

APPROVED on 9-15-2011
UNIVERSAL NEWBORN HEARING SCREENING PROGRAM
MINUTES – MAY 19, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT

Maryann Swann, Chair
W. Stephen Seipp, AuD, Vice Chair
Donna Cain
Mary Ann Richmond
Mary Mussman, M.D.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Cheri Dowling

GUESTS

Jennifer Bentley, AuD
Lisa Kornberg
Sue Griebler
Stacy Taylor
Louise Colodzin
Ben Dubin
Susan Panny, M.D.

STAFF PRESENT

Tanya Green
Erin Filippone

QUORUM PRESENT? Yes

WELCOME

Meeting called to order at 12:40 p.m. by Council Chair, Maryann Swann
Susan Panny, M.D. was in attendance and she was introduced as the prospective Maryland AAP EHDI Chapter Champion. Dr. Panny was recommended by the Maryland Chapter of the AAP.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Meeting minutes from January 20, 2011 and March 17, 2011 were amended and approved.

DIRECTORS REPORT:

Grant applications have been submitted to the CDC (DD11-1101) and to HRSA (HRSA 11-038) and are pending approval. If awarded, the 5 year CDC grant would fund database enhancements and the 3 year HRSA grant focuses on reducing lost to follow-up. A meeting was held (on May 10, 2011) to discuss the role of the EHDI Chapter Champion. Those in attendance were Donna Harris, Director of the Officer for Genetics and Children and Special Health Care Needs, Tanya Green, Maryann Swann, and Dr. Susan Panny. Tanya Green and Erin Filippone met with the Maryland Vital Statistics Administration (VSA) regarding matching of data fields between the VSA database and the Infant Hearing Program (IHP) database for the purpose of reducing lost to follow-up. The Annual Infant Hearing Stakeholders Meeting will be held on Friday, August 12, 2011 at the hearing and Speech Agency. Rachel St. John, M.D. will be the keynote speaker and her presentation will be on the Medical Home. A national task force of stakeholders needs assistance with the development of a web-based pediatric audiology facilities directory entitled, EHDI Pediatric Audiology List of Services (EHDI PALS). A Directory Coordinator (voluntary position) is being requested from each state.

INFANT HEARING PROGRAM STATISTICS

* “Yearly” = Calendar Year, from January to December

<u>*YEARLY STATS:</u>			
As of 5-13-2011			
	2010		2011
TOTAL BIRTHS	71,223		24,643
IN PROCESS AT L2	413		559
IN PROCESS AT L3	71		28
L3 EVAL INCOMPLETE	85		15
CONFIRMED HL	92		11
DOCUMENTED REFERRAL TO ITP	60		7

NEW BUSINESS:

Dr. Susan Panny presented her ideas about the AAP EHDI Chapter Champion position. Ideas included placing an article in the MD AAP quarterly newsletter (paper and email distribution). Dr. Panny stated that any article would be reviewed by DHMH and the Hearing Advisory Council prior to submission and that input from the Department and the Council would be incorporated. Final text is subject to the approval of the MD AAP Chapter Executive Committee. The Department and the Council should decide what they want providers to know. Other ideas included use of the AAP ListServe (a printed first draft of the ListServe announcement was provided to everyone). A first draft of a provider survey was also provided for review and feedback from the DHMH and the Council.

Dr. Panny stated that the Bradley Pediatrics Society is interested in her proposal to have Early Hearing Detection and Intervention as one of the (usually 2) topics at their November, 2011 meeting. (as a forum for Early Hearing Detection and Intervention topics.) Dr. Panny requested feedback/suggestions of a possible speaker and presentation topic. Possibly there could be a hands-on OZ Systems eSP training.

CONTINUED BUSINESS:

The members reviewed the draft of the guidelines document for council members. One correction was recommended, to change "Maryland Associate of the Deaf" to "Maryland Association of the Deaf." MOTION to accept guidelines document as corrected; seconded and approved.

Membership: Maryann Swann's first term as chairperson will expire on June 30, 2011. She will be eligible for renewal of this current term. Maryann also serves as the MSD member.

It was clarified that Sharon Duchesneau seems to have never turned in the proper paperwork to be considered for membership. Additionally because she has been absent for more than 50% of the meetings during a consecutive 12-month period, according to the UNBHS Advisory Council by-laws, she shall be considered to have resigned.

The following Advisory Council member positions are currently vacant: 1 parent of hearing-impaired child (considering Stacy Taylor), 1 mental health professional with expertise in the area of deafness (would like to consider Jennifer Reesman, PhD of the Kennedy-Krieger Institute, 1 physician with expertise in childhood hearing loss (asking Dr. Panny to assist with recruitment), 1 from MSDE (considering Kathleen Heck, PhD/MSDE will have to provide a nomination letter), and 1 from AG Bell (AG Bell has provided a nomination letter for Olga Polites).

The following positions are currently filled but will be vacant as of June 30, 2011 because the maximum term length will have been met: 1 audiologist (considering Jennifer Bentley, PhD), 1 who is an educator from an LEA, 1 from DHMH, 1 parent of a hearing-impaired child. Mary Ann Richmond indicated that the Maryland Association of the Deaf position is not vacant due to an extension to that position.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A federal bill has been developed for a tax refund for hearing aids.

The Permanent Hearing Aid Loan Bank Bill passed. The original Hearing Aid Loan Bank bill was sunsetted; it did not die.

MSDE has released its Special Education/Early Intervention Services Census (October 30, 2009).

OTHER:

The parent letter that is being designed to come from the Council is still pending completion and approval by the Council.

Stacy Taylor reminded the council that she has a neighbor who is willing to offer pro-bono marketing services to the Council for the purpose of developing materials that would promote awareness of MD EHDI. This possibility of pro-bono services would first have to be discussed with DHMH to determine if this would be an allowable process.

SUGGESTIONS:

Consider sending the Annual Stakeholders Meeting flyer to parents of newly identified 2010 infants.

Post the Annual Stakeholders Meeting flyer on the MD AAP ListServe to serve as encouragement for the physicians to pass the word on to their patients.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m. by Council Chair Maryann Swann

NEXT MEETING

12:30 pm on Thursday, July 21, 2011 at the Hearing and Speech Agency

ADDENDUM:

There is a need to put out a call for Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.