

EHDI Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

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Meeting Date:	January 21, 2016
Meeting Time:	9:00 am to noon
Meeting Location:	Columbia Regional Program
Meeting Purpose:	The purpose of this meeting is for planning coordination and collaboration.
Regular Attendees:	EHDI Advisory Committee and EHDI Staff
Attendees:	<p>(Members) Pam Fortier, Heather Durham, Victoria Keetay, Denise Kossover-Wechter, Nancy Ford, Cindy Kollofski, Anne Smyth, Sheevaun Khaki, Claudia Meyer, Brenda Irvine, Diana Kincaid, Amy Kyler-Yano, Kelly Farrell-Oliverson, Patrick Graham, Ilia Fong, Sharla Jones (by phone), Betty Schuler (by phone)</p> <p>(OHA Staff) Claudia Bingham, Ben Spencer, Shelby Atwill, Heather Morrow-Almeida, Meuy Swafford, Vivian Siu</p> <p>(Guests) Kristy Karste (Columbia Regional Program), Regan Gray (by phone)</p>

Updates	Contact

Agenda Item, objective and background information	Time
<p>1) Welcome, Introductions, Review of Minutes – Pam Fortier</p> <p>Discussion & action steps:</p> <p>Committee Chair Pam Fortier called the meeting to order. Attendees introduced themselves.</p> <p>The committee reviewed the October 15, 2015 minutes. No changes were made.</p>	<p>9:00-9:15</p>
<p>2) Columbia Regional Program Overview – Cindy Kollofski, Amy Kyler-Yano</p> <p>Discussion & action steps:</p> <p>Cindy Kollofski and Amy Kyler-Yano gave committee members an overview of the Columbia Regional Program.</p> <p>Columbia Regional Program is funded by the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) and has been a part of Portland Public Schools for over 30 years. The program provides services for children with low-incidence disabilities (including deaf and hard of hearing) as well as sharing their expertise in serving these children with local school districts and Early Intervention programs. The program works with deaf and hard of hearing children in the home / natural environment setting and has two self-contained preschool classes. In addition, they dispense hearing aids, earmolds, loaner hearing aids, and FM systems.</p> <p>Committee members were encouraged to visit www.crporegon.org for the latest news and updates for Columbia Regional Program.</p>	<p>9:15-9:40</p>
<p>3) Oregon Hands & Voices Chapter Update – Amy Kyler-Yano</p> <p>Discussion & action steps:</p> <p>Amy Kyler-Yano gave an update on the Oregon chapter of Hands & Voices.</p>	<p>9:40-9:50</p>

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<p>Helen Cotton Leiser stepped down from the Guide By Your Side Coordinator position in November of 2015. Betty Schuler has been hired as the new Coordinator and will begin in February. Hands & Voices is currently operating with an Interim Director and is searching for a Director.</p>	
<p>4) EHDI Team and Work Plan Updates – Heather Morrow-Almeida</p>	<p>9:50-10:15</p>
<p>Discussion & action steps:</p> <p>Heather Morrow-Almeida gave an update on the EHDI program (document here).</p> <p>Action Item: Heather will send the EHDI System Self-Assessment tool out to committee members for review and to pass on to interested parties (such as the Regional Management Team).</p>	
<p>5) Break and Networking</p>	<p>10:15-10:30</p>
<p>6) EHDI Data Update – Vivian Siu</p>	<p>10:30-10:50</p>
<p>Discussion & action steps:</p> <p>Vivian Siu gave the quarterly data update (document here).</p> <p>Future data report requests included further demographic information (race, language, county, SES, etc.) on the “unresponsive” category.</p>	
<p>7) Early Intervention Assessments – Anne Smyth, Shelby Atwill</p>	<p>10:50-11:15</p>
<p>Discussion & action steps:</p> <p>Anne Smyth and Shelby Atwill gave an overview of assessments performed at Tucker-Maxon (document here).</p>	
<p>8) Early Intervention Criteria Proposal and Status – Sharla Jones</p>	<p>11:15-11:25</p>
<p>Discussion & action steps:</p> <p>Sharla Jones gave an update on the proposed Early Intervention criteria revisions.</p> <p>Sharla has synthesized the committee’s input into proposed revisions and has created a draft revised OAR with a new section for EI. Sharla will meet with ODE on February 10 and will find out if the revision can be pushed through during the 2016 short session of the Legislature or if it will be postponed until the 2017 session.</p> <p>Linda Brown has been hired to fill Ginna Oliver’s position at ODE.</p> <p>Action Item: Sharla will bring a copy of the draft OAR revision to the April meeting of the Advisory Committee.</p>	
<p>9) EHDI Legislative Opportunities – Regan Gray</p>	<p>11:25-11:45</p>
<p>Discussion & action steps:</p> <p>Regan Gray, a registered lobbyist with Okulitch & Associates, introduced herself as a mother of a child with a severe hearing loss who is enrolled at Tucker-Maxon. Her journey through the system made her aware of the gaps in service. She and her husband are now working pro bono on ideas to fix these gaps and will present them to Legislature in September. Regan will bring some formed ideas to present at the April meeting of the EHDI Advisory Committee.</p>	

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<p>The Oregon chapter of the AG Bell Association for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing will be starting up again and may be a future source of help for this issue.</p> <p>The Oregon Association for the Deaf is hosting a Legislative Awareness Day at the State Capitol on February 25 from 8 am to 4 pm. All concerned parties are welcome to attend.</p> <p>Action Item: Denise Kossover-Wechter will connect Regan with the Oregon Academy of Audiology's lobbyist.</p> <p>Action Item: Claudia Meyer will connect Regan with the Oregon Speech-Language & Hearing Association's lobbyist.</p>	
<p>10) Discussion, Next Meeting Details, Close of Meeting – Pam Fortier</p>	<p>11:45-noon</p>
<p>Discussion & action steps:</p> <p>Tentative meeting dates and locations:</p> <p>April 21, 2016 – TBD July 21, 2016 – TBD October 20, 2016 – TBD</p>	
<p>Items for future meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tele-Intervention update from Eleni Boston 	