

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

October 21, 2020

Meeting via Zoom

ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Justin Howell
Amy Hardy

Charla Dolan

Kim Smith

Michelle Tanner

Liaisons: Arlene Gunderson, Melanie Sperry, Chelle Wyatt, Sarah Brenna

Excused: Stephen Ehrlich, Katie Greene

Staff: Sue Ordonez, Hollie Enniss-Poe, Annette Stewart

Visitors: Curt Radford, Cody Simsenson, Bryan Leeper, Martin Price, Amy Newlast, Larry Lee, Sara Doutre

Meeting started at 5:05 PM

Welcome

Justin Howell

Justin Howell welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Approval of Minutes for September 16, 2020

Justin Howell

Stephen Ehrlich has some revisions that need to be amended to the September minutes but Stephen was not able to attend this meeting so it was proposed to postpone the minutes and add Stephen's revision to the minutes then share with all. Kim Smith motioned for the September minutes to be moved to next month. Charla seconded the motion. All council unanimously approved the postponement of minutes to next month.

Kim Smith motioned for the nominations and voting part to be moved to the closed session after the public meeting. Michelle Tanner seconded the motion. All approved.

Strategic Planning

Shane Feldman & Charity Warigon

Shane talked about the mission, vision and values and got input from staff on this. He now want to get feedback from advisory council about this. The next step is for Shane to give a report to Arlene on all of the focus groups. There were seven groups of various people such as deafblind, parent of deaf/hard of hearing/deafblind, youth, interpreters, hard of hearing and deaf. We found a few common themes from the focus groups – our community really values DSDHH and its services. A few other themes are not enough outreach, sharing information with community about our services; underserved people are not getting sufficient access/services, develop more partnerships, and get youth involved. We are now working on SMART (specific, measureable, achievable, relevant,

and time bound) for the goals we have set. We are now working on strategic plan goals, prioritize, plan and implement actions for the next three years.

Michelle Tanner – she noticed there was no representative from the Deaf school for one of the focus groups and why. Shane explained that our focus groups are made of individuals with various backgrounds. For example, we focused on people of gender equality, age equality, race, ethnicity, levels of deafness, can sign ASL or do not sign and people from North and South. Michelle asked for the deaf school to be included in the future.

Amy asked what the ultimate intent was for this strategic planning. Shane explained that the goal is to prioritize services, identify areas of need to focus on and have a clearer direction for the future.

Arlene pointed out that we need to remember that we have a seven thousand square feet building, we need to maximize that space and utilize our space more effectively. We also need to fill in the gaps in community wherever we see it by establishing new services or programs.

Update from USOR Director

Sarah Brenna

Sarah does not have a lot of updates and wanted to move forward with the closed meeting.

DSDHH Director Report

Arlene Gunderson

It will be the last Advisory Council meeting in November for this year. We will have our managers give reports there.

We will host a virtual town hall on Nov 9th at 5:30 pm so we can have a dialogue with the community. We will talk about our services and programs for the community and get feedback.

We will start working on a project with UAD in November for the legislation session.

Adjourn at 5:50 PM

Michelle motioned for the meeting to be adjourned. Kim seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be on November 18, 2020 from 5:00 to 6:30 pm via zoom.

Minutes submitted by Melanie Sperry.