

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

February 21, 2018

Meeting location:
Classroom B & C

Robert G. Sanderson Community Center of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
5709 South 1500 West / Taylorsville, Utah

Stephen Ehrlich	Kelly Boehmer	Sara Doutre	Michael Tyler
Chelle Wyatt	Sarah Brenna	Pamela Mower	Charla Dolan
Justin Howell	Amy Hardy	Trenton Marsh	Chelle Wyatt
Jennifer Storrer	Clay Anderson	Amy Eberly	Stephen Persinger

Excused: Curt Radford, Annette Stewart, Michelle Tanner, Julie McCleave, Jenefer Reudter

Guest: Adam Janisieski

Welcome

Justin Howell

Justin Howell welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Approval of Minutes for November 15/2017

Justin Howell

The Council has received the minutes via email and has had the opportunity to review the minutes.

Stephen Ehrlich motioned for the Council to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2017 Advisory Council Meeting. Chelle Wyatt seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved the minutes.

Assistant Director updates

Annette Stewart

Annette was excused due to illness. Pamela Mower reported on her behalf. Pamela announced that the new Assistant Director has been chosen, Dan Mathis, he will start his position on March 5, 2018.

Pamela updated that St. George is currently doing interviews for their executive secretary position.

She stated that VITA tax program is underway on Friday mornings, started February 9, 2018 and will go through April 13, 2018. Friday afternoons they are offering appointments for hearing individuals.

Program Report

Annette Stewart

Pamela reported on Annette's behalf.

Pamela reported the upcoming community events; the Senior Citizens recently attend the Living Planet Aquarium. Ben Jarashow talk is coming up, Dessert night is tonight, the Hunter Safety classes had 7 people certify. St. George offered a bowling night, hearing for the Holidays and ASL classes are in session.

Coming soon here at the Sanderson Center will be the Annual Egg Hunt on March 24, 2018.

Chelle updated on the Hard of Hearing program. She stated that there are three classes in session, two CASE (Conceptually Accurate Signed English) and one Speechreading. Two classes are scheduled, Living With Hearing Loss in Brigham City, and Hearing Aids 101 in Vernal, these will be taught by our rural Hard of Hearing Assistants.

Chelle stated that the Assistive Technology Demonstration Room has been reorganized. She said that the Hospital Kits are being updated as well.

Chelle announced an event sponsored by Loop, HLAA and DSDHH to be held on May 19, 2018. The theme is "Bring Music Back Into Your Life". Providing opportunity to demonstrate the Loops we have throughout the building, and making music accessible. She said that she is working to get a DJ workshop for ages 14-24, planning for late April or early May, it would utilize a vibrating platform to teach deaf and hard of hearing how to feel the music.

Protactile Workshop Plans

Stephen Ehrlich

Stephen updated that the workshop plans have had to be put on hold due to funding approval; the goal is have in October-November once all the logistics are worked out.

Community Updates

All

Charla updated on behalf of HLAA, she stated that this past Saturday they attended a movie at Regal Cinema in Taylorsville. It was offered in open caption and used caption glasses if they wanted, 15 members attended the movie. She announced that the next meeting will be the 3rd Saturday of next month at DSDHH and the discussion will be about technology.

Pamela updated on behalf of UAD, reminder to all that the "Heidi and Hedy" movie at DSDHH is this Saturday. She continued that UAD is collaborating with HLAA for the Hale Theater Centre play of "Music Man" in April and advertising will be starting soon. Pamela stated that there is an upcoming convention for the American Society of Deaf Children in June, UAD will be providing volunteers and other resources for them. UAD will be having a yard sale in April and would appreciate any donated items from council members.

Pamela also shared that UAD is watching a few bills in the legislative session. One that has passed that UAD supported was SJR001, it is recognition of teachers who teach Deaf children ASL that they be recognized in the Deaf community and ASL is the formal

language and culture. Another bill, HB115 is the bad victim law, UAD opposes it as they have concern it will weaken the stance for people with disabilities to get accommodations they need if they aren't able to ask for improvement of services in fear of being sued. There have been unscrupulous individuals that have sued business over and over again, which is the reason for the bill and the intent is to protect the business. She said the UAD is also following HR620 and HR1493, federal level laws, and there is a lot of concern about these bills, she asked that you contact UAD for additional information.

Pamela introduced Adam Janisieski, who may sometimes attend these meetings as a proxy for Pamela.

Other Business

All

Justin stated that he was looking into the open meetings law and was on the DSDHH website and discovered that some information is old and inaccurate. Pamela said it would be Ron to work on updating the website. Sarah Brenna interjected about the open public meetings act and how we need to be handling those, the in house attorney is reviewing what is required and they will get clarification. She then stated that in regards to the website now is a good time to look at content and what needs to be updated; Ron and staff are currently doing so. Pamela suggested providing summaries in ASL so that the Deaf community has access through either written English or an ASL video, Sarah agreed.

Adjourn

Amy Hardy motioned for the meeting to adjourn. Michael Tyler seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting will be March 21, 2018 from 5:00 to 6:30 pm at the Sanderson Community Center.

Minutes submitted by Edie McCormick.