

Virginia Early Hearing Detection & Intervention Advisory Committee Meeting

Friday, June 7, 2019

Advisory Committee Members in Attendance: Ashleigh Greenwood, Valerie Abbott, Marcus Allen, Wanda Council, Julie Durando, Ann Hughes, Mona Iskander, Debi Leekoff, Debbie Pfeiffer, Terri Strange-Boston, Teri Urban

Interested Parties in Attendance: Willie Andrews, Rochelle Green, Marylynn Jones, Beth Kennedy, Valerie Luther, Kara Norcross, Ira Padhye, Jody Green, Lisa Richard, Theresa Woodyard, Jill Young

VDH Employees in Attendance: Colin Benusa, Christen Crews, Jennie Dinh, Jennifer MacDonald, Daphne Miller, Rafael Randolph, Deepali Sanghani, Antoinette Vaughan

Meeting Updates

The VA Network of Consultants (VNOC)/ Partnership for People w/ Disabilities:

Technical assistance and support:

From January 2 to May 24, 2019: More than 88 calls/email requests for technical assistance were received and addressed/processed; nine were directly from parents. Several requests became direct consultations through the Virginia Network of Consultants (VNOC) described under VNOC. In addition, TAC-DHH disseminated 91 announcements during this quarter; **63** of these announcements went to parents. (There are currently **202** parents on the TAC-DHH database).

VA Network of Consultants for Professionals Who Work with Children Who are D/HH (VNOC): VNOC service requests are reported following the school year calendar, August 1 to July 31. For the 2018-19 school year (beginning August 1), 21 VNOC consultation requests have been received to date; 18 have been completed as of May 24, 2019; three being scheduled during the summer.

Regional Trainings:

See-the-Sound Visual Phonics (Decoding strategy for early reading skill development)

For the 2018-19, school year 4 STS-VP trainings were completed. From 2006-present, more than 1,836 people have received training in STS Visual Phonics through TAC-DHH/VNOC sponsored trainings.

Literacy DHH-101 (January 21-March 30, 2019) –

Two month online Community of Practice for Virginia teachers of the D/HH. Assignment responses and postings demonstrated that talented, enthusiastic and dedicated teachers are serving Virginia's students who are D/HH. Twenty TODHH from the 61 CoP participants will receive additional literacy training and participate in a DHH Literacy Intervention Project during the 2019-20 school year.

Program Support:

Assistance to VA Hands & Voices, the Parent-Child-Advocate Program, Hearing Journey and Families to Families to disseminate specific D/HH related event announcements.

Upcoming:

Opening Doors-Unlocking Potential 2019: *Building Foundations for Literacy Success* scheduled for Richmond/Midlothian, June 26-28, 2019. Embedded in ODUP 2019 is training for 20 TODHH, three with collaborating SLPs to complete full training in *Fingerspelling Our Way to Reading* and/or *Foundations for Literacy* in preparation for the **D/HH Literacy Intervention Project**. This cohort will receive curriculum and assessment materials to implement the programs with one or more students during the 2019-20 school year, as appropriate. The TODHH will administer quarterly literacy assessments, collect and submit non-personally identifiable student performance data to the TAC-DHH. Summarized data will be submitted to the VDOE Office of Special Education Instructional Services for further consideration of the unique literacy intervention needs of young students who are DHH and future professional development for Virginia's TODHH.

National STS Visual Phonics Trainers Conference, July 17-18, 2019: Ann Hughes will present results from the online national survey on which the TAC-DHH collaborated with two other states. The survey gathered data on how educators are using STS VP and how trainers can improve and extend current training methods.

Regional Summer Trainings:

STS Visual Phonics: Staunton – July 23-24, 2019. Registration Contact: Stephanie Haskins shaskins@staunton.k12.va.us

Best Practices in Educational Interpreting: Waynesboro – August 1, 2019. Registration contact: Jennifer Matheny, Shenandoah Valley Regional Program matheny.jd@augusta.k12.va.us

Additional Updates:

- Annual conference for Deaf and Hard of Hearing at the end of this month
- 5 spaces left to register; registration ends on 06/10/2019
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Early Intervention:

-Possible contracting with organization with early intervention

Newborn Screening (Dried Blood-Spot and CCHD):

Newborn Screening Dried-Blood Spot Follow-Up does not have any significant updates to share at this time. We added two new disorders, Pompe and MPS-1, on January 1, 2019. This is in addition to expanding our testing for time critical disorders to 365 days, including holidays.

