

**Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Advisory Council**  
**Meeting Minutes Draft**  
**10.23.2020**

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

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

Guests present: Nicole Deleon, Vanessa Magnon, Natalie Delgado, and Dr. Morgan Stansberry.

Chair Leigh Anne Norman called meeting to order at 10:04am.

Review of Minutes: Motion to accept May 15, 2020 and July 17, 2020 meeting minutes from Dana Hubbard seconded by Gina Easterly. Meeting minutes were accepted.

EHDI Program Updates provided by Program Director Susannah Boudreaux. First update: Overview of EHDI program responsibilities as they pertain to the EHDI goals of 1-3-6. Second update: Data and progress shared toward goals of timely diagnosis, referral, and enrollment in early intervention for children identified as DHH. Final update: Overview of National Hands & Voices virtual conference attendance in September, conference topics and opportunities to support parents virtually.

Committee Reports:

\*Language Development Committee reported that the content for the communication brochure has been collected and is currently being reviewed by parents for feedback. Next steps will be to test layouts with BFH Communications Team, get input from Committee/Parents and then present to the Council as a whole at the January 2021 meeting.

\*CMV Committee reported that three state hospitals have piloted targeted CMV newborn screening programs: Ochsner Baptist, Touro, and Woman's. Committee members met in October to share protocols utilized at each facility. The EHDI program shared data available on babies reported as having CMV in Louisiana from 2017 to 2020. A goal was set to develop a data sharing agreement between each testing hospital and LA EHDI to obtain CMV test results. Next steps are to identify points of contact for each testing hospital.

\*Services in North Louisiana Committee reported on the upcoming Region 7 meeting that will take place in early 2021 and discussed the current data for age of diagnosis, age of EI enrollment and fitting time following diagnosis.

New Business: Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary Positions were opened for nominations. With unanimous votes across the board, the 2021 Positions are as follows: Dana Hubbard-Chair, Jill Hudson-Vice Chair, and Theresa Nicholls-Secretary. Meeting dates for 2021 were agreed upon as follows: January 22, 2021, April 23, 2021, July 23, 2021 and October 22, 2021. All meetings will be held virtually until further notice and begin at 10am on the dates previously mentioned. The Council also revisited an inquiry from earlier in the year with respect to reviewing the EHDI Law. Following a motion by Jana Broussard, seconded by Jill Hudson, the Council voted unanimously to form an EHDI Law Committee to review the current legislation and report on any identified areas for consideration of amendment.

Community Reports: Blue Bridge Academy shared an update on programs and services available and increasing enrollment. Hands & Voices shared that Parent Chat Nights are available once a month for families of DHH children to connect virtually.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:30am with a motion by Jill Hudson, seconded by Theresa Nicholls.

Next Council meeting date is January 22, 2021 at 10am via Zoom platform.