

EHDI Advisory Committee

**October 17, 2013, 9:00am – noon,
Oregon School for the Deaf, Salem, OR**

Meeting Minutes

Attendees

(Members) Pam Fortier, Heather Durham, Nancy Ford, Victoria Keetay, Patty Vega, Henry Milczuk, Emily Gallagher, Eleni Boston, Caroline Peterson, Lyn Ayer

(OHA Staff) Claudia Bingham, Meuy Swafford, Julie Hass, Ben Spencer, Fred King, Shelby Atwill, Chris Billington, Sharon Coryell, Sarah Hargand, Dina Dickerson

(Guests) Sharla Jones (Oregon School for the Deaf), Rachel Cline-Jones (Guide By Your Side)

Welcome, Introductions, and Review of Minutes

Committee Chair Pam Fortier called the meeting to order. Attendees introduced themselves.

The committee reviewed the July 18, 2013 minutes. No changes were made.

EHDI Program Report

Chris Billington went over the EHDI Program Report (document [here](#)).

Quarterly Data Update

Fred King gave the quarterly data update (document [here](#)).

Regional Service Plan Update

Julie Hass gave an update on the Regional Service plan. The workgroup led by Evonne Serpa met once, in September. They are taking initial steps, making sure everyone has same contact list and making sure funding is secured. Ginna will hopefully have data to report on in January.

County-level LFU Report

Meuy Swafford went over a county-level lost-to-follow-up (LFU) report (document [here](#)). This report will be used as a starting point for strategizing with public health nurses to improve follow-up in counties with a high LFU rate.

Nancy Ford requested that Meuy send her the data on children identified in Tillamook, Washington, Clatsop and Columbia counties. She will refer these children on to the county coordinators. Eleni Boston requested this same data for Marion, Polk and Yamhill counties. Willamette ESD is also open to seeing children from Linn, Benton and Lane counties, as well.

Some reasons for loss-to-follow-up were discussed, including:

- Non-responsive families
- Conceptions about insurance / lack of insurance
- Nurses at the birth hospital downplaying refer results at newborn hearing screening

Phone interviews were suggested as a possible method of getting more information from LFU families to find out if there are any common situations that cause the loss-to-follow-up.

It was suggested to include hearing screenings as part of nurses' annual core competency.

It was recommended to work on increasing awareness of transportation and diagnostic services being covered by the Oregon Health Plan.

JCIH does not set a national LFU target goal, but a goal of a 70% follow-up rate seems reasonable for Oregon. Meuy will look at LFU rates of states similar to Oregon to find out where they are at and what is working (or not) for them.

Pacific University Capstone Project Overview

Shelby Atwill gave a brief update on the Pacific University audiology students' capstone project. They are currently assessing the need for a statewide loaner hearing aid bank and will present findings at the January advisory board meeting.

Update on EHDI CDA Pilot

Dina Dickerson gave a presentation on the EHDI CDA (clinical document architecture) pilot.

The aim of this project is to have standardized clinical data imported directly from hospitals and providers into the EHDI-IS database, eliminating redundant entry of data. This will ease the reporting burden on hospitals and providers and potentially increase follow-up rates.

EHDI is currently partnering with OHSU for the pilot. A go-live date was initially set for January but this is being revised due to the government shutdown.

ENT Loss to Follow-Up

This item was tabled until the January meeting due to lack of time. More information regarding this issue will also be available by then.

Parent Survey

Sharon Coryell reported on findings from the EHDI parent survey (document [here](#)). She will also email a copy of the survey questionnaire to committee members.

Committee members recommended making the results of this survey available to ODE, regional service providers and contractors, as well as state legislators and the Oregon Academy of Audiology.

Committee members also recommended distributing a survey specifically targeted at southern Oregon.

Central Oregon Site Visit

Meuy Swafford gave some highlights of the trip that she, Shelby Atwill and Heather Durham took to central Oregon. They visited three screening hospitals (St Charles Madras, St Charles Redmond and St Charles Bend), a midwife center (Sacred Tree Midwifery) and Central Oregon Ear, Nose and Throat with the goal of improving communication between facilities as well as improving screening and follow-up rates.

The next site visit trip will be to the coast and will include Tillamook Regional Medical Center, Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital and Samaritan Pacific Communities Hospital.

Other Business, Next Meeting Details

The next EHDI Advisory Committee meeting will be held January 16 at the Portland State Office Building.

Close of Meeting

Future Committee Meetings:

January 16 – Portland State Office Building
April 17 – TBA
July 17 – TBA
October 16 – TBA