



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

Wednesday, August 18, 2021

Via zoom meeting 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm

Meeting Minutes

Advisory Council Members: Martin Price, Kim Lucas, Larry Lee, Bradley Jones, Chip Royce, Cody Simonsen, Jim Berardino, Joe Helfrich, Sharron James, John Galli

Guests: Sarah Brenna, Chelle Wyatt, Justin Howell

DSDHH Staff: Melanie Sperry, Annette Stewart, Sue Ordonez, Pamela Mower, Trenton Marsh, Eric Roux

Agenda Item	Discussion	Recommendations/Actions
Welcome and Introductions	<p>Meeting started at 5:03 PM</p> <p>Excused: Katie Greene</p> <p>Chair, Martin Price welcomed all to the Advisory Council meeting. He also introduced the council members.</p> <p>Approval of Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> June 16, 2021 meeting minutes. <p>The link to the recording of the meeting: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uvjat7R0A0k</p>	<p>Martin called for a motion to approve the 6/16/2021 minutes.</p> <p>Kim motioned.</p> <p>Cody seconded the motion.</p> <p>Minutes approved unanimously.</p>
USOR Director Announcements	Sarah explained what DSDHH is to the new members and where it sits in USOR which is under DWS.	
Council Orientation: Bylaws Review Voting Procedures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bylaws have been sent to each council member to be reviewed. ● Minutes will be sent out. If there are objections to the minutes, please send them to Melanie and a revised copy of the minutes will be sent out. If there are no further objections, then we will consider the minutes to be approved. We will not need to review them during the next meeting. ● Kim explained proposing a motion to discuss ideas or concerns to be voted on. 	
Review of Strategic Plan	<p>Presenter 1) Pamela Mower - CEO</p> <p>Goal 1 Improve outreach and Awareness</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CEO created multiple PSA (Public Service Announcements) videos along with educational videos and published them 	

making them accessible to all using captions, signing, transcripts (for DeafBlind), etc.

2. CAS Team has partnered with the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health (DSAMH) to create a position to address the lack of mental health and substance abuse services for people who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Bradly Godfrey is conducting a survey to gather information in order to see the gaps, holes, and needs.
3. UIP presented the State of the ART(Adaptability, Transformation and Resilience) at UTRID conference last weekend to touch on current issues concerning interpreting in Utah , and has offered workshops approx every 2 months

Presenter 2) Melanie Sperry - FMO

Goal 2 Build Youth Programs

1. Several staff (FMO, CEO and UIP) participate in DSDHH's CODA program (camp, zoom meetings, etc)
2. CEO succeeded In partnership with USDB and EHDI in hosting our first virtual parents/teachers conference.
3. CEO, in collaboration with the Hard of Hearing Program, worked to establish a "Raise Your Hands/Voices" forum for youth to gather together virtually on a monthly basis.

Presenter 3) Annette Stewart - CAS

Goal 3 Support Underserved Communities

1. CAS team, UAD, Senior Citizen representative, and an expert in senior case management are working with [Rosewood Assistive Living](#) to centralize a care facility that Deaf and Hard of Hearing people can live at. The hope is to reduce isolation. Two Deaf seniors are currently living there with several more interested.
2. Renewed partnership with DSBVI and USDB to increase outreach to underserved populations. DSBVI staff on location at DHH weekly. VR staff onsite at DSDHH weekly Talk about Chris. FMO met with several deafblind community members to discuss how to improve accessibility for deafblind in the building and surrounding areas.
3. CEO hosted one town hall to open a dialog with our DeafBlind and Low Vision community members on how to provide better services and access and is working with other partnerships to set up a DeafBlind Picnic in September.
4. UIP works with deaf individuals from other countries in developing communication skills and/or with translation needs. The CAS team has advocated for many individuals

	<p>for citizenship through partnering with Catholic Community Services.</p> <p>Presenter 4) Trenton Marsh - UIP</p> <p>Goal 4 Spark Innovation in Programs and Services</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. UIP has developed all new performance exams for both hearing and deaf interpreters, and developed an all new approach to knowledge exams for Deaf Interpreters. 2. UIP is now developing a new Detailed Results Report that will identify areas for improvement for testing candidates. 3. CEO and FMO - Studio room was created to support our growing needs of Public Service Announcement videos and other videos. 4. CEO hosted our first virtual Parents/Teachers conference and will do this on an annual basis. 5. CEO added Technology spotlights in the newsletters so community members can stay updated on current technology that will help with access, etc. Hoping to do these in asl also. 6. CAS- Has modified and developed an effective communication assessment tool (based on the Alabama Mental Health assessment model) and is close to recruiting for the position. This will allow DSDHH to provide new services for the community and allow us to assist individuals from more diverse backgrounds <p>Goal 5 Elevate the Community Competencies</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. UIP provides one on one mentoring services and professional development workshops for working interpreters. UIP is also working to partner with UAD to provide awareness about consumer rights related to interpreting services. 2. CEO provides more classes using various platforms (virtual/in person)Google meet, Zoom, in person at both centers- to meet the needs of community members. (examples: Shifting Perspectives (DHH Panel moderated by Sharon (from Alaska) collaboration between MB and Diego. Deaf Studies Talks (led by Diego) Raise your Hands and Voices (virtual platform for DHH youth) CEO and HH program. 3. CEO working on getting DeafBlind presenters along with underserved community members to be presenters for workshops/classes such as ProTactile and current technology for other DeafBlind. 	
<p>Discussion on Council Orientation</p>	<p>Martin decided to move this discussion to next month's meeting.</p>	

<p>Roundtable Announcements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Kim - UAD has been gathering a lot of information from the Deaf Community through 5 Town Halls. There will be some recommendations made after the 6th and final Town Hall, which will be virtual, on the 28th at 7pm. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The UAD Conference is coming up in October with a special guest speaker at DSDHH. ○ UAD has been discussing concerns with DWS administration about DSDHH. ● John asked if questions could be posted before the next meeting so they can be presented to the DeafBlind community beforehand. 	
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>Meeting ended at 6:31 PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Next Meeting Wednesday, September 15, 2021 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm</p>	<p>Martin called for a motion to adjourn. Kim motioned. Cody seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.</p>