

Quarterly Coordinators report to the EHDI Advisory Council. May 2, 2014

HRSA-

Hands and Voices - finally received the contract funding. I have been working with Marjorie Madsen Keilers to interview potential trainee parent guides. Guide By Your Side Training will be held May 30 and 31.

The Notice of Grant award has been received for year 2015! We were fully funded at \$250,000.00 this grant will continue to support the community activities that are focused on reducing loss to follow up after a baby has not passed the hearing screening.

Contractors that submitted include:

EPICS- will continue education and outreach for Indian families of children with special healthcare needs focusing on advancing the knowledge to families and providers around New Mexico about the importance of Early Hearing Detection and Intervention. EPICS will continue to be the resource for providing cultural information and guidance and providing a cultural broker for newly identified families that have a child identified with hearing loss.

Hands and Voices will get continued support to spread parent to parent support following the Guide By Your Side Training and to operate the local chapter community outreach activities and events that will support parents of children with that are deaf or hard of hearing, increase awareness of the importance of Early Hearing Detection and Intervention focusing on developing parent/ professional partnerships.

Funding 2 contracted Short Term Follow- up Coordinators.

Funding the Salary of the EHDI Coordinator.

CDC Grant- CDC Report Card received attached. The notice of this year's annual award is expected in June. We are in year four of a five year award. This funds the development and enhancement of the EHDI Surveillance system. It pays for the Data System used, the Data Manager, Data Analysis, Data Needs Assessor. In year 4 the focus is on enhancing the system to improve data validity and accuracy, to improve the ease at which relevant reports can be generated and to increase reporting from birth providers of births and screening results. Also included in this grant year is a grantee meeting in Atlanta Georgia to prepare for year five the final year of this Cooperative agreement.

Connie Reynolds will continue as Data Needs Assessor

Mario Lucero will not renew his contract for Data Manager /Analyst. Mario has accepted a full time position in State Government and will not be able to continue. I wish to take this opportunity to thank him for the work he provided this year. A transition plan is in place that includes a proposal submitted by Karen Shepherd to learn EHDl Data systems and to evaluate or current data management and analysis activities. A new proposal has been submitted for his 2015 contract and is currently being reviewed.

The current data management system is Challengesoft.

As the EHDl Coordinator I (Tammy Voisine) attended an ECHO (Early Childhood Hearing Outreach) Initiative Training with Midwives, The staff of New Mexico School for the Deaf Early Intervention Program and Early Head Start Programs. In this training we learned how to train early intervention providers to implement successful Otoacoustic Emissions Hearing Screening in their programs. The presenters were from the ECHO Team of the National Center for Hearing Healthcare Management learning laboratory for early childhood; Jeff Hoffman, Terry Foust, and Will Eiserman. Karen Ziegler from the New Mexico Office of HeadStart Collaboration presented with Jeff Hoffman the relevant Head Start Performance Measures related to hearing health policy, Kristi Halus presented the Part C information, guidelines and protocols for hearing screening and Connie Reynolds and I provided information about the New Mexico Newborn Hearing / EHDl Program discussed current statewide barriers to screening resources and data reporting , reporting requirements and current improvement activities, including a current initiative to link midwives that provide homebirths to non clinical resources for screening such as Early Head Start. Connie Reynolds is the EHDl Program contracted Data Needs Assessor.

Also in coordination with Kristi Halus ECHO Project Manager for New Mexico New Mexico School for the Deaf Early Intervention and her colleagues from each EI region of the state , Karen Zeiglar, the Maternal Child Health Program Midwives Advisory Board and Midwives Association of New Mexico, The New Mexico EHDl Program held a conference on April 1st to begin a discussion of how we will collaborate with Midwives, Head Start, Part C Early Intervention and the Department of Health to increase access to newborn hearing screening for home birthed families. WE broke out into regional groups with EI Staff and discussed collaboration goals and plans. Connie Reynolds will be working with state epidemiologist Tom Scharmen to create a resource map and list of resources resulting from this meeting. The Head Start sites that are and will be trained through the ECHO Initiative- Early Head Start Programs in communities across the state were identified as potential locations that home birthed families can receive screening for their newborns (as well as other Head Start resources for families of young children). This map will also be used to identify and target areas that need to be considered as we plan additional training and screening resource development with ECHO Initiative and other resources in the future. Jennifer West and Heather Riche licensed midwives , Katie Avery DOH Maternal Child Health Program Manager(also DOH licensing for midwives) and I Tammy Voisine EHDl Coordinator are currently drafting policies and procedures for getting babies born at home screened and results reported and for informing expecting parents of the importance of hearing screening. Early Head Start Program Health Coordinators and NMSD Early Intervention Regional Coordinators are partnering with

Midwives in their regions to identify needs, training and equipment resources and agreements for collaboration efforts.

Also I attended the National EHDI Conference in Jacksonville Florida. The Stakeholder Team from New Mexico attending included Jeanette Trancosa, Tiffany Cortez and Nia Sandoval from EPICS, Trish Thomas from Family Voices, Jessica Sanchez from Hands and Voices, and Stacy Abrams from the NMSD Deaf Mentor Program. The NM Team met at the beginning of the conference and using tools provided began to draft aims and plan to strategize PDSA activities for a session with Quality Improvement technical assistants. Later The team met with technical assistants from NICHQ (National Initiative for Children's Healthcare Quality) to discuss how initiate quality improvement in our planning and grant activities. Along with the focus of reducing loss to follow up we are also planning a focus to involve more veteran parents of children that are deaf or hard of hearing in the overall goals and EHDI outreach activities across all grant funded activities in the EHDI System.

Midwives Policy and Procedures

See attached: