



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

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

Via zoom meeting 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm

Meeting Minutes

Advisory Council Members: Martin Price, Katie Greene, Cody Simonsen, Sharron James, John Galli, Larry Lee, Kim Lucas, Jim Berardino, Joe Helfrich

DSDHH Staff: Eric Roux, Melanie Sperry, Sue Ordonez, Kelly Boehmer, Pamela Mower

Visitors: Sarah Brenna, Carol Ruddell, Brad Godfrey, Justin Howell, Maclain Drake

Agenda Item	Discussion	Recommendations/Actions
Welcome and Introductions	<p>Meeting started at 5:01 PM</p> <p>Excused: Chip Royce, Bradley Jones</p> <p>Chair, Martin Price welcomed all to the Advisory Council meeting.</p> <p>Approval of Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> January 19, 2022 meeting minutes. <p>The link to the recording of the meeting: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SDOqQnDP7HI</p>	<p>Martin called for a motion to approve the 1/19/2022 minutes.</p> <p>Kim motioned. Larry seconded the motion.</p> <p>Minutes approved unanimously.</p>
DSDHH Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 6 classes/events in January ● 9 classes/events in February <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Virtual Fitness Series (February) was taught by David Hamilton, a former athletic director for California School for the Deaf and USA Deaf basketball team. ● First DSDHH Pickleball Tournament ● UIP opened it's St. George testing center ● Upcoming events at St. George center in March: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ CEO trip <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Pamela will introduce herself to St. George office ■ focus group with the community ○ sewing ○ spring vegetables ○ bowling/laser tag event ○ online signers chats ● Upcoming events at St. George center in April: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ sewing ○ egg painting open house ○ bowling/laser tag event 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ online signers chats ● Staff changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Openings in Salt Lake: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ CAS - Case manager/employment specialist ■ CAS - Communications Assessor ○ Openings in St. George: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ CAS - Case manager/employment specialist ○ New Hires: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Circle of Friends Lead - Kristi Mortensen -Sanderson Center ■ New Rehabilitation Technician/Events Specialist (CEO) - Amanda Brooks - St. George ■ New Assignment - CEO Activity Assistant - Deanne - St. George ● Additional DSDHH odds and ends <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ New promo video will soon be released to showcase the Division and to promote our recruitment efforts ○ CEO team is now moving ahead with an 18 month plan to update social media outreach and video production for an ongoing weekly new content model ○ Circle of Friends has been reactivated and is once again providing monthly activities for Deaf+ individuals. ○ Facilities upgrades continue to move forward with bids coming in for carpet, lighting, and new paint throughout the building. Accessible ramps, outdoor lighting, and additional improvements are also being prioritized by the facilities management division. ● Upcoming Events at North Center: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ March: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Gardening ■ Dog Training ■ Senior Citizen Field Trip ■ CODA Time (Aquarium) ■ ASL Social ■ Circle of Friends Paint Time ■ Pinner Series (Furniture Restoration) ■ First-time Home buyer ■ CorpsThat! - Car Camping ■ Youth Program: Mad Science ○ April: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Deaf Series - Ruthie Jordan (tentative) ■ Senior Citizens Field Trip ■ ASL Social ■ Pinner Series (Photography 101) ■ Annual Surprise Egg Hunt ■ TBA 	
Legislative Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Legislative Session just ended <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ nothing directly impacted USOR or DSDHH ○ budget is still intact with no cuts that affect the Center's operations. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Housing and homelessness have been 2 big efforts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Funding will be available through Housing and Community Development ■ \$55 million will go to low income housing/deeply affordable housing geared toward homeless population <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● part of this money will go toward case management services the homeless population ■ money was also given to the Office of Homeless Services which was created at DWS last year. ■ \$5 million going to local city governments with ongoing needs of homeless populations ■ \$1.25 million one time money provided to help with affordable housing ■ \$132,000 for staffing ■ loan repayment plan \$1 million for cities that have homeless resource centers ■ \$15 million for housing preservation fund that helps people pay their rent/mortgage ■ \$5 million for law enforcement first-time home buyers. ■ \$300,000 for Utah county housing for refugees ○ Money was appropriated for staff compensation increases for cost of living and targeted increases for specific positions that were identified as being very under market ● The governor has started doing staff meetings with ALL State employees. To discuss things that are happening. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There is now a live interpreter during the meetings. Julie Loder was the first one. Cody Simonsen did the next one. Thank you to both of you. ● John asked if there are classes for the homeless about budgeting or life skills to help them keep their homes. Sarah said there are some classes but more can always be done. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There are close connections with housing authorities and community action programs ○ There is a website for housing resources to send out to the community ● Kim wants to make sure that DSDHH has a good partnership with those agencies so they know to contact DSDHH right away if a Deaf/Hard of Hearing/DeafBlind consumer contacts them <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sarah will talk with the housing division to look at some better outreach opportunities 	
<p>DSAMH Survey and Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Carol Ruddell and Brad Godfrey showed a powerpoint <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Click here to see Powerpoint ● The survey is being reopened for the Deaf/Hard of Hearing/DeafBlind public individuals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Kim suggested maybe a brief video explaining what the survey is for to help get more public responses 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Carol explained that an ASL video has been created to be shared soon 	
Committee Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Martin had to leave early so there was no committee update at this meeting. Martin will send it out in an email. ● 6 people have volunteered to be on committees not including Martin and Katie who will also participate but not run the committees 	
Roundtable Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Katie: World Hearing Day - March 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Free hearing screenings for refugees ○ free swag bags were given out ○ Kelly Boehmer was present and provided some DSDHH items for the bags ● John: In Oregon there is a DeafBlind immersion workshop that 2 Utah interpreters will be attending at WOU (Western Oregon University). He will send information to Cody. John will also be getting 2 ½ months of training this summer on protactile techniques. ● Joe: When will the committee updates be discussed? Melanie clarified that Martin will send that email out. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Katie clarified that council members can sign up for subcommittees if they have not already ● Maclain: Synova advocates hearing health/loss. They are looking for feedback from the community about their company to make sure they are doing their best. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Megaplex is working on doing more screenings of open captioned movies ● Kim: UAD is holding a business meeting at DSDHH in April to select some delegates to go to Orlando, Florida for the NAD convention June 30 through July 4. They will make motions for the top 5 priorities to be addressed for the next 2 years. Please email Kim president@uad.org if you know of any issues that need to be addressed nationally. 	
Adjournment	<p>Meeting ended at 6:21 PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Next Meeting Wednesday, May 18, 2022 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm</p>	<p>Katie called for a motion to adjourn. Kim motioned. Cody seconded the motion.</p> <p>Meeting adjourned.</p>