

**MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
OFFICE OF CHILD & ADOLESCENT HEALTH ● BUREAU OF EARLY INTERVENTION**



**Early Hearing Detection and Intervention in Mississippi (EHDI-MS)
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

June 21, 2019 ● 12:00 – 3:00PM

**LOCATION: UMMC Conference Center, Gilliam Room
350 West Woodrow Wilson Ave, Jackson, MS 39213**

PRESENT	MEMBERS	AFFILIATION	ROLE
X	C.G. Marx (Chair)	<i>Univ. of So. Mississippi</i>	Audiologist/Personnel Prep
	Alyce Stewart	<i>MS State Dept of Health</i>	Title V: Newborn Screening
	Ashley Grillis	<i>UMMC, Audiology Clinic</i>	Audiologist
	Augusta Bilbro	<i>MS State Dept of Health</i>	Title V: CYSHCN Program
X	Ben Wagenknecht	<i>State Office of the DHH</i>	Adult DHH
	Callie Daniels	<i>MS Hands & Voices</i>	GBYS Deaf Guide
X	Charlotte Warfield	<i>Magnolia Speech School</i>	Early Interventionist
	Christina Perigoe	<i>Univ. of So. Mississippi</i>	Personnel Prep
	Christopher Spankovich	<i>UMMC, Audiology Clinic</i>	Audiologist
	Claude F. Harbarger	<i>UMMC, ENT Clinic</i>	ENT
	Haley Rishel	<i>Univ. of So. Mississippi</i>	Early Interventionist
	Jane Luter	<i>Univ. of So. Mississippi</i>	Personnel Prep
	John McMahon	<i>MS Hands & Voices</i>	GBYS Deaf Guide
	Julie Seawright	<i>MS Hands & Voices</i>	GBYS Parent Guide
	Kaye Carr	<i>SKI*HI Early Intervention</i>	Early Intervention Provider
	Kim Ward	<i>Univ. of So. Mississippi</i>	Audiologist/Personnel Prep
	Kolesha O' Quinn	<i>State Office of the DHH</i>	DHH Family Member
	Krista Guynes	<i>MS State Dept of Health</i>	Home Visiting Program
	Laura Gremillion	<i>MSD: SKI*HI Early Intervention</i>	Early Interventionist
	Leigh Ann Leonard	<i>Forrest General Hospital</i>	Newborn Hearing Screener
	Lori Ates	<i>MS Hands & Voices</i>	GBYS Parent Guide
	Marilyn Johnson	<i>MS State Dept of Health</i>	Title V: MCH Block Grant
X	Rebecca Lowe	<i>University of Mississippi, Speech & Hearing Clinic</i>	Speech & Hearing Clinic/ Personnel Prep
	Sandra Edwards	<i>Mississippi School for the Deaf</i>	Early Intervention Provider
	Susie B Phillips	<i>American Academy of Pediatrics, MS Chapter</i>	AAP Chapter Champion
	Valecia Davis	<i>MS State Dept of Health</i>	Part C of IDEA
X	Valerie Linn	<i>Magnolia Speech School</i>	Early Intervention Provider
	Virginia "Austin" Harrison	<i>American Academy of Pediatrics, MS Chapter</i>	AAP Chapter Champion
	Wendy Rosas-Altieri	<i>MS State Dept of Health</i>	WIC Representative
	Ykeya Springer	<i>MS Hands & Voices</i>	GBYS Parent Guide

Additional Attendees:

EHDI PROGRAM STAFF	ADDITIONAL PARTICIPANTS
Stacy Callender, <i>EHDI-MS Director</i> Becky Abney, <i>Financial Coordinator for EI and EHDI program</i> Chandra Laird, <i>Data Entry Clerk</i> Marty Chunn, <i>Learning Collaborative Facilitator</i>	Beyn Glass, <i>Interpreter</i> Misty Gibson, <i>Interpreter</i> Lara Minilo, <i>SLP</i> Jack Liu, <i>Data Manager for the EHDI program</i> Jennifer Wiles, <i>JSU Audiologist/Instructor</i>

MINUTES

Welcome/Introductions

The meeting was called to order by C. G. Marx, Chair, at 12:15 p.m. All participants were welcomed and introduced themselves.

Review and Approve Minutes

Meeting minutes from the February 22, 2019 meeting were reviewed and approved as written.

Committee Updates

Bylaws Committee:

- Committee members: K. Ward, A. Gillis, V. Lind
- C. G. Marx stated the pressing issue was the number required to establish a quorum. Stacy stated that the amount that was recommended was fairly high given the number of people. Stacy recommended the committee use a lower percentage because the larger the committee the more challenging to maintain attendance, making it harder to do business.

Professional Development:

- Rebecca Lowe stated there were no updates but she wanted a list of all the other members of the committee. Stacy advised her that she would be providing her a list of all the committee members.
- C. G. Marx and Dr. Ashley Grillis presented at the Mississippi Speech-Language-Hearing Association Conference in the spring. They had talked about trying to have a forum in the northern part of the state to discuss the best practice guidelines. C.G. Marx think that it would be a good goal to establish some way to connect those individuals performing all diagnostic services across the northern region of the state.

