

Office of Public Health
Quarterly Report to the Developmental Disabilities Council
March 2015- June 2015

Agency Wide Activities:

- **Electronic Health Record Implementation**
 - The EHR has been implemented statewide in all OPH clinics, including CSHS subspecialty clinics and genetics clinics. The EHR incorporates clinical documentation, practice management, billing/revenue, certification for meeting meaningful use requirements, and full interoperability with the Louisiana Health Information Exchange (LaHIE). This project was completed under a collaboration with the Louisiana Health Care Quality Forum (LHCQF) and the Office of Public Health.

- **2015 Statewide Needs Assessment and Title V MCH Block Grant**
 - Bureau of Family Health and CSHS have completed the 2015 Needs Assessment and are in the final stages of completing the 2016 Block Grant.
 - A Stakeholder Meeting was held on April 2, 2015 to present the Title V MCH Needs Assessment and to determine the state's Top 10 Priority Needs for the MCH population, including CYSHCN. Phil Wilson and Patsy White participated.

Children's Special Health Services:

- **Family Resource Center at CHNOLA:**
 - The FRC continues to provide community based resource information to clients: March 2015-May 2015: 270 Total Client Encounters. The FRC Social Services Counselor, Claire Brown, and Parent Liaison, Thuy Nguyen, provided direct services in Botox, Spasticity, muscular dystrophy, and neuromuscular clinics. Youth liaison, Steven Nguyen, continues to provide community resource information to families in the inpatient rehab unit: FHF contact information, CSHS FRC brochure and information and CSHS statewide resource list.
 - The FRC hosted a LATAN program at CHNOLA; 38 attendees.
 - The FRC continues to maintain its Advisory Board which met April 21, 2015. *The Next* Advisory Board meeting is planned for October 6, 2015. Members of the Advisory Board are parents of CYSHCN and agency representatives.
 - FRC staff continue to participate on local and CHNOLA boards and committees: Thuy participates in the CHNOLA CARF Outcomes committee, providing family input. She is able to provide information to staff that will ultimately assist in getting resource information to families;

Steven is a member of the OCDD Core Advisory group that is making recommendations for changes to the Waiver. He regularly participates in conference calls and meetings in Baton Rouge; Steven's participation in *Partners in Policymaking* will end June 2015.

- The FRC has several events planned for CHNOLA staff:
 - Habilitation lunch conference: 504 Services for Children with Chronic Illnesses (anticipated date September or October)
 - Resource Fair for CHNOLA staff (June 24, 2015)
 - CE program for nurses and social workers—Youth Health Care Transition (August 5, 2015)
 - Broadcast 16th Annual Chronic Illness & Disability Conference from Baylor (October 1 & 2, 2015)
- **Transportation Assistance Program (TAP)**
 - CSHS provided transportation assistance to medical appointments for CYSHCN through FHF; February-May 2015, travel stipends were provided to 160 families in regions 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 totaling \$24,610.07.
- **Medical Home—Care Coordination and Transition**
 - The Statewide Care Coordinator Supervisor provided ongoing technical assistance for contracted academic practices that have implemented care coordination; she and the CYSHCN Director met with Louisiana Healthcare Connections to present CSHS care coordination model and discuss a potential pilot of care coordination in LHC clinics with a cost-benefit analysis for the MCO. This could lead to MCH reimbursement for care coordination.
 - Resident/Medical Student Education: The CSHS Statewide Care Coordinator assists Dr. Berry with the LSU-Tulane Pediatric Resident Development Rotation, which consists of training in medical home concepts, caring for CYSHCN, and supervising care coordinators in academic clinics. The goal is to produce physicians who are more sensitive and competent in caring for CYSHCN in the community.
 - Statewide Care Coordinator updated the 9 regional resource guides for 2015 (for pediatric practices) and posted updated Regional Resource Guides on the CSHS website. These are mailed to practices annually.
 - CE credentialing Update for HDC/CSHS Webinars and Lunch and Learns on Caring for CYSHCN in the Medical Home: Credentialing has been submitted for 2015 to South Central Accreditation Program (SCAP) for nurse CE for 4 Lunch and Learn topics and corresponding HDC webinars- (Care Coordination, Medical Home, Developmental Screening and Surveillance and Youth Health Transition). *Note the lunch and learn topics were credentialed for nursing and SW CE through LSU-SOM in

2014. This change will result in cost savings. Social worker CE credentialing has been changed to the Bureau of Behavioral Health.

