

ACDHH & EHDI Advisory Committee Virtual Meeting Minutes – April 9, 2026

Date: April 9, 2026

Time: 10:05 AM – 11:34 AM

Location: Zoom Meeting Online

Co-Chairs: Latrina Harris-Lewis and Fran Altmaier

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 AM by Co- Latrina Harris-Lewis.

II. Roll Call

Committee Members Present:

Fran Altmaier
Bibi Ashley
Annie Converse
Katie Rawlings
Amber Hansen
Latrina Harris-Lewis
Dani Merrill
Kelly Randall
Wendy Steuerwald
Laura Hocknull
Coleen Haws

Guests & Support Staff:

Ashley Martin – Accommodations Coordinator
Reena Banerjee– Community Relations Manager
CART Captioner and ASL Interpreters present for accessibility support

Absent Members/Support Staff:

Germaine Graham
Heidi Klomhaus
Lisa Ring
Rob Voreck
Jael Garcia

III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Minutes Reviewed:

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Motion to Approve: Dani Merrill

Second: Annie Converse

IV. New Business / Ongoing Initiatives

1. Journey Through Screening and Beyond Materials

The committee reviewed updated design mockups for the EHDI 1-3-6 informational materials.

Key discussion points included:

- Clarifying and simplifying language for families
- Revising terminology for the 3-month and 6-month milestones
- Replacing “complete audiological evaluation” with clearer referral-based language
- Updating 6-month milestone to reflect referral to **Arizona Early Intervention Program (AzEIP)**
- Emphasis on family-friendly, accessible wording
- Ensuring accessibility for families without smartphones by including phone, website, and contact options
- Refining language related to early intervention outcomes

Key decisions and edits:

- Remove “speech” from language outcomes and focus on “language and social development”
- Replace “priorities” with “what works best for your family”
- Clarify 3-month milestone to emphasize referral/diagnostic evaluation without implying completion is required
- Adjust wording for 6-month milestone to “begin early intervention services,” including possible reference to AzEIP
- Explore consistent use of “options” vs “opportunities,” with preference for “opportunities” due to equity concerns

The committee agreed to review revised drafts and provide feedback within approximately two weeks before final production.

2. Family Survey Initiative

Updates were provided on the upcoming family survey rollout.

Discussion included:

- Finalizing English, Spanish, and ASL versions
- QR code postcard distribution planned for April 2026
- Incentive for participation: stroller organizer
- Survey access structure (English/ASL first with Spanish in separate link/tab)

No final changes requested at this time.

3. Family Resource Booklet

Updates included:

- Continued revision of content and layout
- Ensuring accuracy of timelines and resources
- Streamlining information to reduce overload
- Alignment with early intervention messaging

Committee members will continue reviewing materials for updates.

4. Deaf Mentor Program Video Update

Fran Altmaier provided a detailed update on the video production series.

Updates included:

- Filming completed in Tucson with Deaf Mentor and participating family
- ASL interpretation and narration have been recorded and revised
- Concerns noted regarding interpreter pacing, facial expression, and affect alignment
- Feedback provided that interpreter delivery appeared overly flat and scripted
- Committee discussed need for improved alignment between ASL affect and spoken narration tone
- Mention of prior successful interpreter work (Linda Bove) and importance of expressive interpretation in educational media
- Consideration of re-recording ASL interpretation based on feedback
- Budget and production constraints acknowledged

The committee agreed to request revisions from the production company and explore improved interpreter selection and preparation processes for future videos.

Break / Meeting Adjustment

In lieu of a scheduled 10–15 minute break, the Committee agreed to adjourn early due to time constraints. All remaining agenda items were tabled to the next meeting.

V. EHDI Grant Review (Tabled)

The following items were not discussed and will be carried over to the next meeting:

- Overview of Year 3 grant
- Review of goals and priorities
- Review of 2024 EHDI data (submitted to CDC)
- Alignment of committee work with grant objectives

VI. Community & Professional Updates (Tabled)

The open floor for announcements, events, and resources was **not conducted** and will be included in the next meeting agenda.

VII. Next Steps / Assignments

The Committee identified the following next steps:

- Finalize feedback on *Journey Through Screening and Beyond* materials
- Support Family Survey rollout (including ASL, English, and Spanish versions)
- Continue sharing family resources and community events
- Align ongoing work with EHDI grant priorities

Committee members were reminded to:

- Submit additional agenda items to Co-Chairs prior to the next virtual work session scheduled for **May 14, 2026**

VIII. Public Comments

No public comments were made.

IX. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn: Fran Altmaier

Second: Kelly Randall

Meeting adjourned at **11:34 AM**