Family Engagement:

- B. Wagenknecht thinks it would be a good idea to travel and meet different families. The Family Engagement Committee plan to meet again and provide an update at the next meeting. The committee did some sign language training and some exposure in classes that went well. He stated that they need to do more.
- Stacy stated the EHDI office wanted to support parent outreach by developing a communication plan to guide how materials are shared with families. An internal meeting was held to bring together program materials that are available to discuss which items to share and when. One of the materials selected is the NCHAM – *Roadmap for Families* to allow them to record screening, diagnostic, medical, and early intervention information, including appointments and contact information. The EHDI program needs suggestions and feedback from the Family Engagement committee to determine what are the appropriate messages at the different points in time for families as they move from screening through early intervention. This draft plan and the associated materials can be shared at the Family Engagement committee meeting to develop Mississippi-specific versions as needed.
- This communication plan will help with the work of both the professional development committee and the family engagement committee. Once the plan is developed, it could be shared with new providers (e.g., audiologists) in the state.

Business

Approve Bylaws:

- V. Linn was the only member in attendance from the Bylaws Committee
- The last version of the Bylaws was February 25. Changes were made to the current Bylaws and C.G. Marx recommended that the committee send the updated version of the Bylaws for an electronic vote.

Elect Chair & Vice Chair:

- No action taken at this time.

Nominations for 2019:

- A 3rd of the people on the committee will rotate off. The committee needs to reappoint or nominate new people. Dr. Dobbs is our new State Health Officer so he will be making the appointments this year.
- Stacy pointed out that the committee has a nomination form and it is very simple process – just include your name and contact information and check the appropriate box to indicate your role. Nominations will be sent in a letter to Dr. Dobbs who will then make the appointments.
- This is a 3-year appointment. The people rotating off include the following: Ashley Grillis, Christina Perigoe (who left and will not be reappointed); Kim Ward, Kolesha O’Quinn, Krista Guynes, Laura Gremillion, Lori Ates, Marilyn Johnson, Sandra Edwards (Former Director of the school for the deaf); Valerie Linn. Terms end June 30, 2019.

Billing of Hearing Screenings:

- Peleton is not a Medicaid provider so Medicaid cannot address their billing as fraud. Hospitals are responsible for making sure they are doing appropriate practicing and appropriate billing. Stacy suggested C.G. Marx and she get together to draft a letter to the hospitals directly to remind them that if you have already received funds for the screening as part of the newborn package, you cannot bill for the service again.
- Stacy stated the hospitals need to work on the timeliness regarding the hearing screenings. Hospitals are doing the screenings too close together. The 1st screening should be done within 12-24 hours after birth. The 2nd screening should be done within the last 8 hours before discharge. There is no reason for them to do a third screening.

EHDI Conference 2019:

The EHDI annual conference will be held at the UMMC Conference Center on October 15 and 16, 2019. We need the committee to submit presentations by July 31 so we can get continuing education credits during the months of August and September. Committee members were encouraged to provide recommendations on themes or keynote speakers. Please provide that information as early as possible. The following people are on the annual conference committee: Stacy, Lakeisha, Marty, and Chandra. Valerie L. stated that she would be willing to assist.

It was suggested that there should be a scholarship opportunity to help parents attend the conference. Stacy stated that she would get with Bethany Applebum who is the new project officer of HRSA to see if we can allocate resources to that.

Program Updates

The EHDI-MS is still in the hiring process for a Hearing Follow-up Coordinator. The Outreach and Training Consultant positions are still open.

Guide By Your Side Program:

The Mississippi Hands and Voices chapter is being disbanded for failure to meet the national standards and with that the Guide By Your Side program ended as well. Stacy had a meeting with HRSA to see what they have done in other states. She has been working with Lisa Kovacs of the National Hand and Voices headquarters. Lisa has helped brainstorm some ideas because will no longer have that chapter. What we are considering is partnering up with a family-based organization. We have reached out to the Family Voices grant recipient which supports children and youth with special healthcare needs. In Mississippi, the organization is called Family 2 Family, under the Institute for Disability Studies at University of Southern Mississippi. They have an office in the IHL building in Jackson. Keishawna Smith is the project lead. The national FL3 group which supports family-based organizations will work with EHDI to setup a grant with F2F.

MS-HIN:

The Legislature decided to discontinue funding for MS-HIN. MSDH will continue to fund it for one year to give us time to find another platform for securely receiving data.

Natus:

EHDI-MS can now get data out of Natus from the back end and input all data to show correctly. Some of the reports are not working like we want, but we can pull raw data using a query to allow us to do our own analysis, charts, and graphs.

Hearing Screening & Follow-up Survey Results:

Jack L. and Stacy presented data from the CDC Hearing Screening and Follow-up Survey (HSFS). Key results include the following:

- Timely identification rates are highest in the Southern Region and lowest in the Northern Region.
- Late identification rates are highest in the Central Region.
- Undocumented diagnosis rates are highest in the Northern Region and lowest in the Central Region

Announcements

- June 28 – Southern Region EHDI Learning Community Meeting (Hattiesburg, MS)
- August 16 – Northern Region EHDI Learning Community Meeting (Location TBD)
- August 23– Central Region EHDI Learning Community Meeting (Location TBD)
- August 30 – Southern Region EHDI Learning Community Meeting (Location TBD)
- October 15-16 Mississippi EHDI Annual Conference (Jackson, MS)

Public Comments

No public comments were shared.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.