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

**Wednesday, May 19, 2021**

**Via zoom meeting 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Advisory Council Members:** Kim Lucas, Michelle Tanner, Stephen Ehrlich, Larry Lee, Bradley Jones, Martin Price, Amy Hardy, Katie Greene  
**Guests:** Sarah Brenna, Joe Helfrich, Jim Berardino, Turner Howell  
**DSDHH Staff:** Melanie Sperry, Annette Stewart, Sue Ordonez

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| **Welcome and Introductions** | Meeting started at 5:05 PM  
  Excused: Justin, Charla, Arlene and Cody  
  Absent: Chip  
  Intern Chair, Katie Greene welcomed all to the Advisory Council meeting.  
  Approval of Minutes  
  - April 21, 2021 meeting minutes.  
  The link to the recording of the meeting:  
  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=awwQwI8R86s | Katie Greene called for a motion to approve the 4/21/2021 minutes.  
  Michelle motioned.  
  Kim seconded the motion.  
  Minutes approved unanimously. |
| **Voting in new members**    | Katie called for a motion to approve John Galli to become a new council member. Kim clarified the need to start with a motion to nominate new council members. She then made the motion to accept John Galli. Martin seconded the motion.  
  Amy Hardy asked about the Council’s representation. As of August 1 (due to many terms expiring).  
  Martin stated 5 people will leave in July  
  - Justin Howell - Consumer/ service provider  
  - Charla Dolan - HLAA  
  - Stephen Ehrlich - DeafBlind  
  - Michelle Tanner - USDB  
  - Amy Hardy - CODA/Service provider  
  Sarah explained that the following individuals will be replaced with the following:  
  - Martin Price (deaf) who recently joined and will take over as USDB rep for Michelle Tanner.  
  - Kim Lucas continues as UAD rep/deaf | Kim motioned John Galli as a new member of the Advisory Council.  
  Martin seconded the motion.  
  All approved |

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● Katie Greene continues as a parent of deaf/hard of hearing child rep.
● Lawrence Lee continues as a hard of hearing rep.
● Bradley Jones continues as a VR counselor/community service provider/deaf.
● Bryan Leeper - community resource provider/deaf.
● Chip - CODA/community resource provider
● Cody - community service provider/interpreter
● Joe and Sharron - hard of hearing rep - approved by board but not DWS yet with new starting date.
● DeafBlind rep needed to replace Stephen
● HLAA rep needed to replace Charla

7/10 are deaf or hard of hearing members.

Starting in July we will have 12 members total - can go up to 15.
Melanie stated that Bryan Leeper has resigned.

There was a motion to reopen discussion of other DeafBlind representatives. After some discussion, the motion was withdrawn.

Stephen nominated Ramona Rice. No second.

Bylaws
Martin asked that his item be forwarded to a future item.

Bylaws
Martin will hold that until next month or two.

Other Business/Community Updates
Katie - two things with EHDI- Fostering families and the kickoff will be June 17. This will be announced on EHDI FB page with more details on this project. 2nd is CARE project which will focus on families with deaf/hoh and this will be August 5-6 (two days conference)

Michelle-asked for Katie to send her the fliers so she can share with parents from her schools. Graduation will be may 26th at 11 am. There will be 28 summer camps. Michelle also announced new staff at USDB. New director is Rachel Benedict and the new assistant director is Jon Hedgeson. (both are deaf)

Kim - UAD conference will be announced soon. No meetings during the month of July. Next board meeting in June in person. Their new website has been launched.

Adjournment
Meeting ended at 6:06 PM

Katie Greene called for a motion to adjourn. Kim motioned. Amy seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting
Wednesday, June 16, 2021
5:00 pm – 6:30 pm