



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

Wednesday, June 15, 2022 Via zoom meeting 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm

Meeting Minutes

Advisory Council Members: Martin Price, Kim Lucas, Sharron James, Jim Berardino, Joe Helfrich, Brad Jones, Larry Lee, Cody Simonsen

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

Visitors: Sarah Brenna, Justin Howell, Joene Nicolaisen, Barry Sanderson

Agenda Item	Discussion	Recommendations/Actions
Welcome and Introductions	Meeting started at 5:10 PM	Martin called for a motion to approve the 5/18/2022
	Excused: Katie Greene, John Galli, Chip Royce	minutes.
	Chair, Martin Price welcomed all to the Advisory Council meeting.	Sharron motioned. Cody seconded the motion.
	Approval of Minutes	
	☐ May 18, 2022 meeting minutes.	Minutes approved unanimously.
	The link to the recording of the meeting:	
	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N7kOt5G8rys	
Nominations for	Martin Price as Chair	Larry motioned
Chair and Vice	Trial and Grant	Brad seconded the motion.
Chair		Motion passed.
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	Joe Helfrich as Vice Chair	Jim motioned
		Sharron seconded the
		motion.
		Motion passed.
DSDHH Updates	Sarah	
	Eric Roux accepted another job and moved over to	
	IHC and has left. Sarah Brenna is spending more time	
	at DSDHH and will update about the recruitment	
	process for a new director at a later date. USOR, which DSDHH is a division of, is the subject of	
	an in depth budget review by the legislature this	
	year. The first meeting talked about what the	
	legislature is interested in studying such as	
	performance measures and documentation and will	
	be presented in the October meeting. Some visits by	
	the legislature will happen in some divisions, we are	

	not sure if they will visit DSDHH. It should not affect	
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	our funding.	
	Pamela	
	Volunteers are needed. BCI will be at the Center to	
	do background checks on June 22.	
	 Pickleball events on Fridays 6pm to 9pm in July and 	
	August.	
	 Volleyball tournament July 15 in partnership with 	
	Sari Williams, Geri Dew, Rosa Rathbun and Karen	
	Rama.	
	 Summer Camp for kids ages 6-13. Deaf, DeafBlind, 	
	Hard of Hearing and CODAs. July 19 - 22.	
	 Save the Date for Deaf Awareness Month for the 	
	DEAF Festival in September the week of the 23rd.	
	 A survey will be sent out to the community to get a 	
	feel for which month is best for the Annual Bazaar.	
	Melanie	
	 Will be advertising for 2 part time, evening/Saturday 	
	positions for the front desk to extend our business	
	hours. It will be Monday 8am to 5pm, Tuesday -	
	Friday 8am to 9pm and Saturday 8am to 4pm. This	
	will support the community needs.	
Hard of Hearing	Classes are still going forward however, Summer is slower as	
Program Updates	people are on vacation. Conversation Sign and	
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	Speechreading classes are the classes we have going right	
	now. More classes are in development for the fall.	
	We are focusing on more outreach such as health fairs in Court and Utaly to produce a light to the such as health fairs.	
	Southern Utah to get more clients.	
	Kelly and Sue have been doing presentations and trainings	
	for Alaska VR counselors.	
	A partnership has been developed with Alaska as they have	
	been really impressed with our Hard of Hearing program	
	here.	
	Still advertising for Hard of Hearing Assistant positions	
	covering Northern, Central and South Eastern Utah. Please	
	contact Sue or Kelly if you know of anyone who is interested.	
	Kelly Boehmer will be going to the National HLAA	
	Conference in Tampa, Florida.	
30th Anniversary	Barry Sanderson and Joene Nicholiasen	
Update	 On Saturday, August 27, a 30th Anniversary 	
	celebration will be hosted at the Sanderson Center	
	4pm to 8pm. Events, social hour, 1 hour program,	
	heavy horderves, lots of fun, tours of the Center.	
	 The plan is to involve the community around the 	
	Center. Meaning local grocery stores and businesses	
	that will donate and/or sponsor the food and any	
	other things they'd like to host. Possibly with booths	
	with job opportunities and swag to give away.	
	 The theme is Celebrating the Past, Present and the 	
	Future of the Deaf Community in Utah.	
	 We will show the community that the building is a 	
	friendly place where community members can come	
	inchary place where community members can come	

to get services, information and participate in community events. Please volunteer to help out and encourage your friends and neighbors to join us. Details will be forthcoming and VIP invitations will be sent out for the Advisory Council and other specific people in the community to attend and maybe say a few words. Recognition awards will be given, the Advisory Council may be consulted about some of them. Honor those past and present that are involved. Recognition for some companies, organizations, groups that will promote the future. Three generations of Sandersons will be volunteering to serve food at the event. Roundtable UAD -Will be going to NAD Conference on June 29 - July 4 **Announcements** NAD has 17 proposed priorities that have to be narrowed down to 5. The priorities are posted on the NAD website. If you have any feedback or recommendations, please contact president@uad.org. Delegates are Kim Lucas and Martin Price. Alternate is Ryan Layton (UAD Treasurer) There will not be a UAD Meeting for the month of July and will reconvene in August. HLAA -In the fall all meetings will be on the third Wednesday of the month at noon and will be online. July 9 - Saturday Summer Social email hearinglossutah@gmail.com to RSVP. sign up for potluck side dish and get the address by July 5 Aug 17 - "Mental Health and Hearing Loss" Kristel Scoresby, MSW and PhD candidate • Sept 21 - "Interacting with Police Officers" Jason Keller, Harrisville, Utah Police Department Oct 12 - "Accommodations on the Job" Kelly Boehmer, Hard of Hearing Program Supervisor Nov 16 - "Personal Assistive Devices" Chelle Wyatt of **Hearing Loss Live** Dec 3 - Holiday Social at the Sanderson Center USDB -There are a lot of job postings. Mostly in the Ogden area at KBS. teachers aide secretary job coach Cody -What is next for UIP as Trenton Marsh has resigned? Sarah mentioned that we will be posting that position soon. Cody is happy to help advertise that position.

	Adjournment	Meeting ended at 6:20 PM	Martin called for a motion to	
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		Next Meeting	Jim seconded the motion.	
		Wednesday, August 17, 2022		
		5:00 pm – 6:30 pm	Meeting adjourned.	