- DBS started a new phone system with only one number, but can triage to all members of the team

- CCHD: Looking to replace this position

Virginia Hearing Aid Loan Bank:

As of May 30, 2019 1308, children have used the loan bank. The graphic department at VDH is designing new brochures. I will be purchasing additional aids in the near future.

-Recently purchased more aids and working with Daphne and the EHDI team on brochures

Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN):

CYSHCN program used leftover funds that it had to collaborate with EHDI to buy some new hearing aids for the Hearing Aide Loan Bank. The contract modification has been executed and UVA is working to get them purchased before the end of the state fiscal year.

Center For Family Involvement @ VCU-Family to Family

Family to Family, Network/Center for Family Involvement

For the period January 12, 2019 to June 6, 2019:

- Three 1-3-6 Family Educators (NOVA, Central VA and Southwest VA) continued to work with the CFI.
- Potential 1-3-6 Family Educators in the Tidewater, Roanoke and Piedmont areas were discussed. One parent was interviewed and attended the required Family Navigator training that covers the processes and procedures for providing emotional, informational and systems navigational support, but no final decisions were made about bringing anyone given the current MCH contract ends March 2020.
- 19 families were referred by the EHDI program to the 1-3-6 Family Educators
 - 13 are under a year old and 6 are two years old
 - 11 are boys; 8 are girls
 - 4 of the infants (or 21%) had multiple disabilities/health conditions
- Three meetings were held between 1-3-6 Family Educators and the Virginia Deaf/Blind project Family Specialist to discuss family needs and explore possible activities that the two projects could initiate to meet needs.

- The CFI assisted the EHDI program in planning and evaluating the April 5th “Holding Space” training in Richmond attended by 48 parents, early interventionists, audiologists, and VDH staff. Evaluations confirmed that the training was appreciated and discussions are taking place to offer an ‘advanced’ Holding Space training next spring.
- Needs assessments were conducted with 73 parents and providers in the Blue Ridge and Tidewater/Hampton Roads regions in preparation for establishing EHDI Learning Communities.
- 8 EHDI Learning Community meetings were held this reporting period, including the kick off meetings in Blue Ridge and Tidewater/Hampton Roads:
 - 2 NOVA
 - 2 Central
 - 1 Southwest
 - 1 Roanoke
 - 1 Blue Ridge
 - 1 Tidewater/Hampton Roads
- Two presentations were conducted at the national EHDI conference in March – the EHDI Learning Communities and the work of EHDIP engaging with family organizations (CFI and Virginia’s chapter of Hands & Voices).
- 1-3-6 Family Educators exhibited at the NOVA special education conference

VA School for the Deaf & Blind (VSDB):

Wednesday Webinars

March 14, 2019 - Instructional and Assessment Updates for Serving Students Who are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Deaf-Blind, in collaboration with VDOE. Presenters: Wanda Council, and Lia Mason. Updates for new and continuing resources for instruction and statewide assessments to support students who are blind, visually impaired.

April 3, 2019 - Transition Services for Students with Blindness/VI and Deaf-Blindness, in collaboration with the VA Project for Children and Young Adults with Deaf-Blindness, and the VA DBVI. A panel speaking about services in VA including: Dr. Cynthia Ingraham, Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults ; Dr. Julie Durando and Ira Padhye, VA Project for Children and Young Adults with Deaf-Blindness; and Charity Reid Davis, Elizabeth Spiers and Caren Phipps of DBVI.

May 8, 2019 – Pediatric Audiology, The Basics. Presenter: Dr. Daniel Shearer, Audiologist, VSDB. Dr. Shearer will review types of assessments used with young children and with children with disabilities; hearing assistive technology; and will provide resources. Time will be provided for Q & A.

Additional Webinars

August 13 & 20, 2019 – UEB Technical Review. Presenter: 4:30 – 6:30 pm; a two-part webinar providing an overview of UEB technical concepts. Topics will include formatting, grade one indicator use, and transcription of basic to advanced mathematics. Resources for UEB technical material transcription will be shared. Participants should have a strong foundation in literary UEB transcription and preliminary UEB technical skills. Dr. Kim Avila, VI Consortium, GMU.

