

# West Virginia Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Minutes  
November 21, 2014

DRS, 107 Cambridge Place  
Bridgeport, WV

Commission Members Present:	Commission Members Absent:	Commission Staff Present:	Visitors:	Interpreters:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Paul See</li><li>• John Burdette</li><li>• Angela Wilson</li><li>• Christina Mullins</li><li>• Rachel Gill</li><li>• Pam Roush</li><li>• Ruth Ann King (proxy for A. Carey)</li><li>•</li><li>•</li><li>•</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Marty Blakely</li><li>• Tammy Phillips</li><li>• Karen McNealy</li><li>• Nancy Sullivan</li><li>• Claudia Mals</li><li>•</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Kari Preslar</li><li>•</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ruby Losh</li><li>• Roy Forman</li><li>• Donna Williams</li><li>• Gina Desmond</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Josh Reaser</li><li>• Stephenie Woodall</li></ul>

## I. Call to Order

Paul See called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

## II. Reading of Mission Statement and Introductions

Pam Roush read the Mission Statement.

## III. Public Comments

Ruby Losh shared information about a new test that Pierpont Community & Technical College will be using to screen ASL students before they graduate. It will be used specifically for those planning on being educational interpreters however anyone will be able to take the test. Testing will begin in May 2015.

## IV. Minutes

The minutes from the August 22, 2014 meeting were reviewed. Minutes were approved.

## V. Staff Report

Kari Preslar shared highlights from the written staff report.

## VI. WV Advocates presentation

Gina Desmond shared information about the mission and goals of WV Advocates. She said that WVA would like to set up collaboration with the Commission. John Burdette made a motion that the Commission collaborate with WV Advocates. Christina Mullins seconded. Motion approved. Specifics of the collaboration will happen once the Executive Director is hired.

## **VII. Board Member Reports**

- Rachel Gill shared an update on DRS. They are still working on hiring Rehabilitation counselors for the Deaf. They are four in place currently. Huntington and Martinsburg still have vacant positions.
- John Burdette shared about the September 9 Emergency Preparedness meeting he attended. The next meeting is scheduled for January 11 in Cross Lanes. John will attend and the new Executive Director will be invited to go with him.
- Christina Mullins said that funds are still available for hearing aids for children under 18.

## **VIII. Nominating Committee**

Apparently Jeff Courtney has moved out of state making him not available to serve on the board. Paul See will contact him to confirm.

## **IX. Executive Director Hiring Committee**

A candidate has been chosen. The State OHRM will contact and confirm with the candidate.

## **X. Future Meeting dates**

February 20, 2015: Flatwoods

May 15, 2015: Parkersburg

August 6-8, 2015: Snowshoe Resort during WVAD conference

## **XI. Adjournment**

Christina Mullins made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Rachel Gill seconded. Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.