

ACDHH & EHDI Committee Virtual Work Session Minutes- September 11, 2025

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

Date: Thursday, September 11, 2025

Time: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Location: Zoom Online

I. Call to Order

- 10:00 AM
- Co-Chairperson: **Latrina Harris-Lewis**

II. Roll Call

First Name	Last Name
Fran	Altmaier
Bibi	Ashley
Annie	Converse
Katie	Rawlings
Germaine	Graham
Amber	Hansen
Latrina	Harris-Lewis
Heidi	Klomhaus
Dani	Merrill
Kelly	Randall
Wendy	Steuerwald
Guests	And Support Staff
Rob	Voreck
Carmen	Green Smith (ACDHH Deputy)

- Absent Members
- Present Members
- Guest Members

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- Review and approval of **August 14, 2025 Work Session Minutes**
 - **Motion to approve:** Fran Altmaier
 - **Second:** Amber Hansen

IV. Work Session Focus Topics

Moment of silence for 9/11

Review of Agenda

- **Committee Membership & Representation**

- Updates on current member composition
 - i. Are there any roles missing?
 1. Recommendations -Delight (Amber) and Sonia Samaniego (Dani)
 2. Discussion on missing roles and identifying potential members
 - a. Hospital hearing screening (Fran to reach out)
 - b. New parent (Bibi to reach out)
 - c. Deaf parent with Deaf child (Amber has contact)
 - d. Parent of child with CMV (Heidi has a family in mind)
 3. Heidi suggests inviting potential candidates to the next open meeting (public)
 4. Consider hybrid meeting next month for families who are far away
 5. Amber suggests advertising open meetings on ACDHH social media
 - Determine replacement process for resigned members
 - i. Idea: Introduce new members at open meeting
 1. November meeting: vote on adding roles
 2. December: vote on new members
 3. January: welcome new members
 - ii. Heidi suggests maintaining a waiting list
 - Discussion on prospective new members for the **October 9, 2025** in-person meeting
 - i. October meeting will discuss roles, not specific member names

- **Family Survey Rollout**

Status of ASL video production (target completion: August 22, 2025)

- Updates on Spanish translation
- Outreach strategy including QR codes and participation incentives
- Timeline for data collection
 - i. Video recordings are complete; to be sent to ACDHH editors for embedding into Google Form
 - ii. Latrina shared video and spreadsheet with Fran for Spanish translation
 - iii. Thanks to interpreter Cameo for assistance

- **Family Letter Redesign**
 - Final review of proposed edits
 - Incorporation of QR codes linking to programs/services
 - Feedback on clarity, tone, and accessibility
 - i. Shared working draft; committee asked to add comments directly
 - ii. Suggestion: Use identity-first language (“a Deaf or Hard of Hearing child” instead of “a child who is Deaf or Hard of Hearing”)
 - iii. Emphasize importance of receiving EI services early
 - iv. Keep letter to one page; include AzEIP brochure
 - v. Discuss 1/3/6 milestones to communicate urgency without guilt
 - vi. Fran to collate suggestions, create final draft, and submit internally at ADHS for approval
- **Family Resource Packet Development**
 - Progress on digital binder and content structure
 - Updates on contributors and shared folder (**Google Drive “ACDHH EHDI”**)
 - Review of updated school and agency information (Victory Deaf Academy, PDSD, Desert Voices)
 - Decisions on QR code use and digital-friendly formats
 - Reference to online pediatric audiologist directories (e.g., EHDI-PALS)
 - Hard copies provided in accordion binders mailed to families
 - i. Discussion on family packet
- **Outreach Book List**
 - Continue compiling ASL/Deaf/Hard of Hearing/DeafBlind/Deaf+ culture and high-contrast children’s books
 - Plan for inclusion in outreach kits and family incentives
 - i. Review compiled list of books
 - ii. Consider adding YouTube channels with ASL-signed books:
 1. Rocky Mountain School for the Deaf: [RMDSCO - YouTube](#)
 2. ASDB Deaf Mentor Program: <https://www.youtube.com/@ASDBDeafMentorProgram/videos>
 3. Love & Language Starter Set: [About Love and Language](#)
 - iii. Ensure coverage for all hearing differences, not only ASL

VI. New Business/Next Steps & Assignments

- Follow up on committee recruitment and prospective additions
 - See discussion at open of meeting
- Continue collection of book list
 - See list of links in discussion above

- Let's review the scripts for **Video #5: 3 Month Milestone** & **NBS 6 Month EHDI Milestone**
 - Fran reviewed video series and process
 - Committee to add suggestions to script within next week
 - Amber, Bibi, & Latrina to review ASL signs and add to chart for CDIs
- Amber, Bibi, & Latrina will review appropriate ASL signs and add them to the chart for CDIs to follow. Here is our example:
 - After recording, they will consult with interpreters to ensure accuracy

English Term	ASL Gloss Equivalent
Condition / Sickness / Concern / Abnormal	SOMETHING NOTICE SHOW UP
Hearing	HEARING DIFFERENCES (<i>avoid "ISSUES"</i>)
Diagnosis	DX DOCTOR INFORM IDENTIFY SPECIFIC LABEL
Positive (Test) or Negative (Test)	POSITIVE TEST REFER
Negative (Test)	NEGATIVE TEST NONE REFER
Outcomes	ANSWER WHAT
Medical Terms	FINGERSPELL SIGN FINGERSPELL (sandwiching)

VI. **ACDHH & EHDI - Community & Professional Updates**

- Share new information and opportunities from members
- Updates on ASL learning, community events, and professional changes
 - Tucson Deaf Awareness Week
 - AZ H&V – family events:
 - 9/18: Monthly online Storybeats
 - 9/20: Panel Palooza at PCH (parent, teen, sibling panels)
 - 10/18: Halloween event
 - 11/1: Walk for Hearing
 - 11/7: Trivia Night
 - **Amber:** The Space Between planning a parent support group for parents of DHH children (details pending)
 - **AzEIP:** Policies and procedures open for public comment, including Screening a Child's Hearing: Arizona Early Intervention Program (AzEIP)
 - Public hearing: Friday, October 3, 2025, 10:00–11:00 AM, Google Meet: <https://meet.google.com/xyv-upxd-gqi>,
 - Dial-in: +1 347-354-8875, PIN: 781 701 043#
 - **Bibi:** Deaf Awareness Month ASL paint event 9/19 at ASDB, Tucson

VII. Upcoming Meetings

- **One-Year Anniversary & Public Meeting:** October 9, 2025 (in-person, ACDHH Board Room)
- Call for agenda items for next in person meeting

VII. Reminder: Upcoming Meetings

Thurs. 11-14-24	ZOOM (Work Session)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Thurs. 6-12-25	ZOOM (Work Session)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Thurs. 12-12-24	ZOOM (Work Session)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Thurs. 7-10-25	ACDHH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Thurs. 1-9-25	ACDHH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Thurs. 8-14-25	ZOOM (Work Session)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Thurs. 2-13-25	ZOOM (Work Session)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Thurs. 9-11-25	ZOOM (Work Session)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Thurs. 3-13-25	ZOOM (Work Session)	CANCELLED	Thurs. 10-9-25	ACDHH	<input type="checkbox"/>
Thurs. 4-10-25	ACDHH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			

VIII. Adjournment:

- **Motion to adjourn:** Bibi Ashley
- **Second:** Katie Rawlings
- **Time:** 11:57 AM
- **One-year anniversary in-person meeting:** October 9, 2025