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**ISB Advisory Committee Notes**

Date: June 27th, 2024

Time: 8:30am – 10:30am

Location: WebEx Meeting

**Introductions/Role call:** Organization Affiliations

Attendees:

Andrea Amestoy ISB Outreach Coordinator

Brian Shakespeare ISB Program Coordinator

Burdette Hoelzle ISB Data Manager

Brian Darcy IESDB Agency Administrator (in for Paula Mason)

Sherry Iverson AAP Idaho Chapter Executive Director

Steven Snow CDHH Executive Director

Susie Jones St. Luke's Elks SLP, LSL Specialist

Mikkel Nelson IESDB – Mentor & Snap Shots

Alison Faber ACT Team, Audiologist

Debbie Baerlocher ACT Team, Audiologist

Jessica Sproul Infant Toddler Program

KD Carlson DHW – Newborn Screening & Children’s Special Health Program Manager

Claudia Coatney DHW – Maternal & Child Health Program Specialist

Jessica Stitch-Henann ACT Team, Audiologist

Jill Radford ISU Clinical Instructor of Deaf Education

Kat Ross HATCH lab Family Support & Connections

Lesa Coleman HATCH lab Family Support & Connections

Gabe Bargen ISU – Meridian Interim Executive Director

Jess Raschke CDHH Human Service Specialist

Claudia Wittek ISB Assistant

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Program Updates

**Idaho Sound Beginnings – Brian Shakespeare**

Brian and Cristina Hansen interviewed, and they will extend an offer for the position to the newly hired, who may start in two weeks.

Brian will be with the program as a contractor through August, you can him by phone or email. He plans to have short meetings with the team to introduce the new hire.

A grant was conceded to purchase new screening machines to connect midwives to our hearing programs.

**ISB Marketing Outreach – Andrea Amestoy**

Andrea attended the following conferences and had the opportunity to share information about the program. Claudia has been helping with the NTL calls and updating the information in Hitrack.

* Let's Doula This, May 23, 2024, in Boise
* Idaho's Health Priorities Conference May 29-31 in Boise (Diabetes Alliance)
* Family Day in the Park, June 7, 24.  Coeur d' Alene
* Idaho Summer Palooza June 15, 24 Boise Expo
* 7th Annual Idaho Breastfeeding Summit Tools of the Trade for Breastfeeding Success June 20-21, 2024

**HATCH lab Family Support & Connections – Lesa Coleman & Kat Ross**

Will have presentations in Meridian, 14 families are expecting to attend. About 20 families will get together to connect and benefit by meeting other families. The program in Meridian will include presentations such as musical therapy with Stephany Levels board certificate music therapist. Doctor Jessica Willian for the Technical Institute will present reading strategies for oral a sign language. The emphasis will be on Preschool- age children.

**Idaho Collaborative Assessment Project - Kristina Blaiser**

This week Paula collected data across the state to get the date download to Hitrack. Joe IT guy will do data mapping to help the children better.

BBT handout, (attached to the email) and a press release link, which has been shared nationally and will be also shared in the AAP conference.

<https://www.brightbytext.org/blog/13281/New-Texting-Program-Helps-Families-Navigate-a-Hearing-Loss-Diagnosis-in-Infants-and-Toddlers>

**Regional Audiology Update - Debbie Baerlocher & ACT Team**

There will be a new training session this summer for midwives and hospitals. We want to share more information to have the midwives more interested in getting the screening tests. We are trying to reach audiologists in Saint Luke and Magic Valley.

**Idaho Educational Services for the Deaf and Blind – Paula Mason**

Joe Wilbanks Dr, Bank mentioned there is a negative reaction trying to reach out to clinics, the goal is to try to find other venues to reach out and have an open communication.

Paula Mason, we are serving 28 families who are getting deaf mentor services. 3 families are in the referral process. We are in the process of training deaf mentors in Southeast and North Idaho. We need to build snapshot programs to help more families. We are building a website to train more mentors and snapshot providers. We have 7 snapshots of Spanish Speakers. We are working with the State Department of Education that any deaf child should have a communication plan and have effective access.

**Idaho DHW Health Education and Program Specialist – KD Carlson & Claudia Coatney**

No updates.

**Next Meeting: September 19th, 2024, via Webex**