

**UNHS Subcommittee
2019 3rd Quarter Meeting Summary
August 30, 2019**

Member Attendance (X) if attended	Member Title	Member Name
X	Adult Who is Deaf or Hard of Hearing	Carrie Spangler
	Association for Hospitals and Health Systems	Vacant
X	Audiologist	Bridgid Whitford
X	Audiologist	Lisa Hunter
	Audiologist	Ann Wheat
Unable to Attend	DODD, Part C Coordinator	Nathan Dedino
X	Educational Audiologist	Sandi Domoracki
Unable to Attend	Epidemiologist	Jareen Meinzen-Derr
	Geneticist	Vacant
	Manager of Perinatal Services, Respiratory Services and Nursing Education	Ann Frahn
	Nurse, Well-baby neonatal nursery	Sarah Fallow
X	OCDBE/Representative from an organization for the deaf or hearing impaired	Linda Bass-Johnoff
X	ODH CMH Program	Jennifer Warfel
	Ohio Department of Education	Anita Armstrong
	Ohio Department of Medicaid	Gwen Sims
X	Ohio Speech and Hearing Professionals Board	Gregg Thornton
	Ohio Speech and Hearing Professionals Board	Tammy Brown
	Organization for the Deaf or Hearing Impaired	Vacant
Unable to Attend	Otolaryngologist	Prashant Malhotra
	Otolaryngologist	Daniel Choo
X	Parent of a Child with Hearing Loss	Camille Warren
	Parent of Hearing-Impaired Child	Virginia Calvelage
X	Part C Provider	Kelly VonderEmbse
X	Pediatrician	Susan Wiley
X	Psychologist	Derek Houston
X	Speech Language Pathologist	Lindsay Zombek
X	Teacher of the Deaf	Kristine Ratliff
	Teacher of the Deaf	Amy Hoerst

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Agenda Topic	Summary
Welcome and Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome and introduction of members and stakeholders. • Overview of materials within member binders. • Department of Developmental Disabilities was recognized for receiving ‘meets requirements’ from Department of Education’s Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) annual determination. • Department of Health, Infant Hearing Program was recognized for implementing many of the subcommittee recommendations.
Meeting Summary Review <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vote: Agenda Enhancements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motioned passed to revise order of standing agenda topics to occur as follows Early Intervention Report, Diagnostic Report and Screening Report. • Motioned passed to add new standing agenda topics Summary of Recommendations to follow each Subcommittee Recommendations agenda topic.
Membership Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-Chair Nominations • Vacancies • Sign up-Membership Committee Members 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-Chair nominations for current members should occur by September 20, 2019. • Electronic voting for Co-Chair nominees will be sent on September 25, 2019. • Membership Committee was encouraged to identify strategies to increase representation of families and adults who are D/HH on subcommittee. • Motioned passed to adopt the proposed action steps presented by the Membership Committee.
Quarterly Data Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State fiscal year 2019 data was presented to the subcommittee. • Data reflected occurrence of screening, diagnostic and enrollment of intervention services by month and year. • Subcommittee members recommended to also depict data by birth year to identify trends.
Early Intervention Report	Department of Disabilities Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ohio Early Intervention received its annual determination from the US Department of Education’s Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP). For the third year in a row, Ohio received the highest rating, “meets requirements.” Half of the determination is based on compliance data, and the other half is based on child outcome data. The Annual Performance Report (APR) on which the determination is based is posted on the EI website under federal reporting (https://ohioearlyintervention.org/federal-reporting-and-postings). • Dr. Susan Wendt is retiring August 30 after more than 33 years of state service. We will miss Susan and wish her well in her retirement. Tiffany Madden, a current EI program consultant and

