**Considerations related to implementation Subcommittee Jan 23rd notes.**

***Attended:*** Amanda Mitchel, Debbie Smith, Mike Brummer, Vicki Campbell

***Absent:*** Amy Bunnel

***NDE/NCDHH TA***: Cody and Jessica

***Interpreter:*** Sharon

***Goals:***

* 1. Identification of children who are deaf/hard of hearing in Nebraska whether served on Individualized Education Plans (IEPs), 504s, or receiving no services
  2. Information dissemination and communication to stakeholders throughout the state including parents, professionals, early intervention programs, districts, and stakeholders
  3. Implementation plan for the language assessment program
  4. pertaining to the sustainability and maintenance of the language assessment program
  5. Determine costs of implementation

***Subcommittee Ideas:*** We know EHDI is a big part of identify then Schools and NDE would know how many students are being severed and how many children diagnosed aren’t being served. Once we get the information of how many kids are identified with a hearing loss, we then can compare it to NDE numbers of how many are being served to figure out if students are going without support. We would also like to see how many are being served in regions, so we make sure rural areas aren’t being forgotten. We need to figure out the best way to report the information and suggestions on how to encourage assessments and that process.

Deaf education is diverse, and family based, and family centered whatever that child can do because of the strength of the family won’t show the same thing. It won’t work for all educators and that’s some things to think about. The assessments will be provided in ASL, English, or English and ASL both depending on the child. It would be nice to see that data to see are they low in both, strong in one and what areas are the lacking. This would better show the areas that need to be assessed more and build better milestones to make sure these children are on track.

***Future Meetings:*** Will happen once a month with the exception of July as many are planning vacations, during this time they will email more frequently instead unless the group feels they need to meet. February and March meetings dates have been s

***Next Meeting:*** February 18th at 5:30-6:30PM will be the next meeting and then March 18th from 5:30-6:30PM.

***NDE/NCDHH TA info to gather:*** We need to gather how many students are being served currently in Nebraska from 0-5 years of age. We will have an email chain of information and NCDHH will gather it into one document to send out for the next meeting, so we don’t have to dig through emails.