



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

Wednesday, March 15, 2023

Via zoom meeting 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm

**Meeting Minutes**

**Advisory Council Members:** Martin Price, Joe Helfrich, Kim Lucas, Sharron James, Jim Berardino, Brad Jones, John Galli, Cody Simonsen

**DSDHH Staff:** Melanie Sperry, Sarah Brenna, Kelly Boehmer, Annette Stewart, Pamela Mower

**Guest:** Maclain Drake

Agenda Item	Discussion	Recommendations/Actions
<p>Welcome, Introductions and Approval of Minutes</p>	<p>Meeting started at 5:35 PM</p> <p>Excused: Katie Greene, Chip Royce, Larry Lee</p> <p>Chair, Martin Price welcomed all to the Advisory Council meeting.</p> <p>Approval of Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> January 18, 2023 meeting minutes.</li> </ul>	<p>Martin called for a motion to approve the 1/18/2023 minutes.</p> <p>Kim motioned. Jim seconded the motion.</p> <p><b>Minutes approved</b> unanimously.</p>
<p>Hard of Hearing Subcommittee Report</p>	<p>Will try to meet in the next few weeks.</p>	
<p>Deaf Subcommittee Report</p>	<p><b>Strengths</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Senior Citizens meet on Wednesdays</li> <li>● South – ice cream social</li> <li>● Deaf community still hang out</li> <li>● DeafBlind Conference had a great outcome</li> <li>● Oral DeafBlind Group has more success, better network</li> <li>● Utah Interpreting Program</li> </ul> <p><b>Weaknesses</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● South still struggle for the last 2 years</li> <li>● Lack of support for DSDHH</li> <li>● Before COVID pandemic, great interaction. During that time, zoom was difficult</li> <li>● Need more awareness of DeafBlind, not oral group (better interaction, options for communication, mediation awareness, etc)</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Where are the services – lack of awareness of services available</li> <li>● Using events for tracking purpose instead of services</li> <li>● Diego – services gone after he left South</li> </ul> <p><b>Opportunities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Job fair by IHC, only 2 people showed up <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Flyers need to be more clearer, not necessarily in janitorial positions</li> <li>○ Need to dispel the myths, change the perceptions between the top and the bottom</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Read about other deaf people and their successes</li> <li>● Responsibility to teach others, advocate</li> <li>● Use space in DWS buildings throughout Utah</li> <li>● DLC – disability law center – non profit organization, pro-bono</li> <li>● Is ADA threatening to businesses, etc?</li> <li>● Sanderson Center – what opportunities are available to DeafBlind, etc</li> <li>● Staff to visit DeafBlind homes due to cost of transportation, Use SSPs for DB to teach about PT</li> <li>● DSDHH to host events outside of Sanderson Center</li> <li>● DSDHH contact community public buildings, increase deaf visibility in their community buildings.</li> <li>● Wonderful opportunity for UAD, DeafBlind, HH community</li> <li>● DSDHH should promote/highlight organizations for kids to be part of.</li> <li>● DSDHH should ask for volunteers</li> </ul> <p><b>Threats</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Pandemic – huge separation between deaf</li> <li>● Marginalized groups, community</li> <li>● Jobs due to ADA violations, need education to empower deaf to work with employers</li> <li>● Distances</li> <li>● Not feeling inclusive</li> <li>● Staff doing things to look busy rather than getting into details to provide best possible services</li> <li>● DSDHH should encourage more questions from deaf community for services instead of events</li> <li>● Lack of statistics for reporting purposes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ # of hours provided for services</li> <li>○ # of jobs found</li> <li>○ # of cases worked on</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Long term planning nonexistent</li> </ul>	
Advisory Council Future Plans & Election	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● May 17th meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Both subcommittees will share their recommendations</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Nominations for new officers will be gathered for chair and vice chair</li> <li>● Last Advisory Council meeting will be in June <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The election will be held at this meeting</li> <li>○ Follow up reports</li> </ul> </li> <li>● No meeting in July</li> <li>● August meeting is the beginning of the new year for the Advisory council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ New Chair and Vice Chair should be elected and ready to start by this meeting</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
Updates for DSDHH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● If anyone is interested in either the Chair or Vice Chair positions or know others who would be, please let us know</li> <li>● Some members terms are up and we will need interested people to serve on the council</li> <li>● New paint, carpet and lights are going in at the center</li> <li>● The center is being made more low vision and DeafBlind friendly with the lights and paint after getting input from Ramona Rice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ John suggested braille on the door signs and a tactile map of the building for DeafBlind community members</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
Roundtable/Public Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Jim <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ SLC chapter of HLAA will be hosting an open house potluck on March 18 at Joe Helfrich's house.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Kim <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ UAD wants to express their deep gratitude for DSDHH for helping with the Mental Health Summit as it was a success.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Maclain <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Back to doing more shows for Deaf and Hard of Hearing and would like to do more at the Center using interpreters and technology geared toward Deaf and Hard of Hearing and helping spread awareness about this type of technology</li> <li>○ Has a partnership with Megaplex Theaters and providing access for Deaf and Hard of Hearing</li> <li>○ Martin challenged Maclain to have an event that includes Deaf, Hard of Hearing</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
Adjournment	<p>Meeting ended at 6:57 PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Next Meeting</b> Wednesday, May 17, 2023 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm</p>	<p>Martin called for a motion to adjourn.</p> <p>Cody motioned.</p> <p>Kim seconded the motion.</p> <p><b>Meeting adjourned.</b></p>