

Early Language Working Group (ELWG)

Minutes

Tuesday, March 27, 2019

3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Via ZOOM

Early Language Working Group Members in Attendance: Carole Duran, Dale Matsumoto-Oi, Darci Singlehurst. **Facilitator:** Keiko Nitta

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
Welcome/ Introductions—	Group welcomed. Apologies sent by Po Kwan, Coleen, Jill, and Charlene.	
Minutes Review	Group reviewed February 2019 minutes.	If people have edits, please send to Keiko.
Legislative Updates	<p>So far all the bills are still moving forward. Most have been submitted by the Deaf and the Blind Task Force but there is one that came from the ELWG (regarding the Newborn Hearing Statute).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HB1009 Motion Picture Theater Accommodation; Closed Captioning requiring a movie theater to provide at least two showings per week per movie offered with open movie captioning. • HB 1017/SB 1243 Amends the Newborn Hearing Screening statute to mandate reporting of diagnostic audiologic evaluation results to improve hearing follow-up of infants and to update definitions and terminology. • HB 469 Requires health insurance policies and contracts to provide coverage for the cost of hearing aids for each hearing-impaired ear every thirty-six months in their base plans. <p>As part of the recommendation from ELWG, DOH submitted a request for another position in Early Intervention Section (EIS) to support children who are deaf, hard of hearing, and deaf-blind. EIS received and</p>	Not clear on status of the position within EIS. Newborn Hearing statute amendment is still moving forward.

	responded to questions regarding this position but not clear if it is in the administrative package.	
Implementation Updates	Resources for Families: Letter drafted by Keiko and edited by Nikki and Ed. Agreement that the letter had a nice feel to it and want to make sure it can be supported by the departments or whomever is going to be posting it. Question on how the letter would be disseminated and whether it should be reviewed by others first.	Keiko to send Nikki's edits to the team.
Assessments	Keiko will need to work with DOE to make sure that there is a cover memo from DOE and that it is something that can be supported.	Keiko to draft, group to review
Data	Keiko to check with Colin to see if there are any lessons learned from other states that we could use with our data system.	
Updates and Announcements		
Next meeting date:	Group meets on the last Tuesday of the month. April has 5 Tuesdays so the meeting will be on Tuesday, April 30. Location to be confirmed and will also be available via zoom.	