Online Trainings

Outreach Services, VSDB has purchased short courses from Central Institute for the Deaf for state viewing as follows:

Name of Short Course:	Period for Completion:	Credits available:
Pediatric Audiology	Jan. 17-Feb. 17, 2019 (completed)	ASHA and LSLS certification credits, as well as continuing ed. units for licensure, are available for completion of these courses, paid for by Outreach Services.
Developing IEP Goals for Students with Hearing Loss: Speech, Language, and Auditory Development	Feb. 20-Mar. 20, 2019 (completed)	

Outreach Services, VSDB has purchased short courses from the Perkins School for the Blind for state viewing as follows:

Name of Tutorial	Period for Completion	Number of Credits	Perkins' tutorials can be taken on your own, free of charge if you don't need credits; Outreach has purchased state viewing for those who want credits for continuing education and/or ACVREP for each of these titles.
Teaching Strategies for Students Who Are Visually Impaired with Additional Disabilities Including Deaf-blindness	Jan. 26- Ap.10, 2019	10 credits (completed)	
Early Childhood Education Service Delivery: Routines-Based EI	Jan. 26 – Feb. 26, 2019	1.5 credits (19 completed)	

Engaging and Educational: Part 1 – Using iPad Apps with Children with VI or Deaf-Blindness and Additional Disabilities	Feb. 28 – Ap. 10, 2019	1.5 credits (completed)	
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Regional Activities for Students in all Virginia Schools and their Families

April 7, 2019 – “Pinocchio” The Virginia Repertory Theatre; Interpreted for students who are deaf/hard of hearing and described for students with blindness/visual impairment by VA Voice; pre-session allowing students to “get to know” the set, props, and characters; and afternoon Career Awareness session on “It’s Not Just Acting - The Many Careers in Theater” in collaboration with the VA Dept. for the Blind and Vision Impaired. Richmond, VA

Live Trainings

February 18-20, 2019 – Active Learning for Students with Blindness/Visual Impairment, Patty Obrzut, Penrickton Center presented 4 sessions at VA AER Conference, Charlottesville, VA,. Cohosted by VA Project for Children and Young Adults with Deaf-Blindness and the VSDB Outreach Services.

Other Services Provided by VSDB Outreach

Psychological/Academic Evaluations for Students with Blindness/VI – Request services through Dr. Debbie Pfeiffer, debbie.pfeiffer@vsdb.k12.va.us

Audiologic Evaluations for children birth through 21 years – contact Dr. Daniel Shearer, Daniel.shearer@vsdb.k12.va.us

Online Training Series

Family American Sign Language (ASL) – short lessons on vocabulary and phrases, presented with ideas for use in normal daily routines of infants and toddlers, and associated cultural/language building lessons. See <https://www.vsdb.k12.va.us/vsdb/outreach/family-asl-lessons/>

Registration information will be posted at www.vsdb.k12.va.us and at www.ttaonline.org three to six weeks prior to each event.

Department of Education:

- In April, the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) welcomed Dr. Samantha Hollins as the new Assistant Superintendent for the Department of Special Education and Student Services. Dr. Hollins previously served as the Director of Special Education for Chesterfield County Public Schools and as the Director for the Office of Special Education Program Improvement at the VDOE.
- The *Virginia is for Learners* (VFL) campaign was officially launched in April. The VDOE is collaborating with local school divisions and key partner organizations to ensure that every public school student is ready to thrive after graduation. Additional information about VFL can be found at the VFL website: VirginiaIsForLearners.virginia.gov.
- The 13th annual *Opening Doors-Unlocking Potential 2019* statewide professional development institute will be held on June 26-28, 2019 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, Midlothian. Virginia educators and service providers will participate in a variety of sessions focused on early literacy development for young children who are deaf and hard of hearing. Registration is now open at: <https://sites.google.com/vcu.edu/odup-2019>.
- *Creating Connections to Shining Stars*, Virginia's collaborative early childhood birth-five conference, will be held on July 17-19, 2019 at the Hotel Roanoke and Conference Center in Roanoke. The conference will focus on the implementation of evidenced-based practices in inclusive settings for young children with and without disabilities. Registration is now open at: https://www.veipd.org/main/annual_conference.html

Deaf-Blind Project:

The Virginia Project for Children and Young Adults with Deaf-Blindness recently collaborated with the Infant Toddler Connection of Virginia to develop an online professional development course for Early Intervention Providers that specifically addresses working with children who have combined vision and hearing loss (deaf-blindness). Strategies covered in the course include understanding educational implications of combined vision and hearing loss, importance of direct learning, concept development, and hand-under-hand prompting. The course will soon be available on <https://veipd.org/elearn/> under "Ongoing Professional Development Courses".

VA Dept. for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (VDDHH):

Executive Management

Statewide Interagency Team (SIT)- is comprised of four agencies, the VDDHH, the Department of Aging and Rehabilitative Services (DARS), the Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired (DBVI) and the Valley Community Services Board. The SIT hosted two town hall meetings on Saturday January 12, held at the Hearing Loss Association of America – Greater Richmond Chapter (HLAA-GRC) with approximately 15 people in attendance and on Saturday March 23,

held at the North Virginia Resource Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing with approximately 45 people in attendance. The town hall meetings are a part of SIT ongoing effort to develop a needs assessment and identify new priorities. There will be approximately four (4) more town hall meetings scheduled throughout 2019:

June 29 - Richmond

August 10 - Abingdon

Oct 19 – Martinsville (tentative)

Nov 2 - Staunton (tentative)

SIT also hosted a statewide training on March 28-29 in Waynesboro with over 60+ people including staff and regional interagency team members in attendance.

Community Services Manager - On January 31, Gary Talley Community Services Manager retired from VDDHH after 13 years of service. VDDHH posted a job bulletin and initiated a recruitment campaign for a new Community Services Manager. After many applications and interviews, Karen Brimm was appointed. She brings extensive experience as an educational interpreter and Support Service Provider (SSP), office manager and adjunct teacher. The position is responsible to respond to requests for information & referrals, provide training and presentations, conduct outreach activities and provide technical assistance. Ms. Brimm officially begins employment on April 10. VDDHH is also recruiting for a Virginia Relay Manager.

Support Service Provider (SSP) Workgroup – SSP is a service to Deaf/Blind people providing visual information either through tactile sign language or spoken language (blind people who are hard of hearing) empowering them to live independently since they often face communication barriers and cannot communicate effectively with other people. SSPs assist with grocery shopping, banking, errands, reading letters, civic participation, or other activities that people take for granted. SSP is not a recognized accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act, yet some states recognize the gaps and barriers deaf/blind people face, thus fund and administer a SSP program. SSP has been an unfilled need recognized for years but unable to implement in Virginia for one reason or another. VDDHH convened a SSP workgroup to discuss the problem and identify solutions. The workgroup is comprised of representatives from Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired (DBVI), Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) Deaf /Blind Youth Project, Department of Aging and Rehabilitative Services (DARS), Virginia Association of the Deaf/Blind (VADB), Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind (VSDB) Intervener Program, Reynolds Community College (RCC) Interpreter Training Program, and the Department of Education. The workgroup met on March 19 with introductions, agencies' roles and an open discussion.

VDDHH Advisory Board

On Wednesday February 6, VDDHH hosted its quarterly meeting of the 9-member advisory board. The agenda included board and agency reports. A guest speaker, Secretary Daniel Carey, MD of the Health and Human Resources Secretariat, gave an overview of HHR priorities and the advisory board members had a very positive dialogue about state initiatives and access issues. The board also received updates regarding the interpreter licensure process and status of legislation during the 2019 General Assembly.

Virginia Relay

VDDHH in collaboration with Virginia Information Technology Agency (VITA) and Hamilton Relay initiated changes to the Telecommunication Relay Service (TRS) and Captioned Telephone Service (CTS) contracts concerning how Virginia Relay funds public relations and marketing activities. The two (2) contract modifications were executed which eliminated a marketing firm, a subcontractor, resulting in cost savings. In lieu, Hamilton Relay will provide marketing materials as it does for other states.

Telecommunication Assistance Program (TAP)

VDDHH is working on a draft Request for Proposal document to solicit bids for new TAP contracts to be effective January 1, 2020. TAP Program Manager met with representatives from the Supreme Court of Virginia to present a recommended list of consumer screening questions for prospective users of the assistive listening devices during Court appearances and provide demonstrations on how to use the assistive listening devices.

Interpreter Services Program (ISP)

The Advisory Board had previously petitioned Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (DPOR) to study on whether to regulate sign language interpreters. On March 4, the Director and two Advisory Board members presented testimony to the Board of the DPOR highlighting some aspects of the study for their consideration. Due to inclement weather, there was no quorum to take official action. However, DPOR staff indicated they would begin to implement the study.

Virginia Quality Assurance Screening (VQAS)

Virginia Quality Assurance Screening (VQAS) Database – The database to track VQAS activities includes diagnostic results of interpreters' proficiency assessments. After several months of working with the Department of Aging and Rehabilitative Services IT staff, the Virginia Quality Assurance Screening (VQAS) program has begun using an updated database to better track program activity. The updated database resolves several bugs that had persisted in the previous version of the database and presents a much-improved user interface.

