



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

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

Via zoom meeting 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm

Meeting Minutes

Advisory Council Members: Justin Howell, Amy Hardy, Kim Smith, Michelle Tanner, Charla Dolan, Bryan Leeper, Stephen Ehrlich, Larry Lee, Katie Greene, Bradley Jones, Martin Price, Arlene Gunderson (non voting)

Guests: Sarah Brenna

DSDHH Staff: Melanie Sperry, Annette Stewart, Chelle Wyatt, Sue Ordonez, Adam Shewell, Trenton Marsh, Pamela Mower, Mitch Moyers, Diego Acosta, Jessica Callahan

Agenda Item	Discussion	Recommendations/Actions
Welcome and Introductions	<p>Meeting started at 5:05 PM</p> <p>Chair, Justin Howell welcomed all to the Advisory Council meeting.</p> <p>Approval of Minutes</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. September 16, 2020 meeting minutes. 2. October 21, 2020 meeting minutes. <p>The link to the recording of the meeting: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kZsv6JVUoDI</p>	<p>Justin Howell called for a motion to approve the 9/16/2020 minutes. Kim motioned. Michelle seconded the motion.</p> <p>1- Minutes approved unanimously.</p> <p>Justin called for a motion to approve the 10/16/2020 minutes. Stephen motioned. Kim seconded the motion.</p> <p>2- Minutes approved unanimously.</p>
Voting	<p>There were technical issues about the way we voted on two new individuals. We need to follow the correct procedures for voting for the new members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chip Royce ● Cody Simonsen 	<p>7 voted Aye, 0 opposed for Chip 7 voted Aye, 2 opposed for Cody Both passed Will send the letters to the DWS director to have these approved.</p>
DSDHH Strategic Planning	<p>Sarah Brenna suggested the executive committee should be more involved with agenda planning. This will help the AC meeting more efficiently and ensure that the meeting will be done on time.</p> <p>Sarah recognized the hard work done by the AC in DSDHH’s old mission and vision along with priorities. The last strategic planning was in 2014-2015. She was only able to find one page with basic information from this. Due to this, she felt this was a good time to do new strategic planning with Arlene leading.</p>	

	<p>Sarah told the AC that we needed input from them on the new strategic planning goals a We had consultants working with us for the last few months and realized that COVID affected our process of including the AC since we didn't meet in person, etc. The new strategic plans are for the next 3 years and input will be needed during that time. Sarah committed to keeping the AC posted on how we are doing with the goals so we can be held accountable along with measurements for success.</p> <p>Amy Hardy asked whether individuals representing parents of Deaf children who choose not to teach them ASL were represented during the planning process. Arlene responded that the consultants hosted various focus groups, with neutral moderators, to obtain input from various communities regarding the mission, vision, and goals. Arlene also stated we can gather more input as needed during this process.</p> <p>Sarah mentioned that if we don't have enough feedback we will reach out to the community - especially parents with children who are deaf, hard of hearing or deafblind related to communication modes so they get our services.</p> <p>Now the managers will go through the PPT presentation sharing the old/new mission, etc.</p> <p>Here is the link for the PowerPoint presentation for this. Bryan Leeper pointed out that the last goal is a bit vague. Arlene agreed and the team will work on clarifying this more.</p>	
Subcommittees	<p>Chair for Bylaws Committee is Martin Price The purpose is to go through the Bylaws, ensure this follows the state regulations, and recommend ways to clarify.</p> <p>Chair for Membership Committee is Kim Smith The purpose is to help streamline our application process so that we can tell the community who we need to join the council and do better recruiting of individuals. That way we can vote quicker and efficiently.</p>	<p>Please reach out to the chairs to join either committee.</p> <p>In January, if there are no volunteers then you will be assigned to one of the committees.</p>
Other Business/ Community Updates	<p>USDB: Michelle – Staff is currently all full and children are attending school in person. Once in a while, students will do virtual learning if there's any reasons for guaranteeing a classroom. After school activities are put on hold due to the governor's order.</p> <p>UAD: Kim – UAD is very quiet. Last meeting was in November. Will have a few committee meetings to prepare for 2021 including seeing what legislators plan to work on. Also doing a member drive until Dec. 31st- if you join and bring a friend, that friend gets in free. Meaning you and your friend will only pay \$5 to become members. Currently have 148 members. There's no meeting for December. Legal Affairs committee is looking into plans by legislators and working with other organizations such as DSDHH, Utah RID, Segó Lily, etc.</p> <p>HAAA: Charla - Our committee met today and will meet again next year.</p>	

	Stephen E asked about potential Deaf/Blind members for AC.	Arlene will be meeting with various DeafBlind individuals to see how we can serve them better along with recruiting.
Adjournment	Meeting ended at 6:25 PM Next Meeting Wednesday, January 20. 2021 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm	Justin Howell called for a motion to adjourn. Amy motioned. Stephen seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.