

EHDI Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

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Meeting Date:	October 15, 2015
Meeting Time:	9:00 am to noon
Meeting Location:	Providence Child Center, Portland Providence Medical Center
Meeting Purpose:	EHDI program coordination and collaboration.
Regular Attendees:	EHDI Advisory Committee and EHDI Staff
Attendees:	<p>(Members) Pam Fortier, Heather Durham, Victoria Keetay, Denise Kossover-Wechter, Anne Heassler, Eleni Boston, Nancy Ford, Cindy Kollofski, Sharla Jones, Kelly Farrell-Oliverson, Henry Milczuk, Anne Smyth</p> <p>(OHA Staff) Claudia Bingham, Shelby Atwill, Helen Cotton-Leiser, Julie Hass, Heather Morrow-Almeida, Meuy Swafford</p> <p>(Guests) Glen Gilbert (Tucker Maxon), Leigh Schaid (Pacific University), Ray Crawford (Hands & Voices), Kurt Fertig (Oregon School for the Deaf), Ilia Fong (Providence Audiology), Melissa Gritz (OCDC)</p>

Updates	Contact

Agenda Item, objective and background information	Time
<p>1) Welcome, introductions, review of minutes – Pam Fortier/Heather Morrow-Almeida</p> <p>Discussion & action steps:</p> <p>Committee Chair Pam Fortier called the meeting to order. Attendees introduced themselves. The committee reviewed the July 16, 2015 minutes. No changes were made.</p> <p>EHDI Program Coordinator Heather Morrow-Almeida shared with the group that we have the option to film and live stream Advisory Committee meetings to better engage stakeholders from all over Oregon. Participants can watch the meetings through the Public Health Division’s YouTube channel. Live chat function allows viewers to ask questions. However, viewers must have a broadband connection and network issues could affect the quality of the stream.</p> <p>Heather asked the committee if they would be willing to give live streaming a try at the January 2016 meeting. The group voted to do it.</p> <p>Heather asked who in the group is planning to attend the national EHDI conference on March 13-15 in San Diego. Currently, EHDI staff members Heather, Claudia, Shelby and Helen and EHDI Advisory Committee member Anne Smyth are planning to attend. Registration will be open by November 16, 2015. Members asked to be provided with the registration information.</p> <p>Heather shared that a passionate parent, the mother of a late-identified child, has contacted EHDI and is interested in convening a group to develop a list of recommendations for the legislature that describes a master plan to assure Oregon’s children with hearing loss are well-served by our systems and services -- regardless of where they live, attend school or what type of insurance they have. A key focus of this policy group would be access to audiology and education services. This parent is a lobbyist.</p> <p>In response, committee members expressed concern about the creation of a separate advocacy group and suggested that this parent be invited to the January 2016</p>	<p>9:00-9:20</p>

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<p>Advisory meeting to describe her vision more fully. Heather agreed to approach the mom with this idea.</p>	
<p>2) Eligibility Criteria – Sharla Jones</p>	<p>9:20-10:00</p>
<p>Discussion & action steps:</p> <p>Sharla Jones shared about the 2005 efforts to broaden Oregon’s Early Intervention (EI) eligibility criteria for hearing loss. That effort ultimately did not progress as the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) preferred to wait for the release of new federal IDEA/Part C regulations before attempting to revise Oregon’s Administrative Rules on the subject. It took several years for the new federal regulations to be released, but they are out now, so it is a good time to renew efforts to broaden Oregon’s EI eligibility criteria for babies and toddlers with hearing loss.</p> <p>Sharla shared the draft hearing loss criteria used in the 2005 proposal, and that sparked extensive discussion about what the new criteria should be.</p> <p>A working group of audiologists from the Advisory Committee and EHDI staff agreed to convene to finalize the new hearing loss criteria and report back to the larger group before the next meeting in January, hopefully sometime in November.</p>	
<p>3) Other Special Topics, Updates, Discussion, Next Steps</p>	<p>10:00-10:15</p>
<p>Discussion & action steps:</p> <p>Heather Morrow- Almeida reminded the group that white sheets with the Special Topics we discussed at July’s meeting were posted around the room. She invited people to write their comments, ideas and proposed action steps on the sheets during the upcoming break.</p> <p>Glen Gilbert of Tucker Maxon School announced that the school has officially changed its name, dropping the word “Oral.” He also noted there is no longer a hyphen between “Tucker” and “Maxon.”</p>	
<p>4) Great ShakeOut, Break, and Networking</p>	<p>10:15-10:30</p>
<p>5) EHDI Team Update and Data – Heather Morrow-Almeida/Meuy Swafford</p>	<p>10:30-11:15</p>
<p>Discussion & action steps:</p> <p>Heather Morrow-Almeida highlighted topics in the EHDI Team Report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EHDI’s budget continues to be very tight: funding was hit hard by cost allocation requirements. • Shelby Atwill is providing audiology services and consultation on a contract basis to the EHDI program. • Due to staff cutbacks and budget concerns throughout the Maternal and Child Health Section of which EHDI is a part, EHDI currently has no research analyst. • EHDI’s funders are re-examining and re-defining Loss to Follow-up (LFU). For example, the CDC is now requiring more evidence of EHDI efforts to contact families that are categorized as “unresponsive.” <p>Data Quality Coordinator Meuy Swafford gave the Quarterly Data Report. Attached.</p>	
<p>6) Pacific University Audiology Program Updates – Leigh Schaid</p>	<p>11:10-11:30</p>
<p>Discussion & action steps:</p>	

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<p>Leigh Schaid presented about the first cohort of graduates from Pacific University's three-year Audiology Program and the program itself.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were 18 graduates in the inaugural cohort. • A future goal of Pacific University is to expand their pediatric services, including adding more exposure to cochlear implants. Leigh and Victoria Keetay asked the committee for ideas on other goals. Another goal might be to offer a Ph.D. program in Audiology, or Professional Development classes for practicing audiologists. • Pacific continues to seek pediatric audiologists who are willing to mentor their students during their clinical internships and externships. • Pacific EarClinic at Pacific University is a diagnostic facility that serves people from birth through adulthood. Audiology students gain their initial clinical experience there. 	
<p>7) Oregon Hands & Voices Update – Helen Cotton-Leiser</p>	<p>11:30-11:50</p>
<p>Discussion & action steps:</p> <p>Helen Cotton-Leiser provided an update on the Oregon Hands & Voices Chapter and Guide By Your Side program and shared that the Hands & Voices Board is seeking a new president. Helen's update is attached.</p> <p>Due to EHDI budget limitations, Helen's EHDI position as Guide-By-Your-Side (GBYS) Program Coordinator has been reduced to .25 FTE.</p>	
<p>8) Discussion, Other Business, Next Meeting Details, Close of Meeting – Pam Fortier</p>	<p>11:50-noon</p>
<p>2016 meeting dates: January 21, April 21, July 21, and October 20.</p>	
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