

Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes Draft
5.15.2020

Council Members present: Leigh Anne Norman, Theresa Nicholls, Marbely Barahona, Brittany Braun, Gina Easterly, Jill Hudson, Ellis Arjmand, John Carter, and Jana Broussard.

EHDI Team Members present: Terri Ibieta, Danielle Mercer, Tri Tran and Susannah Boudreaux

Guests present: Nicole Deleon and Rachelle Boudreaux

Call to order at 10:06 am.

Review of Minutes: Theresa Nichols motioned to accept minutes from 1.24.2020 seconded by Jill Hudson. Minutes accepted.

EHDI Program Updates: Provided by Program Director Susannah Boudreaux. First update: EHDI 101 Presentation by EHDI Systems Development Coordinator and two Parent Guides to a class of Pediatric Audiology students at LSU. Second update: EHDI Annual meeting updates regarding posters and presentations by Louisiana EHDI Team. Also recognized that the LAEHDI website was in the top 5 nationally for the 5th year in a row. Third update: Louisiana Hands & Voices Parent Lunch and Learn regarding IFSP's, IEP's and ways to advocate for services. Fourth Update: LAEHDI Program measures taken to support families with screening and follow up services during Covid 19.

Committee Reports: Language Development Committee shared the current work on the communications brochure. North Louisiana Services Committee shared current geomapping progress and how that visual map will be used to further support families with timely services. CMV Committee shared current finding after networking with other States. Shared goal of working on a Louisiana CMV website to promote awareness.

New Business: As a follow up to a member's expressed interest in re-legislation respective to Council membership detailed in the EHDI Law, Susannah Boudreaux shared the following: The EHDI program is also interested in re-legislation for the purpose of requesting Legislators to add mandating follow-up reporting from State Audiologists. With the consultation of our Legislative Leads in BFH, it is advised that a work group be formed to detail out the changes the Council would like to see made to the current Law. Once the Council has come to an agreement with the proposed changes to the law, the information would then be sent to BFH Leadership for review and approval. There would then be a drafting of the new law by BFH Legal, who engages in the process for sponsorship from a Legislator for the next Legislative session.

Community Reports: Jill Hudson announced opening of Blue Bridge Academy.

Meeting Adjourned: Motioned by Jill Hudson and seconded by Theresa Nicholls. Meeting adjourned at 10:41am.

Next Council meeting date is July 17th, 12pm.