



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

Wednesday, May 18, 2022

Via zoom meeting 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm

Meeting Minutes

Advisory Council Members: Martin Price, Katie Greene, Sharron James, Jim Berardino, Joe Helfrich, Chip Royce, Brad Jones

DSDHH Staff: Melanie Sperry, Sue Ordonez, Kelly Boehmer, Courtni Hurd

Visitors: Sarah Brenna, Jim Macedone, Justin Howell

Agenda Item	Discussion	Recommendations/Actions
Welcome and Introductions	<p>Meeting started at 5:28 PM</p> <p>Excused: Kim Lucas, Cody Simonsen, John Galli, 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"> <input type="checkbox"/> March 16, 2022 meeting minutes. <p>The link to the recording of the meeting:</p>	<p>Martin called for a motion to approve the 3/16/2022 minutes.</p> <p>Chip motioned. Joe seconded the motion.</p> <p>Minutes approved unanimously.</p>
USOR Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● March and April had a lot of different events and classes at both centers. ● A lot of events are coming up in May at both centers. ● 30th Anniversary of UIP was on May 6th and 125 people attended. ● A Vaccine Clinic was held on May 4th and 65 people attended. ● VITA completed 91 tax returns this year. ● Staff changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Courtni Hurd is our new Case Manager/Employment Specialist ○ Communications Assessor position is still open in Taylorsville. ○ Case Manager position is still open in St. George. ○ Trenton Marsh submitted his resignation after 17 years with us. ● Employees will get a COLA increase this year. 	
Mental Health in the community	<p>Jim Macedone - Clinical Mental Health Counselor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● There is a lot of depression, anxiety and trauma right now in the Deaf community 	

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In person meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Zoom ● In-person ● Hybrid meeting (Zoom and in person) for people who are not able to make it. ● a poll will be sent out to the members 	
Election in June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Nominations are needed for the Chair and Vice Chair for the June election. ● An email has been sent out with the duties for each position 	
Roundtable Announcements	<p>Kelly - Hard of Hearing Program is expanding and making improvements/changes. Still recruiting for Hard of Hearing Assistants.</p> <p>Chip - Murray City is having plays in June, July and August with interpreters.</p> <p>Jim B. - Coffee Chats 10am to 11:30am on Fridays. If anyone is interested, contact Sue Ordonez. For Better Hearing and Speech Month, on May 24 at 6:30pm is a presentation on Self Advocacy by Chelle Wyatt. June 15, HLAA Chapter Meeting discussing Flying with Hearing Loss. July 9 is a potluck for the first time back together at Chelle Wyatt’s home.</p> <p>Katie - Summer Park Play Dates throughout the state at different locations in June, July and August.</p> <p>Joe - Agenda should include a section specifically for Hard of Hearing updates.</p> <p>UAD - UAD contracted to improve communication with the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community.</p> <p>USDB - Graduation on May 26th for 16 graduates</p>	
Adjournment	<p>Meeting ended at 6:40 PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Next Meeting Wednesday, June 15, 2022 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm</p>	<p>Martin called for a motion to adjourn. Brad motioned. Katie seconded the motion.</p> <p>Meeting adjourned.</p>