’s Center at USM: Hearing Now Summit (Hattiesburg, MS)
- April 1-2 – MS Speech-Language-Hearing Association (MSHA) Conference (Biloxi, MS)

Public Comments

No public comments were shared.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM.