

APPROVED
UNIVERSAL NEWBORN HEARING SCREENING PROGRAM
MINUTES – JULY 19, 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	GUESTS
Stacy Taylor	Olga Polites	Sue Griebler
Kathleen Heck, Ph.D.	Mary Mussman, M.D.	Diane Perkins
Judith Black	Stephen Epstein, M.D.	Louise Colodzin
Jennifer Bentley, Au.D.	Jennifer Reesman, Ph.D.	Lisa Kornberg
Tara Duboski Finkle		Susan Russell
		Ben Dubin
		Cheri Dowling
		Ed Coll, M.D.
STAFF PRESENT	STAFF ABSENT	
Tanya D. Green	Erin Filippone	

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

WELCOME

The meeting was called to order at 12:50 p.m. by Dr. Jennifer Bentley, Co-Chair, followed by the welcome and introductions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes from the January 19, 2012 and March 15, 2012 meetings were approved as printed.

INFANT HEARING PROGRAM STATISTICS

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

<u>**YEARLY STATS:</u>			
As of 06-11-2012			
	CY 2011		CY 2012
TOTAL BIRTHS	70,731		29,914
IN PROCESS AT L2	300		474
IN PROCESS AT L3 (still need dx eval)	30		35
CONFIRMED HL (incl. transient HL/some not eligible for ITP)	118		7
DOCUMENTED AS REFERRED TO ITP	87		4

NEW BUSINESS:

Infant Hearing Program Staff Update: There is still a vacancy for the 2nd follow up coordinator position.

CONTINUED BUSINESS:

MEMBERSHIP: Dr. Jennifer Bentley announced that she has accepted a position in Boston and will be resigning her position as audiologist with expertise in childhood hearing loss/chairperson. There is also a vacancy for the 2nd parent of a child with hearing loss.

Annual Maryland EHDI Stakeholders Meeting Update:

Cheri Dowling provided an status update of the Annual Maryland EHDI Stakeholders Meeting which will be held in May, 2013 at the Hearing and Speech Agency (Possibly May 2 or 9). The following persons have volunteered to work on the planning committee with Cheri: Olga, Dr. Mussman, Tanya. The meeting will be planned for a full day. Cheri is looking into having Mary Pat Moeller from Boystown as one of the speakers to speak about the struggles of children who have hearing loss. Cheri is open to any suggestions for speakers.

Parent Connections:

Four connections have been made. Regional training sessions have been scheduled for September 23rd on the Eastern Shore and October 7th in Baltimore County. The plan is to have all trainings completed by November, 2012.

Discussion:

There was discussion regarding changes in billing for newborn screenings in hospitals.

Ben Dubin suggested that we advertise the council because many people may not know that the council exists. He also suggested that the council get on the agendas of various commissions to promote awareness of the existence of the council so that we can reach a wider scope of the community, including schools.

ADJOURNMENT

UPCOMING MEETING DATES:

Following are the meeting dates for the remainder of the year:

Thursday, September 20th: 12:30 pm - 2:30/3:00 pm at the Hearing and Speech Agency, 5900 Metro Drive, Baltimore

Thursday November 15th: 12:30 pm - 2:30/3:00 pm at the Hearing and Speech Agency, 5900 Metro Drive, Baltimore

*These minutes were approved on 09-20-2012.