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**EHDI—Staff Highlight**

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**EHDI Advisory Committee**

As a requirement of a new grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), a division of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, all EHDI chapters were required to establish, or re-establish, an EHDI Advisory Committee (AC). Indiana EHDI established its first AC with the creation of the Program in 2006. Unfortunately, the EHDI AC became inactive in 2012. The purpose of the re-established EHDI AC is to “...implement a multidisciplinary program advisory group or committee to provide advice to the recipient (Indiana EHDI) on potential mechanisms to achieve project objectives and strategies.” Indiana’s AC will meet for the first time in late January 2017. Representatives on the committee include physicians, parents of children who are deaf/hard of hearing, birthing facilities, Part C, home visiting programs, schools, family organizations, WIC, Early Head Start and more!
HOSPITAL CORNER

Nancy Nelson, one of our Audiology Regional Consultants, noticed this whiteboard at Schneck Medical Center. We wanted to share the picture in order to help provide suggestions to facilities for ease of sharing communication among staff regarding a patient.

UPCOMING EVENTS


March 25, 2017  EHDI Family Conference: Conner Prairie, Noblesville,

April 5-8, 2017  American Academy of Audiology National Conference INDIANAPOLIS
  www.audiology.org/conferences/audiologynow
ATTENTION INDIANA AUDIOLOGISTS!
ARE YOU “EHDI READY”?

The American Academy of Audiology annual conference, AudiologyNOW!
April 5-8, 2017
In Indianapolis!

The Indiana EHDI program will be in exhibit booth #546, so please stop by and see us! We will have a lot of great information about newborn hearing screening, audiological evaluations and early intervention for children identified as deaf/hard of hearing.

Please check out the conference schedule and program options at:
http://www.audiology.org/conferences/audiologynow

Please contact Rebekah F. Cunningham (rcunningham@isdh.in.gov), this year’s Program Chair for AudiologyNOW 2017, for more information!

DID YOU KNOW?

- 97% of babies in Indiana receive a newborn hearing screening
- The median age of identification of hearing loss is < three months of age
- The incidence of congenital hearing loss in Indiana is two out of every 1,000 babies born
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**For more information:**

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**IMPORTANT LINKS**

Joint Commission on Infant Hearing
www.jcih.org

National Center for Hearing Assessment and Management
http://www.infanthearing.org

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Division of Maternal and Child Health
- Genomics and Newborn Screening
Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) Program

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