

**APPROVED on 1-19-2012**  
**UNIVERSAL NEWBORN HEARING SCREENING PROGRAM**  
**MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 15, 2011**

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT</b>	<b>MEMBERS ABSENT</b>	<b>GUESTS</b>
Maryann Swann, Chair	W. Stephen Seipp, AuD, Vice Chair	Jennifer Reesman, Ph.D.
Donna Cain		Sue Griebler
Cheri Dowling		Lisa Kornberg
Mary Ann Richmond		Tara Duboski Finkle
Mary Mussman, M.D.		Susan Panny, M.D.
		Kathleen Heck, Ph.D.
<b>STAFF PRESENT</b>	<b>STAFF ABSENT</b>	
Tanya D. Green	Erin Filippone	

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

**WELCOME**

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Council Chair, Maryann Swann, followed by the welcome and introductions.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Meeting minutes from May 19, 2011 and July 21, 2011 were amended and approved.

**INFANT HEARING PROGRAM STATISTICS**

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

<b><u>**YEARLY STATS:</u></b> As of 09-14-2011			
	<b>CY 2010</b>		<b>CY 2011</b>
<b>TOTAL BIRTHS</b>	<b>71,192</b>		<b>49,516</b>
<b>IN PROCESS AT L2</b>	<b>174</b>		<b>764</b>
<b>IN PROCESS AT L3 (still need dx eval)</b>	<b>37</b>		<b>56</b>
<b>L3 EVAL INCOMPLETE</b>	<b>63</b>		<b>30</b>
<b>CONFIRMED HL (incl. transient HL/some not eligible for ITP)</b>	<b>119</b>		<b>34</b>
<b>DOCUMENTED AS REFERRED TO ITP</b>	<b>88</b>		<b>28</b>

**NEW BUSINESS:**

There is a need to re-establish a work group to complete the work on the Guiding Principles for UNBHS document (Infant Hearing Screening Protocols).

## **CONTINUED BUSINESS:**

The Guidelines document for the Advisory Council to the Universal Newborn Hearing Screening Program was voted on and approved after one final change to add the Program's website information to the document, suggested by Dr. Jennifer Reesman.

Report on Annual MD EHDI Stakeholders Meeting, held on August 12, 2011: The Stakeholders meeting was a success. Dr. Rachel St. John's keynote presentation on the Medical Home and the parent panel were very well received. All evaluations were positive. The food was great. The attendance was mostly comprised of audiologists, service coordinators, newborn hearing screeners and nurses. There were not many parents in attendance. It was recommended for future Stakeholders Meetings "save the date notices" to indicate that all are welcome and to make the notices more parent-friendly.

The following persons volunteered to assist with next year's Stakeholder's meeting: Dr. Mussman, Dr. Panny, Olga Polites, Cheri Dowling, Donna Cain, and Louise Colodzin.

The next Annual MD EHDI Stakeholders Meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, May 17, 2012. May is Better Speech and Hearing Month, is generally a convenient month for school personnel to attend, and many families will not have begun their vacations yet.

Mary Ann Richmond thanked everyone who provided her with topic ideas for the National EHDI Conference to be held March 5-6, 2012.

The National EHDI Conference 2012 abstract submission deadline has been extended to September 23, 2011.

**Membership:** Membership documents for prospective new board members are being accepted for processing. The floor was opened for nominations for chair and co-chair. Cheri Dowling nominated Donna Cain for the position of chairperson. Donna declined due to additional teaching responsibilities. Donna Cain nominated Cheri Dowling for the position of chairperson. Cheri declined. Nominations remain open.

**CHAPTER CHAMPION UPDATE:** Dr. Panny reported that EHDI Chapter Champions are part of the executive committee of the AAP. Membership in physician societies is dropping. The response to the EHDI physician surveys has not been great. However, Dr. Panny will be sending a 2<sup>nd</sup> reminder to physicians regarding the survey. In some survey results, physicians indicated an interest in a separate EHDI website that contains EHDI-related information that meets the specific needs of physicians (as opposed to a website directed toward parents or hospitals). The annual AAP chapter meeting/Leffler Lecture and Awards Dinner was held on September 8<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Panny presented a poster exhibit about MD EHDI which was visited by approximately 50 pediatricians. Dr. Panny submitted an article regarding the history of the EHDI Program in Maryland to the AAP electronic newspaper. The article has been accepted, however the AAP may edit prior to publishing. Dr. Panny will present on MD EHDI at Franklin Square Hospital's Grand Rounds in October, 2011. Dr. Panny, Tanya, and Erin will present at the Bradley Pediatric Society meeting on November 3, 2011 at the University of Maryland Hospital. The presentation will include an Oz eSP database demonstration and on-site registration for the database.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

My Medicaid Matters Rally on Capitol Hill, September 21, 2011 at 12 Noon (Rain or Shine)

**MEETING ADJOURNED** at 2:30 pm.

## **NEXT MEETING**

12:30 pm on Thursday, November 17, 2011 at the Hearing and Speech Agency