

EHDI Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

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Meeting Date:	January 19, 2017
Meeting Time:	9:00 am to 10:30am
Meeting Location:	Remotely: GoToMeeting.com
Meeting Purpose:	The purpose of this meeting is for planning, coordination and collaboration.
Regular Attendees:	EHDI Advisory Committee and EHDI Staff
Attendees:	(Members) Eleni Boston, Stefani Cozine, Heather Durham, Kelly Farrell-Oliverson, Ilia Fong, Nancy Ford, Pam Fortier, Nikki Hinsley, Sharla Jones, Sheevaun Khaki, Ericka King, Cindy Kollofski, Denise Kossover-Wechter, Chad Ludwig, Henry Milczuk, Angie Mulkey, Betty Shuler, Anne Smyth (OHA Staff) Claudia Bingham, Shelby Atwill, Heather Morrow-Almeida, Meuy Swafford, Vivian Siu, Stephanie Glickman, Stefanie Krupp (Guests) Claire Leake, Amy Kyler-Yano, Regan Gray

Agenda Item, Objective and Background Information	Time
1) Welcome, Introductions, Review of Minutes – Eleni Boston	9:00-9:10
<p>Discussion & action steps:</p> <p>Committee Chair Eleni Boston called the meeting to order. Reviewed shortened agenda. Attendees introduced themselves.</p> <p>Brief overview of last quarter’s meeting minutes. Minutes are posted to the web, committee to review and send any needed changes to EHDI team.</p>	
2) Insurance Mandate Update and Next Steps – Regan Gray	9:15-9:35
<p>(See attached House Bill 2392)</p> <p>Committee has offered recommendations and draft language to update the current Oregon insurance mandate related to hearing services. Regan has shepherded it forward to becoming a bill. Regan described timeline, next steps, and committee involvement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regan needs help developing a fact sheet – please email Regan if you are interested in helping • Committee members would like an email list of legislative members to contact – will be emailed • Healthcare professionals and parents needed to attend legislative hearing and provide testimony in Salem, could be short notice <p>Follow up with email to give Committee schedule and details with directions.</p>	
3) EHDI Data Update – Vivian Siu	9:35-10:00
<p>(See attached January 2017 EHDI Advisory Board Data Update)</p> <p>Data presentation included:</p>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goals of EHDI Program, review of trends on screening rates, diagnostic rates, and EI enrollment rates. • Presentation of regional observations related to referral rates, loss to follow up/complete diagnostic evaluation rates, hearing loss, and EI enrollment patterns. • Special analysis of demographic characteristics of infants with timely and late diagnosis, timeliness of diagnostic results reporting. <p>Committee members would like more information regarding EI enrollment factors.</p>	
<p>4) Federal EHDI Reauthorization, EHDI Legislative Report – Heather Morrow-Almeida and Eleni Boston</p>	<p>10:00-10:20</p>
<p>Background for Federal EHDI Reauthorization:</p> <p>Federal Bill 2424, the EHDI Act, did not receive a vote in the Senate before Congress adjourned in December. The EHDI bill had passed in the House in 2015, and was introduced in the Senate in December 2015. It was co-sponsored by a bipartisan group of Senators. The authorization expired in September 2015. The EHDI Act provides federal funds for state grants to develop and maintain EHDI programs, as well as many other provisions which support optimal outcomes for children with hearing loss.</p> <p>Steps to authorization:</p> <p>Generally authorization precedes appropriation (obligation of funds). Up until the 1960’s, most authorizations of appropriations were permanent. Recently, Congress has increasingly passed temporary authorizations which gives them more frequent opportunities to review federal agencies and make desired changes, and to more closely itemize authorization amounts. With authorizations expiring more frequently, Congress is often unable to make all necessary reauthorizations in a given year. In most cases, despite an expired authorization, Congress will enact appropriations to fund federal programs at levels reflecting amounts previously authorized and appropriated. In addition, the Congressional Budget Office issues an annual report listing all programs funded by appropriation acts for which authorizations have expired.</p> <p>Current status:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EHDI has been funded, but not reauthorized, in the past prior to the reauthorization in 2010. • Funding for EHDI in FY 2017 was included in a large package of other programs approved to be funded by Congress, despite not being authorized earlier this year. • Members of the US House of Representatives offered bills and proposals targeting “unauthorized” appropriations, even though a large majority of appropriations considered unauthorized are for longstanding key parts of government. 	

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<p>Members discussed next steps to support reauthorization. Additional information is needed to determine level of engagement and timelines. Staff and members attending National EHDI Conference will collect information and update committee. Members may choose to contact Oregon delegation to encourage sponsorship of a bill in this session.</p> <p>Status of EHDI Legislative Report:</p> <p>Oregon Revised Statute states that EHDI Program and Advisory Committee will prepare a report to the biennial legislative assembly on the status of screening, diagnosis and EI enrollment, as well as to make recommendations to improve the system. A draft is being prepared for Advisory Committee review and contributions. Goal is to finalize the report language by early February. Staff requested volunteers representing each sector to help with revisions. Volunteers include: Ericka King (medical), Betty Shuler (GBYS), Eleni Boston (educational), Cindy Kollofski (audiologist), Denise Kossover-Wechter (audiologist), and Heather Durham (audiologist)</p>	
<p>5) Other Updates, Next Meeting Details, Close of Meeting – Eleni Boston</p>	<p>10:10- 10:30</p>
<p>Updates from other members:</p> <p>Report on Community Needs Assessment is available – emailed to committee and available on OAD website. Follow up with three meetings within the next few weeks: with DHS, the senators, and the governor’s office. Have drafted two separate bills related to Commission, now determining which to submit to legislature:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Set up a stand-alone commission for Deaf & Hard of Hearing 2. Use existing ODHS with expanded role <p>Note: budget shortfall is concerning with both options. Both programs would require new revenue, and there is concern regarding where will the money come from.</p> <p>Other potential bills from Community Needs Assessment include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental health services for D/HH individuals • LEAD-K – language equality and acquisition for deaf kids, drafted and still in committee <p>Next EHDI Advisory Committee meeting to convene on April 20, 2017 at Providence Child Foundation, 9 a.m. to noon.</p>	
<p>Items for future meetings:</p>	
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