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<p>Early Intervention Report Continued</p>	<p>speech language pathologist, will be providing technical assistance to the hearing service providers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• DODD put out a competitive RFP for hearing service providers in the spring and made the awards in June. There will be no changes to the providers or map from the past several years. We look forward to Tiffany's work and oversight of the providers.• New EI rules and forms were implemented July 1. The most notable changes to the rules were adding neonatal abstinence syndrome (NAS) and elevated blood lead levels to the list of diagnoses for automatic EI eligibility. All of the EI forms were updated as part of this process. Numerous trainings and Allow the continuation of state funding for local EI outreach activities.• DODD has entered into a two year contract with Bright Beginnings of Cuyahoga county to do central intake and referral and public awareness activities for the EI program. Referral procedures (e.g., the 1-800 and regional intake numbers, online referral page, family contact procedures) will remain identical under DODD's contract to what they have been the past year.• Supports have been made available to providers and are on the EI website under the "Early Intervention Rules 2019" tile.• DODD has a competitive RFP posted on the DAS website for EI nutrition services, with an emphasis on serving children with elevated blood lead levels. You can access the RFP here: https://procure.ohio.gov/proc/viewProcOpps.asp?oppID=17115• DODD received new funding in the Governor's Budget to be able to support a variety of program needs and priorities:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increased funding for EI service coordination agencies who have experienced significant increases in referrals and children served the past several years.• Funding to serve children with NAS and elevated blood lead levels.• Complete the transition of the EI program from ODH to DODD by allowing DODD to contract directly for central intake and referral activities. <p>Ohio Department of Health Updates</p> <p>Training for Professionals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Training for DODD Service Coordinators has been approved for DODD credit and will be released in September 2019 through OhioTrain.• Announcement will be placed on DODD's biweekly updates.
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<p>Early Intervention Report Continued</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exploring opportunity to provide Ski-Hi Train the Trainer and Ski Hi Training for EI service providers. <p>Printed Materials for Parents/Guardians</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Materials provided by audiologists to guardians of infants diagnosed with hearing loss will include a communication plan template as well as IFSP examples to help guardians understand the EI process. <p>Contracted Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities has been selected for a period of two years to contact families to encourage enrollment in Part C EI Services. <p>Re-Referrals to Part C</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents/guardians who are unable to contact will be re-referred for Part C EI services after 3 months following the initial referral. <p>The CARE Project Retreat</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The retreat will be held November 1-3, 2019 at the Nationwide Conference Center and Hotel in Columbus, Ohio. Completed applications must be received by September 15, 2019. Families of infants and toddlers aged 0-3 are welcome to complete an application and participate at no cost. <p>Private EI Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children's hospitals provide private EI services to infants and toddlers who are D/HH. Exploring data sharing agreements. <p>CMH Partnership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exploring data sharing agreements.
<p>Subcommittee Recommendations for Improving Referrals and Enrollment in Early Intervention</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Statewide hearing screening, tracking, and early intervention program to identify newborn and infant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members recommended to form an action committee to review trainings available for EI service providers and submit recommendations regarding training and implementation to ODH by September 20, 2019. Members recommended to consider target audience and align with existing EI structure for EI service provider training. Members recommended to partner with OSD, OCALI and other entities for the implementation of the Deaf Mentor training.

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<p>Subcommittee Recommendations for Improving Referrals and Enrollment in Early Intervention Continued</p> <p>hearing impairment (ORC 3701.507 (B)(3)(a))</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommendations for the preparation of the information provided to parents (ORC 5701.507 (B)(3)(f)) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members recommended to provide implementation feedback for the release of parent/guardian materials.
<p>Diagnostic Report</p>	<p>Upcoming Rule Changes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Effective December 1, 2019, audiologists will <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide parents and guardians/custodians with written results of the diagnostic hearing evaluation. If a hearing loss is confirmed, audiologists will distribute to parents/guardians/custodians printed information provided by the Ohio Department of Health. Any audiologist that conducts a diagnostic hearing evaluation of a newborn, infant, or child less than thirty-six months old referred to such provider shall report diagnostic hearing evaluation results to the director, in the manner and format prescribed by the director, within seven business days of diagnostic hearing evaluation. Every diagnostic hearing evaluation shall be submitted for the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Newborns and infants who did not pass the hearing screening; and (2) Newborns, infants and children diagnosed with hearing loss. <p>Printed Materials for Parents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A brochure for families whose babies did not pass their hospital hearing screening was created. The brochure describes next steps for scheduling a diagnostic appointment and preparing the baby for a hearing evaluation. The next step is to receive feedback from parents participating in the LCLC workgroup. A booklet about hearing loss and early intervention is currently with our creative services department for design. This booklet was a joint effort between the Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities and the Ohio Department of Health.

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<p>Diagnostic Report Continued</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A pamphlet - Ear Infections and Your Child's Hearing - distributed by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association will be distributed to audiologists so they can provide families with this information when the child is identified with fluctuating conductive hearing loss. A PDSA – Plan-Do-Study-Act will be developed around this. <p>COACH Regional Trainings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 Regional trainings were completed (5 in-person trainings and 1 conference call due to low attendance at that location.) • In total there were 68 participants. Of the 68 participants, 53 audiologists elected to participate in the trainings posted on OhioTrain and received the book, Comprehensive Handbook of Pediatric Audiology. <p>Upcoming ODH Trainings for Audiologists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNHS Rules Revision Updates for Audiologists – this training focuses on the new UNHS rules and how they relate to pediatric audiologists. • Early Intervention for Infants and Toddlers with Hearing Loss – this training provides an overview of Ohio's EHDI program, explores the importance of early intervention and the process for making a referral to HMG's Central Intake System following a diagnosis of hearing loss <p>Referrals for Part C Early Intervention Includes both permanent and fluctuating conductive hearing loss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May – 54 referrals • June – 36 referrals • July - 41 referrals
<p>Subcommittee Recommendations for Improving Diagnostic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendations for the identification of locations where hearing evaluations may be conducted (ORC 3701.507 (B)(3)(b)) • Recommendations for methods and techniques of hearing screening and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members discussed opportunities and avenues to raise awareness of evidenced-based practices for management of middle ear fluid among medical professionals. • Members recommended to provide implementation feedback for the release of parent/guardian materials provided by the audiologists.

