

ACDHH & EHDI Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

(Minutes are not considered final until approved at the next meeting.)

Date: February 13, 2025

Time: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Location: Zoom Meeting

I. Call to Order

Time: 10:09 AM

Chairperson: Latrina Harris-Lewis

II. Roll Call

Present Members:

- Fran Altmaier
- Annie Converse
- Katie Fizz
- Germaine Graham
- Amber Hansen
- Latrina Harris-Lewis
- Dr. Wendy Steuerwald
- Kelly Randall (shown up later)
- Dani Merrill (shown up later)
- Rob Voreck (Note Taker)

Absent Members:

- Bibi Ashley
- Melissa Klamann

Guests:

- Carmen Green (Deputy Director at ACDHH)
- Ashley Martin (Communication Access Specialist at ACDHH)

III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Review and approval of minutes from January 2025 meeting.

- **Motion to approve as corrected:** Fran Altmaier
- **Seconded by:** Annie Converse
- **Unanimously approved.**

IV. New Business

1. Committee Membership

- **Discussion on adding a DeafBlind or Deaf Plus representative to the committee.**
 - Annie Converse suggested someone from ASDB's Early Learning Program as a potential committee member.
 - Germaine Graham proposed contacting the DeafBlind Project for potential DB adult/parent representation.
 - Latrina Harris-Lewis to share progress on outreach and potential candidates.

2. Finalizing the Family Survey

- **Family Survey on Newborn Hearing Screening Survey Draft III**
 - **Review any final adjustments before survey distribution.**
 - Revisions were made to several questions. Some need to be reworded or reformatted for clarity.
 - Confirmed the **timeline for distribution in March 2025**, though it is likely to be pushed back to **April 2025**.

3. Educational Video on Newborn Hearing Screenings

Filming Schedule:

- **Date:** Friday, February 21, 2025
- **Location:** Phoenix Children's Hospital

Participants:

- **Three families** will be included in the first video:
 - **Family Experience:** One family will share their experience with their baby's hearing screening.
 - **Baby Models:**
 - **Germaine Graham** will bring her baby girl for a live screening demonstration.
 - **Trudeline McNece** and her baby will undergo a screening as well.

Future Videos:

- The goal is to document **Trudeline's baby**, who was identified as Deaf, through the **diagnostic evaluation** and **early intervention** phases in subsequent videos.

Role of Latrina Harris-Lewis:

- Latrina will join the video shoot next week.
- She will be there alongside **Kathryn**, the educator, during filming to provide context and commentary during the demonstration.

Role of Dr. Wendy Steuerwald:

- **Dr. Wendy Steuerwald** and her team at Phoenix Children's Hospital will provide **audiology expertise** and a **hands-on demonstration** of the screening process.
- Dr. Wendy will guide the simulation of both **OAE** (Otoacoustic Emissions) and **AABR** (Automated Auditory Brainstem Response) screenings.

Filming Plans:

- The team will film both **OAE** and **AABR** methods to introduce parents to both screening techniques.
- B-roll Footage: Additional footage will include items like:
 - A pamphlet explaining the **1-3-6 model**.
 - A **model of the ear**.
 - Other props to support the visual representation of newborn hearing screenings.

Future Goals for the Video:

- The production aims to provide **clear, accurate information** about newborn hearing screenings, especially for families experiencing it for the first time.
- The video will focus on **reducing misunderstandings** and showcasing that the screening process is **safe** and **non-invasive**.

Excitement for the Project:

- Latrina expressed her excitement **about visiting Phoenix Children's Hospital** and working with the team in person.
- Dr. Wendy and the production team are equally excited about the video and its potential to provide valuable resources to families.

4. Toolkit Resources

- **Review and updates on the parent toolkit.**
 - The team continues to gather resources and review materials.
 - This process is ongoing.

V. Next Steps & Action Items

- **Family Survey:** Continue refining the survey and complete the final version for distribution by **March 2025**, with potential delays pushing it to **April 2025**.
- **Educational Video:** Filming to begin **February 21, 2025**, at Phoenix Children's Hospital, with a possible review of a partial video by **April 2025**.
- **Resource Additions to Toolkit:** Continue gathering and adding resources to the toolkit, including those suggested by committee members.
- **Committee Membership:** Further discussion regarding potential committee members for DeafBlind and Deaf Plus communities to be discussed at the **March 2025** meeting.

VI. Upcoming Meeting:

Plans for the March 2025 Meeting:

- **Family Survey:** Finalize and assign tasks for completion.
- **Educational Video:** Continue progress on filming the video, with a possible review of a partial video by **April 2025**.
- **Toolkit Resources:** Continue gathering additional resources for the toolkit.
- **Committee Membership:** Further discussions on adding new members, particularly from the DeafBlind or Deaf Plus communities.
- **EHDI Conference in March 2025:** Discuss attendance and preparations for the EHDI conference, including any related tasks for the committee.
- **Next Work Group Meeting: March 13, 2025**, via Zoom
- **Next Public Meeting: April 10, 2025**
- **Action:** Latrina Harris-Lewis will send out calendar invites and Zoom links for both meetings.

VII. Adjournment

- **Motion to adjourn:** Fran Altmaier
- **Seconded by:** Annie Converse
- **Time:** 11:29 AM
- **Closing Note:** Happy Valentine's Day!