



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

Wednesday, May 17, 2023

Via zoom meeting 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm

Meeting Minutes

Advisory Council Members: Joe Helfrich, Kim Lucas, Sharron James, Jim Berardino, Larry Lee, Katie Greene

DSDHH Staff: Melanie Sperry, Sarah Brenna, Annette Stewart

Guest: Maclain Drake

Agenda Item	Discussion	Recommendations/Actions
<p>Welcome, Introductions and Approval of Minutes</p>	<p>Meeting started at 5:15 PM</p> <p>Excused: Martin Price, John Galli, Brad Jones, Chip Royce</p> <p>Vice Chair, Joe Helfrich welcomed all to the Advisory Council meeting.</p> <p>Approval of Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> March 15, 2023 meeting minutes. 	<p>Joe called for a motion to approve the 3/15/2023 minutes.</p> <p>Kim motioned. Katie seconded the motion.</p> <p>Minutes approved unanimously.</p>
<p>Nominations for Chair and Vice Chair</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Jim Berardino nominated Joe Helfrich for Chair ● Kim Lucas proposed a motion to suspend the bylaws to suspend nominations until the next election. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jim Berardino seconded. ● Sarah Brenna proposed to amend the above motion to include the ability to nominate a person who did not attend the meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Kim approved. ● Kim nominated Brad Jones for Vice Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jim seconded. ● If Brad Jones cannot meet the obligation, memberships will be discussed as recruiting may need to be done. 	
<p>Advisory Council Elections June and Membership</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Elections will be in June <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There is no standard way for voting ○ If there is only one nomination for each position then the vote would be for just those nominations ○ Kim suggested proposal to have a blind vote can be made ○ It was decided that a vote will be made at the next meeting 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Terms are ending for some members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ People that are in their first term may stay for a second ○ No nomination is needed to stay for a second term ○ Members need to decide if they want to continue ○ Sharon has resigned from the Council. Thank you for your service Sharon! ● There is a form to fill out for people that may be interested in joining the Council ● An email will be sent out for positions that need to be filled and when they would start ● Members must be 18 years old or older. Currently there is no young adult representative in the bylaws but changes can be proposed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Executive Committee can look at the bylaws for possible changes to be recommended 	
Guest Speaker - Chris Wakeland	Services for DeafBlind individuals Click here to go to the PowerPoint	
DSDHH Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● At June's meeting Sarah will outline the priorities that were sent to her by Martin and Joe ● Annette had a PowerPoint about CAS but time ran out ● Employer relations expert, Leah Lobato, will be brought in to train our new employment specialist ● Working on scheduling a staff retreat for DSDHH staff to work on the strategic plan ● Goal is to have a report to share with everyone by fall 	
Roundtable/Public Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Maclain - Working on a big show at Fear Factory that will be accessible for Hard of Hearing, Deaf and DeafBlind <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A limited amount of tickets will be given to the Advisory Council to share with whom they think will enjoy the show and invite other members of the community ○ Go Kart business is looking to hire interpreters to do their videos 	
Adjournment	Meeting ended at 6:27 PM Next Meeting Wednesday, June 21 , 2023 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm	Joe called for a motion to adjourn. Kim motioned. Jim seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.