Community Services

VDDHH provided five (5) consultation sessions to Department of Motor Vehicles, Department of Health and Human Resources (HHR), Virginia Union University, Girl Scouts of America, and Department of Corrections on emergent issues regarding equal access opportunities to effective communication. VDDHH also provided five (5) training sessions including HHR, Office of Health Equity at the Department of Health, two (2) sessions at the Crater Criminal Justice one with law enforcement officers and the other with 911 dispatchers. Some ongoing collaborations include submission of a VDDHH report with recommendations to the Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services (DARS) for its "Impact of Aging of Virginia Population" state report, participation on the Richmond Regional Interagency Team (RIT) quarterly meeting, and submitting a Letter of Intent to the Virginia Commonwealth University Board for People with Disabilities I-CAN! Accessibility Project so they may obtain a funding grant to create videos of the Protective Orders brochures in American Sign Language.

VA Hands & Voices:

January

- No events

February

- Hosted a family event, 'Cookies and Crafts', at the Woodrow Wilson Library, Falls Church
- Collaborated with 5 Points Music Sanctuary for an event focusing on music and inclusion among deaf/hard of hearing individuals, Roanoke

March

- Attended and co-presented with the VA EHDI team at the national EHDI Meeting, Chicago, IL
- Exhibitor at Virginia Victory Games, Richmond
- Fundraising community event at Five Guys Burger & Fries, Roanoke

April

- Gathered at the Children's Museum of Richmond for their Special Nights, Chesterfield
- Exhibitor at Celebrate Communication 2019, Springfield

May

- The CARE Project weekend retreat, Richmond
- Gathered at the Children's Museum of Richmond for their Special Nights, Fredericksburg
- Gathered at Kid's Square Children's Museum, Roanoke
- Parents and Professionals Night Out, Richmond
- Parents and Professional Luncheon, McLean

June

- Exhibitor at Kings Dominion for Deaf/Hard of Hearing Awareness Day, Doswell
- Hosted a virtual learning opportunity focusing on Unilateral Hearing Loss in Children

July

- Exhibitor at Creating Connections to Shining Stars, Roanoke

August

- No scheduled events

September

- Co-hosting (with MD/DC) the H&V Annual Leadership Conference, Washington D.C.

Early Hearing Detection & Intervention Programmatic Updates

- New VA EHDI Staff
 - o Jennie Dinh and Melissa Burkholder- New Newborn Screening Program Administrators
 - o Malik Railey- Follow-up Specialist
- Conferences and Events
 - o January
 - Completed Central VA Hospital Site Visits
 - o February
 - February 4: SW LC Virtual Meeting
 - February 11: Central VA LC
 - o March
 - March 3-5: EHDI Annual Meeting- Chicago, IL
 - March 9-12: AMCHP Conference- San Antonio, TX
 - o April
 - April 5: What it means to hold space Conference- Richmond, VA
 - April 7-11: International CMV Conference- Birmingham, AL
 - April 12-13: Virginia Society of Otolaryngology Conference- Alexandria, VA
 - April 16: Blue Ridge Kickoff LC Meeting- Staunton, VA
 - o May
 - May 3-5: CARE Family Retreat- Richmond, VA
 - May 7-8: NYMAC- New York, NY
 - May 14: Hampton Roads LC Meeting- Virginia Beach, VA
 - o June
 - June 1: Deaf and Hard of Hearing Day at Kings Dominion- Doswell, VA
- What It Means to Hold Space
 - o 44 attendees – 8% Parents, 50% Early Intervention, 20% Audiologists, 20% EHDI, 2% Other Professionals
 - o Focus on how to apply trauma informed care principles when needed for exploration of potential impact of early diagnosis of hearing loss in children.
 - o Positive feedback: “Best thing I attended in 10 years”
- The CARE Project- aided in the care of children while parents attended seminars and videography and sharing their stories regarding the birth of their deaf or hard of hearing child.
- The EHDI Annual Meeting- National conference that discusses important information, updates, ideas in creations in relation to EHDI.
- Upcoming Travel and Events
 - o June 18: Southwest Learning Community- Abingdon, VA
 - o June 19: Roanoke Learning Community- Salem, VA
 - o June 26-June 27: Opening Doors-Unlocking Potential in Richmond, VA
 - o July 16: NOVA Learning Community- Fairfax, VA

