

**UNIVERSAL NEWBORN HEARING SCREENING PROGRAM
MINUTES – JANUARY 19, 2012**

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	GUESTS
Maryann Swann, Chair	Cheri Dowling	Jennifer Reesman, Ph.D.
W. Stephen Seipp, AuD, Vice Chair		Katherine Anderson, ODHH Intern
Donna Cain		Olga Polites
Mary Ann Richmond		Stephen Epstein, M.D.
Mary Mussman, M.D.		Susan Panny, M.D. – AAP EHDI Chapter Champion
		Kathleen Heck, Ph.D.
		Josie Thomas
STAFF PRESENT	STAFF ABSENT	Stacy Taylor
Donna Harris	Erin Filippone	
Tanya D. Green		

QUORUM PRESENT? Yes
(at least 4 board members constitutes a quorum)

WELCOME

The meeting was called to order at 12:50 p.m. by Council Chair, Maryann Swann, followed by the welcome and introductions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Meeting minutes from September 15, 2011 were approved.

INFANT HEARING PROGRAM STATISTICS

****NOTE: "Year" = Calendar Year (Jan-Dec)**

**YEARLY STATS: As of 01-13-2012	CY 2010	CY 2011
TOTAL BIRTHS	71,194	70,688
IN PROCESS AT L2	34	770
IN PROCESS AT L3 (still need dx eval)	7	74
CONFIRMED HL (incl. transient HL/some not eligible for ITP)	124	76
DOCUMENTED AS REFERRED TO ITP	91	56

NEW BUSINESS:

Tanya shared the agenda for the upcoming Annual MD EHDI Stakeholders Meeting which will be held on Thursday, May 17, 2012. Cheri Dowling planned the Stakeholders Meeting. Josie Thomas, Executive Director of The Parents' Place of Maryland, shared information regarding the parent to parent mentor program which has been established as a part of an Infant Hearing Program HRSA grant. The program will match parent mentors with families of infants and young children who are newly diagnosed with a hearing loss.

Nominations are needed for the following council member positions: LEA position, chairperson, and co-chairperson.

In today's meeting, Maryann Swann stepped down as chairperson of the Hearing Advisory Council. She stated that she would continue to attend council meetings. A round of applause was given to Maryann for her dedicated service to the council. Applause was also given to Steve Seipp for his dedicated service over the years.

The National EHDI Conference will be held in St. Louis, Missouri on March 5 & 6. DHMH/Infant Hearing Program grant funds have been made available for one Maryland parent to attend this conference. A second Maryland parent has been awarded a partial stipend from NCHAM (National Center for Hearing Assessment and Management) to attend this conference. Grant funds also allow two Infant Hearing Program staff to attend the conference as is required by HRSA and the CDC. Tanya and Theresa Thompson (IHP Follow Up Coordinator) will attend.

Mary Ann Richmond suggested organizing an "EHDI 101" session for the purpose of providing helpful information and tips to 1st time National EHDI Conference attendees. Dr. Panny applied for and received funding from the AAP to attend the National EHDI Conference.

Two work groups were established at today's meeting:

Legislation and Regulation Updates: Olga Polites, Maryann Swann, Cheri Dowling, Dr. Steve Seipp, Lisa Kornberg

First task – review Infant Hearing Program state regulations and make suggestions for revisions

Communications and Marketing and Promotion: Stacy Taylor, Dr. Jennifer Reesman, Dr. Jennifer Bentley, Dr. Kathleen Heck, Donna Cain, Cheri Dowling

First task – review Infant Hearing Program letters (missed birth screen, failed birth screen, out-of-hospital birth, risk factor) and make suggestions for revisions to make the letters more parent-friendly

Dr. Epstein stated that the Joint Committee on Infant Hearing (JCIH) is working on developing parent friendly language that would be more appropriate to use when communicating with parents whose child is newly identified with hearing loss. The goal is to develop language that is sensitive, user friendly, supportive, and simplistic.

CHAPTER CHAMPION UPDATE: Dr. Panny has completed an ASL 1 course and will enroll in ASL 2. Dr. Panny and Erin Filippone presented at the Bradley Society meeting in November, 2011. Dr. Panny is encouraging PCP's to utilize the OZ eSP™ database, indicating that medical assistants could be trained to enter the data.

PRESENTATION: Donna Harris, Director of the Office for Genetics and Children with Special Health Care Needs (OGCSHCN) gave a presentation entitled, "2011 Accomplishments and Upcoming New Projects." Copies of the presentation were provided to meeting attendees.

Presentation Highlights:

- implementation of a new statewide newborn screening program for critical congenital heart disease/CCHD (Maryland is one of three states in the nation to implement this program; implementation is hopeful for October, 2012); CDC grant application was recently submitted for implementation of the CCHD program
- statewide newborn screening follow-up program will return to the OGCSHCN
- implementation of training for pediatricians on specialty care and collaboration modules to improve their ability to provide care for children with special health care needs in a medical home setting

- expansion of a successful pilot program to train and provide in-practice technical assistance to pediatricians to use appropriate developmental screening tools and to make timely and appropriate referrals for early intervention services
- partnership with The Parents' Place of Maryland to develop a parent mentoring program for families of children newly identified with hearing loss
- partnership with The Parents' Place of Maryland to offer three free day-long health care transition conferences for parent and youth
- planning to reach out to midwifery community to educate them about MD EHDI to encourage parent compliance with the 1-3-6 protocol
- a state resource map/online database has been developed
- flash drive bracelets are available to parents; flash drive bracelets include several documents and forms relating to youth transition

Donna indicated that the OGCSHCN desires to work more with the Hearing Advisory Council. Donna would like for a council brochure to be developed which would be directed toward health care professionals and potential council members. Donna expressed that she would like for parent letters to be more culturally competent and parent friendly and that she would like for the council to assist with this.

MEETING ADJOURNED

NEXT MEETING

12:30 pm on Thursday, March 15, 2012 at the Hearing and Speech Agency