- The CSHS Care Coordinator Supervisor and Social Work Consultant presented on Transition Resources for Youth with Sickle Cell Anemia in Louisiana at the May 29, 2015 LPCA Transition Conference
 - The CYSHCN Director, CSHS Care Coordinator and CSHS Epidemiologist presented a power point presentation and poster for LSU Dept. of Pediatrics Research Day on Care Coordination for CYSHCN: Implementation in 15 Academic Clinics on June 5, 2015.
- **Resource Information Workshops (RIWs)**
 - The CSHS team is currently planning a summer 2015 RIW to include the lunch and learn, “Youth Health Care Transition”. RIWs are for representatives of programs and agencies that serve CYSHCN, to learn about each other. Location to be determined.

Louisiana Birth Defects Monitoring Network (LBDMN): LBDMN is Louisiana’s active surveillance system for birth defects. It is funded by CDC and the Title V Block Grant. Data are used for birth defects prevention. Data can be used to determine causes of birth defects, and to determine if the prevalence is increased in a certain region, which may indicate an environmental hazard or other public health concern.

- **Louisiana Regional Profiles:** Surveillance is not considered complete until each birth cohort is 3 years old, since many birth defects are not diagnosed at birth. Data are complete for birth cohorts 2008-2011, and has been submitted to the National Birth Defects Prevention Network in May and to the Environmental Public Health Tracking for geo-mapping in June 2015. LBDMN hopes to produce the first regional profiles of birth defect prevalence rates later this year.
- The Data Collection Specialist position in Region 4/5 Southwest Louisiana is vacant as of April 21, 2015. We are advertising the position and hope to begin interviews in mid-June. The candidate needs to live in the Lake Charles-Lafayette region, be comfortable with data abstraction and entry, and have knowledge of medical terms.
- Julie Johnston, Program Manager, has been accepted into the 2015 Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities (LEND) program at LSU’s Human Development Center’s Interdisciplinary Training program. LEND is a graduate level program enabling trainees to become effective leaders in their own disciplines and competently apply knowledge and skills to support persons with developmental and other disabilities and their families.

Hearing, Speech and Vision:

- The LA Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (LA EHDI) program launched its new web-based information system on October 1, 2014. This will permit physicians and audiologists to access newborn hearing screening results online and to enter new hearing assessment and early intervention information while maintaining confidentiality and patient privacy laws. To date, 12 staff and 55 outside users have been trained via webinars in the new system, and approximately 35 outside users have accessed the system to enter new patient data.
- ***Hands & Voices*** a parent-driven, non-profit organization dedicated to supporting families with children who are deaf or hard of hearing (D/HH) without a bias around communication modes or methodology recently lent support to the passage of legislation aimed at improving educational outcomes for D/HH as well as Deaf/Blind children. The newly passed legislation, Senate Bill No. 58, provides directives to public schools and provides for implementation of the Deaf Child's Bill of Rights and includes deaf-blind children in the bill. Attached is a copy of the enrolled legislation.

Genetics:

- The program has applied for a CDC grant to add testing for Severe Combined Immunodeficiency (SCID) to the newborn screening panel. An estimated award date is September 1, 2015
- Childhood Lead and Healthy Homes: Due to testing in the WIC clinics, lead testing rates have increased by 7% from the previous year! The program is planning outreach activities with ESL communities to provide lead poisoning awareness and activities in parishes with lead rates <1% in order to eliminate lead poisoning in those jurisdictions. Lead poisoning causes learning disabilities and behavioral problems in young children.