



Advisory Council to the Division of Services of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Wednesday, January 20, 2021

Via zoom meeting 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm

Meeting Minutes

Advisory Council Members: Justin Howell, Kim Smith, Michelle Tanner, Stephen Ehrlich, Larry Lee, Katie Greene, Bradley Jones, Martin Price, Chip Royce, Cody Simonsen Arlene Gunderson (non voting)

Guests: Sarah Brenna, Michael Tyler, Maclain Drake, Amy Newlast, Shannon James, Joe Helfrich, Lise Love-Thompson

DSDHH Staff: Chelle Wyatt, Pamela Mower, Diego Acosta

Agenda Item	Discussion	Recommendations/Actions
Welcome and Introductions	<p>Meeting started at 5:05 PM</p> <p>Chair, Justin Howell welcomed all to the Advisory Council meeting.</p> <p>Approval of Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> November 18, 2020 meeting minutes. <p>The link to the recording of the meeting: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gBcTd1Bx6IE</p>	<p>Justin Howell called for a motion to approve the 11/18/2020 minutes. Kim motioned. Martin seconded the motion.</p> <p>Minutes approved unanimously.</p>
Subcommittee Updates	<p>Chair for Bylaws Committee is Martin Price Committees: Cody, Stephen and Larry</p> <p>Chair for Membership Committee is Kim Smith Committees: Charla</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Need your help to get info about what requirements there are for members to be considered along with the current application form. After I get this information then call a committee meeting. ❖ Sarah mentioned that we need to set up a time frame to get recommendations and get the revised bylaws so that we can finalize and continue recruiting members since we have a lot of vacancies coming up in June. 	<p>If you have recommendations for the Bylaws, please let them know.</p> <p>If one of you is interested, please join and contact Kim.</p> <p>Arlene and Sarah will provide resources and staff as support for the subcommittee.</p>
Legislative Session Overview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Sarah mentioned the legislative session started yesterday. It was actually supposed to be next week but due to the constitutional amendment that passed in November, it's now required for the legislative session to start the day after Martin Luther King holiday. ❖ There will be 45 days for this legislative sessions until March 5th. DWS have a budget meeting scheduled along with many subcommittee meetings while we look at variou bills. We will 	

	<p>present in one week or so regarding VR. DWS is not asking for big raises or money in budgets. The goal is for us to keep our budget and not lose any of the budget. There will not be a lot of budget requests from DWS due to COVID however, our staff will get a 3% raise.</p>	
<p>Strategic Planning Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Arlene showed various videos regarding DSDHH’s Mission, Vision, and 3-year Priorities. ❖ Mission - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JB0IPpfKNZ8 ❖ Vision - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xMnlbKYtxuM ❖ Priorities - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vq3KNsngPI4 ❖ Arlene explained how the DSDHH management team will monitor strategic planning priorities and meet every 3 months, 4 times a year starting next week to see how we are doing with our timeline for this. 	
<p>Review Advisory Council website</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ The updated Advisory Council website was shown - including current membership roster, zoom links for the meetings, agendas, meeting minutes. All of these will be uploaded there on a monthly basis. ❖ https://jobs.utah.gov/usor/dhh/about/advisory.html 	
<p>Other Business/Community Updates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ USDB: Michelle – 7% increase for teachers will be implemented. They're hoping other USDB state employees will be included in this increase. USDB will request some additional positions and request a van for their audiologist. They are also hoping to get a small bus which they are hoping will be passed quickly. Currently their campus is full so they are asking for additional money to be granted in order to buy land near JMS to hopefully build a high school. They've also asked for money for LSL students along with additional money to fix their pool since it's falling apart. ❖ Michelle gave an update about the Shakespeare lawsuit which was dropped. Now USDB is doing a partnership with NTID and 6 deaf institutes while working with Sunshine 2.0. The goal is to have Sunshine 2.0 fly here to judge their activities then Sunshine give a performance to the community. ❖ Maclain gave an update on his work with Megaplex theaters which are working to improve accommodations for deaf and hard of hearing. He asked for us to let him know of any issues so he can continue to advocate. ❖ Katie reported about a partnership between DSDHH, UPC and USDB in setting up our first virtual parents/teachers conference. The goal is to have parents, teachers, interpreters, etc. attend this conference. 	

	<p>❖ UAD: Kim – UAD is looking forward to a new partnership with DSDHH where DSDHH will provide resources in supporting UAD with legislative issues.</p>	
Adjournment	<p>Meeting ended at 6:10 PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Next Meeting Wednesday, February 17 2021 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm</p>	<p>Justin Howell called for a motion to adjourn. Michelle motioned. Stephen seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.</p>