

# EHDI Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

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<b>Meeting Date:</b>	October 23, 2014
<b>Meeting Time:</b>	1:30 pm to 4:30 pm
<b>Meeting Location:</b>	Portland State Office Building, Room 1E
<b>Meeting Purpose:</b>	The purpose of this meeting is for planning coordination and collaboration.
<b>Regular Attendees:</b>	EHDI Advisory Committee and EHDI Staff
<b>Attendees:</b>	<p><b>(Members)</b> Pam Fortier, Heather Durham, Chad Ludwig, Ginna Oliver, Victoria Keetay, Denise Kossover-Wechter, Anne Heassler, Henry Milczuk, Eleni Boston, Kelly Farrell-Oliverson, Cindy Kollofski, Elysia Gonzales, Sharla Jones, Anne Smyth, Rob Schanbacher, Lyn Ayer (by phone), Elysia Gonzales (by phone), Eleni Boston (by phone)</p> <p><b>(OHA Staff)</b> Claudia Bingham, Julie Hass, Ben Spencer, Shelby Atwill, Heather Morrow-Almeida, Helen Cotton Leiser, Meuy Swafford, Sarah Hargand</p> <p><b>(Guests)</b> Jaci Derosso (Portland State University), Wendy Smith, Leigh Schaid (Pacific University)</p>

Updates	Contact

Agenda Item, objective and background information	Time
<p><b>1) Welcome, Introductions, Review of Minutes, New Business – Pam Fortier</b></p> <p><b>Discussion &amp; action steps:</b></p> <p>Committee Chair Pam Fortier called the meeting to order. Attendees introduced themselves.</p> <p>The committee reviewed the July 17, 2014 minutes. No changes were made.</p> <p>Organizational updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pacific Ear Clinic is officially opening Tuesday, October 28, and regular business days will be Monday through Thursday. The clinic, located across the street from Tuality Community Hospital in Hillsboro, will accept a broad range of insurance plans and serve all ages. Services include vestibular testing, pediatric diagnostics and amplification.</li> <li>The Oregon Association of the Deaf is working in conjunction with the Hearing Loss Association of Oregon and the Oregon Deaf-blind Services Task Force on legislation to be introduced on the floor at the next legislative session. It was requested that draft legislation be shared with the Advisory Committee for feedback and input, and to prevent duplication of effort by audiologists working on possibly similar legislation. An agenda item will be added to the next Advisory Committee meeting agenda to look at coordinating legislation. It was recommended to take a look at what other states are doing legislatively (funding, where services are housed, loaner hearing aids, etc.).</li> </ul>	1:30-1:50
<p><b>2) Review By-Laws and Election Process, Accept Nominations – Pam Fortier</b></p> <p><b>Discussion &amp; action steps:</b></p> <p>Pam reviewed EHDI by-laws with the group (document <a href="#">here</a>). Nominations for Chair</p>	1:50-2:00

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and Vice-Chair were made. Pam Fortier was re-elected as Chair, and Anne Heassler was re-elected as Vice-Chair.	
<b>3) EHDI Team Report – Heather Morrow-Almeida</b>	<b>2:00-2:20</b>
<b>Discussion &amp; action steps:</b>  Heather Morrow-Almeida went over the EHDI Program Report (document <a href="#">here</a> ).	
<b>4) Quarterly Data Report – Sarah Hargand</b>	<b>2:20-2:40</b>
<b>Discussion &amp; action steps:</b>  Sarah Hargand gave the quarterly data update (document <a href="#">here</a> ).	
<b>5) Break, networking, vote</b>	<b>2:40-3:00</b>
<b>6) Training program for DHH professionals – Eleni Boston</b>	<b>3:00-3:40</b>
<b>Discussion &amp; action steps:</b>  Eleni had a meeting on 10/22 with Patrick Graham, the new Coordinator for the Teacher of the Deaf program at Western Oregon University. The cohort will start September 2015. He has expressed interest in meeting with the Advisory Committee for input on the curriculum. It was agreed to invite Patrick to the next Advisory Committee meeting so this discussion can take place.	
<b>7) Regional Services Update – Ginna Oliver and Sharla Jones</b>	<b>3:40-3:50</b>
<b>Discussion &amp; action steps:</b>  Tabled due to lack of time.  Wendy Smith, mother of an eight-year-old boy with a hearing loss, shared her story about the cuts in services at Columbia Regional, the disjointed services received since then, and how this has affected her family. There was discussion about the best way to focus efforts to restore funding, but no resolution on how to do this.	
<b>8) Other Business, Next Meeting Details, Close of Meeting – Pam Fortier</b>	<b>4:20-4:30</b>
Tentative meeting dates and locations:  January 15, 2015 – Tucker-Maxon School April 16, 2015 – Portland State Office Building July 16, 2015 – Portland State Office Building October 15, 2015 – Portland State Office Building	
<b>Items for future meetings:</b>	