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<p>Subcommittee Recommendations for Improving Diagnostic Continued</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> hearing evaluation (ORC 3701.507 (B)(3)(c)) Recommendations for referral, data recording and compilation, and procedures to encourage follow-up hearing care (ORC 3701.507 (B)(3)(d)) Recommendations for the preparation of the information provided to parents (ORC 5701.507 (B)(3)(f)) 	
<p>Lunch/Break</p>	<p>Lunch/Break</p>
<p>Screening Report</p>	<p>UNHS ORC & OAC Rules Revision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> UNHS Rules Revision Training available for Hospitals, Free Standing Birthing Centers and Local Health Departments, email notifications sent about training. Training will be part of annual training to be completed by June 30, 2020 for screeners on Ohio Train (https://www.train.org/main/welcome) Hospitals will submit a revised policy that includes updates from the rule revisions electronically for review and approval by December 1, 2019. Hospital UNHS Coordinators will complete training to submit policy revisions. <p>Current</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 104 Birthing Hospitals 7 Children's Hospitals 11 Children's NICU's within a hospital 2 Free Standing Birthing Centers (exempt) <p>UNHS Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monthly reminders for hospitals including important updates, reminders about reporting, other events. IPHS UNHS Quarterly Report- 2nd Q 2019 sent to hospitals. Transfer/Unknown status reports sent to each hospital to increase reporting/data for transferred babies.

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Screening Report Continued	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• UNHS Rules change- 72 hour non-pass results or transfers submitted in IPHIS or by form. <p>Training Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hospital level Trainings- online via OH TRAIN UNHS Training package Parts 1, 2 and 3-- CEU/Cert of Attendance.• UNHS Rules Revision Trainings- CEU/Cert of Attendance.• Home Visiting Webinar provided to all Home Visitors and Supervisors in July 2019.<ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Increase in knowledge of screening, Ohio EHDI (0-3-6); how to make referrals.b. Increases collaboration and partnerships.c. CDC Learn the Signs, Act Early Campaign shared for HV, among other state/national level resources.• 2nd Regional CMH RN meeting presentation Sept 2019. <p>LHD Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 113 LHD's• UNHS Rules Revision changes include providing parent handout and pediatric audiology directory within 10 days of birth.• Responsibility of reporting signatures to ODH has been removed. <p>Lucas County Learning Collaborative (LCLC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monthly meetings• Parent engagement• Medical Home Engagement• Collaborative relationships within the area for parents and professionals• Testing materials using QI methods• 2 new community level members added <p>Medical Home Toolkit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• EHDI Checklist• Grand Rounds Lecture presentations• Video of presentation• Statewide resources• Pediatric Audiology Services Directory• Distribution plan process – October 2019 and test for several months <p>Parent Engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parent Guide
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Screening Report Continued	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Support Meetings • Local area resources network • October parent meeting planning with emphasis on reading, language, literacy and communication • New members shared parent-child playgroups and will help incorporate LCLC parents/children
<p>Subcommittee Recommendations for Improving Screening</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendations for methods and techniques of hearing screening and hearing evaluation (ORC 3701.507 (B)(3)(c)) • Recommendations for referral, data recording and compilation, and procedures to encourage follow-up hearing care (ORC 3701.507 (B)(3)(d)) • Recommendations for the maintenance of a register of newborns and infants who do not pass the hearing screening (ORC 3701.507 (B)(3)(e)) • Recommendations for the preparation of the information provided to parents (ORC 5701.507 (B)(3)(f)) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members did not provide recommendations to improve screening due to time restraints.
<p>Strategic Planning and Recommendations for Federal Grant Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNHS Subcommittee Recommendations 4.26.19 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ohio EHDI has implemented the following recommendations from the UNHS Subcommittee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engage parents in the development of parent-intended handouts and materials. • Update Pediatric Audiology Services Directory to have a v box if use/not use COACH protocols (may encourage providers to seek training if public). • Materials for audiologists to convey what is EI – use family input in development of information.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ensure EI phone call system and include private therapy as a data field in their tracking system and reporting.• Systematic tracking of refusals for EI referral.• Members recommended to review transportation barriers as reasoning for lost to follow up/diagnosis.• Members recommend linking diagnostic hearing evaluation testing with children's hospitals currently conducting CMV screenings.• Members recommended to continue exploring data sharing activities to reduce lost to documentation/diagnosis.• Members were encouraged to provide any additional recommendations to Ohio EHDI by September 20, 2019.
Meeting Evaluation/Adjourn	Meeting Evaluation/Adjourn
Subcommittee review of parent brochure, parent packet and IH Annual Report	Review and provide feedback by September 23, 2019