- July 18-July 19: Creating Connections to Shining Stars in Roanoke, VA
- July 26: Camp Loud and Clear- Appomattox, VA
- August 22: Blue Ridge Learning Community- Charlottesville, VA
- VISITS Enhancements
 - All Users:
 - Telephone number look-up
 - Shared Plan of Care (Except hospital users)
 - New Access:
 - Family to Family (Shared Plan of Care)
 - Out of State Hospital and Audiology facilities
 - Letters:
 - Risk Indicators listed
 - Audiology Users:
 - Diagnostic testing requirements
- Future enhancements:
 - Rescreening Hospital pending list
 - Message board will be updated
 - 12 month PCP/Parent risk letter
 - Automated system closure children with risk at 18 months
- Texting Updates
 - Texting was incorporated in VA EHDI's follow up process on August 30, 2018
 - Parents return for follow-up appointment 7 days faster with a text than with only a letter/ phone call from VA EDHI
- Shared Plan of Care Discussion
 - Discussion of Audiology SPoC
 - Discussion of PCP SPoC
 - Discussion of EI SPoC
- Virginia Early Hearing Detection & Intervention Learning Community Updates
 - Northern
 - Started in September 2017
 - We've met 8 times since September 2017
 - We have roughly 70 people on our distribution list
 - We average about 20 people who show up for each meeting
 - We're meeting quarterly
 - Central
 - Meetings:
 - meeting- February 2019, May 2019
 - Upcoming - June 2019
 - 25 people on distribution list
 - Recently transitioned to local leadership.
 - Topics Covered:

- Family to Family Support organizations, bilingual-bimodal communication, hearing technology.
 - Actively seeking families, Audiologists and PCPs
- Southwest
 - Meetings:
 - Kickoff- October 2018
 - Virtual meeting- February 2019
 - Upcoming- June 2019
 - Topics Covered:
 - EHDI overview of Follow-up process and JCIH Risk Indicators at next meeting
 - Actively seeking families, Audiologists and PCPs
- Roanoke
 - Meetings:
 - Kickoff- October 2018
 - Teleconference meeting- February 2018
 - Upcoming- June 2019
 - Topics Covered:
 - EHDI overview of follow-up process and JCIH Risk Indicators
 - Overview of Care Connections for Children at next meeting
 - Actively seeking PCPs
- Blue Ridge
 - Meetings:
 - Kickoff- April 2019- 20 attendees
 - Upcoming- August 2019
 - 30 people on distribution list
 - Topics Covered:
 - EHDI overview of Follow-up process and JCIH Risk Indicators
 - Actively seeking PCPs
- Hampton Roads
 - Meetings:
 - Kickoff- May 2019- 30 attendees
 - Upcoming- July 2019
 - Topics Covered:
 - EHDI overview of Follow-up process and JCIH Risk Indicators
 - Actively seeking PCPs
- Key Findings
 - Parents eager to share their experiences feel their voice and opinions are heard and valued.
 - Professionals are eager to help recruit new members
 - The transitions to local leadership in NOVA and Central regions has been very successful
 - More than half of the Learning Communities have active members who are Deaf adults

- 3 of the 6 Learning Communities have a local midwife attending and contributing at their meetings
- We have received outstanding help from Debbie Pfeiffer (VSDB), Terri Strange-Boston (Infant & Toddler Connection of VA), and Tammi McKinley (President of Virginia Midwives Alliance) and many other EHDI AC members in helping to spread the word across Virginia.
- Other state EHDI programs were interested in how we got Virginia Learning Communities off the ground (2019 EHDI Meeting)

TeleHealth Presentation by Lisa Richard

- Spoke about the spread of TeleHealth all over the state of VA
- Spoke about personal experience with TeleHealth
- Spread of large companies like Apple and Best Buy incorporation of TeleHealth in their products (EKGs, Heart Rate, etc.)
- Benefits of TeleHealth
 - Cost efficient
 - Convenient for families especially in rural areas
 - Healthcare/Insurance coverage and issues

Virginia Immunization Program by Rochelle Green & Theresa Woodward

- Spoke about the collaboration with VA EHDI program
- Shared the mission and goals of the VIIS program
- Demonstrated the VIIS database
- Shared programmatic materials

CMV Discussion and Vote

- Panel agreed to omit the word “failed” from all sentences in the proposed regulations.
- Panel agreed to have an effective date of September 2020 to implement cCMV.

Due to weather meeting adjourned early at 1:58pm.