



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

Wednesday, November 17, 2021

Via zoom meeting 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm

Meeting Minutes

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

DSDHH Staff: Eric Roux, Melanie Sperry, Sue Ordonez, Kelly Boehmer

Visitors: Sarah Brenna, Tiffany Harding

Agenda Item	Discussion	Recommendations/Actions
Welcome and Introductions	<p>Meeting started at 5:07 PM</p> <p>Excused: Katie Greene, Jim Berardino, Joe Helfrich, Kim Lucas, Chip Royce</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"/> September 15, 2021 meeting minutes. <input type="checkbox"/> October 20, 2021 meeting minutes. 	<p>Martin called for a motion to approve the 9/15/2021 and 10/20/2021 minutes.</p> <p>Cody motioned. Kim seconded the motion.</p> <p>Minutes approved unanimously.</p>
DSDHH Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● USOR had it's 100 year celebration. ● COVID and flu shot clinic - over 50 people got shots. ● Harvest Family Festival was held and we had over 200 attendees. ● Mitch Moyers did an educational class for the FBI on working with the Deaf population. ● In November- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Motorsports repair class ○ HEAT assistance program ○ Senior's group outing to the Dicken's Festival ○ Youth ice skating event at the Olympic Oval ○ Thanksgiving Day gathering - expecting around 50 people ● In December- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Holiday event for families on Dec 17th ● Staff changes - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Kelly Boehmer is our new Hard of Hearing Supervisor ○ Finalizing the hiring of a UIP certification technician ○ will be posting for an employment specialist/case manager 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ recently posted for a communications assessor position ○ St. George is looking for a receptionist for the front office. ● In October, we were able to complete performance reviews for all staff. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ new reviews were created going forward into the coming year. ○ including training and expectations around customer service and professionalism. ○ working with the communications department to redesign the way we communicate over the web and through social media which will require new technology and training. ○ working with vendors to develop fully accessible training for the staff. ○ Working with Ramona Rice and Adam Shewell - implementing and planning to implement different things to make the Center more accessible for DeafBlind/low vision community members. 	
<p>Kelly Boehmer and HOH Overview</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● started looking at the Hard of Hearing program, the training and reviewing different things ● The assistants in the technology/demo room are going through all of the technology and have found that some of it is obsolete so will be getting rid of those ● more Hard of Hearing assistants need to be hired. ● Sarah mentioned the Hard of Hearing program will be working closer with USBVI and the seniors. 	
<p>Discussion of Future Guest Schedule</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ideas are needed for future agendas to give us time to find individuals who can present ● what issues are interesting ● an attorney will be coming to train everyone about complying with open and public meetings. This training will be done every year. ● Katie suggested discussing some resources that are available with mental health, first aid and CPR. Sarah mentioned that there is a needs assessment going on for that and suggested having the project director present to the council. ● Chip suggested some research and data presentation describing deaf, hard of hearing, deaf-blind issues and how that can guide our implementation and tactics of implementing the strategic plan. ● Katie also suggested law enforcement training for interactions with the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community. John mentioned that Segó Lily has been working with some police departments. Katie brought up creating a protocol to share with those agencies. ● Martin mentioned Deaf and Hard of Hearing care givers. This could be a job opportunity for some. Bringing in someone to talk about this could be beneficial. 	

<p>Roundtable Announcements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Eric- suggested sending a survey to council members to see which committees they would be willing to serve on and commit to doing the work. ● Chip- his cousin is a retired pediatrician on a medical board that is discussing a cochlear implant mandate for children right at birth. Chip will maybe get with Kelly about gathering information and providing resources to this panel. ● Kim- UAD Conference at the end of October was successful with about 100 people in attendance. There were 7 presenters in total. There were workshops. An election was held. Kim was reelected president of UAD for another 2 years. There is a new board except for Kim, Martin Price and Ashli Marie Grant who are still on the board. There are still 2 board positions that need to be filled. The board will have a retreat the first weekend in December. ● Sarah reminded the council that there will be no meeting in December. The legislative session will get started right away after the first of the year so she asked for anything that she needs to be aware of. Any issues or concerns. ● Martin- USDB in partnership with DSDHH hosted a Halloween celebration and had over 200 people in attendance. December will be a busy month. The boys and girls basketball teams will be traveling to Colorado and then to Alabama for tournaments. ● John- USBVI is looking to hire more SSP workers that would be like a DeafBlind specialists. 	
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>Meeting ended at 6:06 PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Next Meeting Wednesday, January 19, 2022 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm</p>	<p>Martin called for a motion to adjourn. Kim motioned. Chip seconded the motion.</p> <p>Meeting adjourned.</p>