

**APPROVED on 9-15-2011**  
**UNIVERSAL NEWBORN HEARING SCREENING PROGRAM**  
**MINUTES – JULY 21, 2011**

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT</b>	<b>MEMBERS ABSENT</b>	<b>GUESTS</b>
Maryann Swann, Chair	W. Stephen Seipp, AuD, Vice Chair	Jennifer Reesman, PhD
Donna Cain	Mary Mussman, M.D.	Jennifer Bentley, AuD
Cheri Dowling		Louise Colodzin
Mary Ann Richmond		Lisa Kornberg
		Olga Polites
		Stacy Taylor
		Susan Panny, M.D.
		Leanne Bartholomew
		Tara Duboski Finkle
<b>STAFF PRESENT</b>	<b>STAFF ABSENT</b>	
Tanya D. Green	Erin Filippone	

**QUORUM PRESENT?** Yes

**WELCOME**

The meeting was called to order at 12:45 p.m. by Council Chair, Maryann Swann, followed by introductions and acknowledgement of the following visitors: Leanne Bartholomew (Towson University student), Tara Duboski Finkle (mother of two children who are deaf and adopted and attending the Maryland School for the Deaf, Frederick campus), Jennifer Reesman, Ph.D. (DREAM Clinic, Kennedy-Krieger Institute/also Dr. Reesman is currently being processed for the mental health professional board member position on this Advisory Council).

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Two revisions to the 5-19-2011 minutes were recommended: 1. under the announcements section, it should be indicated that the bill that has been developed for a tax refund for hearing aids is a “federal” bill; 2. Dr. Panny provided a revised, typewritten statement for the Chapter Champion section under New Business. The corrections will be made and the revised 5-19-2011 minutes will be presented for a vote of approval at the next council meeting on 9-15-2011.

**DIRECTOR’S REPORT:**

A Notice of Grant Award has been received for CDC Cooperative Agreement DD11-1101 (for the purpose of enhancing the database). The Program expects to receive notice regarding the application for the HRSA Grant (HRSA 11-038) by the end of August, 2011. Program statistics as of 7-14-2011 were provided. Tanya responded to a question regarding the Infant Hearing Program Statistics and what is meant by, “documented as referred to ITP.” Tanya clarified that once DHMH is informed that an infant has been referred to ITP, a notation is made in the database. As requested, Tanya further clarified that the referral to ITP is normally not made by DHMH, and is usually made by the infant’s service provider. If it is noted that an infant needs to be referred to ITP and the service provider does not make the referral, then DHMH will make the referral to ITP. Once the infant is referred to ITP, the Infant Hearing Program follow-up process for that infant is ended and ITP (which falls under MSDE) provides follow-up.

The DHMH Office for Genetics and Children with Special Health Care Needs has given approval to utilize politically correct wording in the newly developed guidelines document entitled, “Advisory Council to the Newborn Hearing Screening Program” where it refers to “Parents of hearing Impaired Child.” In this meeting it was moved by Mary Ann Richmond and seconded by Cheri Dowling that the wording be changed to, “Parent of a child who is deaf or hard of hearing.” The vote for this change was unanimous; motion carried.

The paperwork is in process for appointments for all prospective, new council members who have submitted the proper documents.

**INFANT HEARING PROGRAM STATISTICS**

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

<b>**YEARLY STATS:</b> As of 7-14-2011			
	<b>CY 2010</b>		<b>CY 2011</b>
<b>TOTAL BIRTHS</b>	<b>71,193</b>		<b>36,863</b>
<b>IN PROCESS AT L2</b>	<b>256</b>		<b>663</b>
<b>IN PROCESS AT L3 (still need dx eval)</b>	<b>59</b>		<b>36</b>
<b>L3 EVAL INCOMPLETE</b>	<b>25</b>		<b>8</b>
<b>CONFIRMED HL (incl. transient HL/some not eligible for ITP)</b>	<b>105</b>		<b>20</b>
<b>DOCUMENTED AS REFERRED TO ITP</b>	<b>78</b>		<b>15</b>

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mary Ann Richmond spoke about her participation on the 2012 National EHDI Conference planning committee. She will send an email to Tanya for distribution to all council members asking for suggestions/ideas for the upcoming conference.

**CONTINUED BUSINESS:**

2011 Annual Stakeholders Meeting: The focus of the meeting is the medical home concept. Rachel St. John, M.D. is the keynote speaker. There will be a parent panel which will include 3 parents. It was recommended that one of the parents be a parent with a child who has not chosen sign language. To date, approximately 25 registration forms have been received. Power Point presentations will be distributed by email after the meeting. The meeting has been approved for 6 CEUs (ASHA & AAA). Reminder emails will be sent out and everyone is encouraged to spread the word. Display tables will be available. The following organizations have expressed an interested in display tables (ODHH, Family Support Center, MSD, HASA, DREAM Clinic).

**Membership:** Membership documents for prospective new board members are being accepted for processing. Nominations for chair and co-chair are being solicited.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Dr. Panny provided each council member with printed copies of the survey for educational needs of pediatric providers to be given out. Dr. Panny will distribute the survey at GBMC, Mercy Medical Center, Johns Hopkins Hospital, University of Maryland Hospital, Bradley Institute, and at various grand rounds. The AAP List Serve sent a request for articles. Submission deadline is August 15<sup>th</sup>. The following article subject ideas were suggested (~ 2 ½ pages): mild hearing loss, unilateral hearing loss, importance of moving quickly for testing, effects of second-hand smoke on hearing, CMV screening saliva test.

Announcements from Lisa Kornberg from the Governor's Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing:

1. A federal bill has made funds available to the states for distribution of equipment for individuals who are deaf-blind. Telecommunications Access of Maryland has submitted a grant application to be the lead distributor in collaboration with other agencies in Maryland.
2. Maryland continues to provide the opportunity on a volunteer basis for educational interpreters to go through a screening process. The tool used has changed from the MQAS (Maryland Quality Assurance Screening) to the RID (Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf) educational interpreting screening tool.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

**NEXT MEETING**

12:30 pm on Thursday, September 15, 2011 at the Hearing and Speech Agency