

West Virginia Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Minutes
August 3, 2017

The Resort at Glade Springs
255 Resort Drive, Daniels, West Virginia

Commission Members Present:	Commission Members Absent:	Commission Staff Present:	Visitors:	Interpreters:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Burdette • Rachel Gill • Tammy Phillips • Roy Forman • Pam Roush • Susan White • Gwen Bryant • Angela Wilson • Annette Carey • Gloria Hollen • Rae Bates <i>(proxy for N. Sullivan)</i> • Mekell Golden <i>(proxy for C. Mullins)</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karen McNealy • David Blaine • Martin Keller • Paul See 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earnest Covington • Sarah Lowther 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paula Forman • Earl Hollen • April Hottle • Erin Fulton • Holly Lambert • Donna Williams • Dallas Pack • Terri Pack • Mary Ann Jividen • Tom Jividen • Jason Kapcala • Kelly Bernard 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stephenie Woodall

I. Call to Order

John Burdette called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

II. Reading of Mission Statement and Introductions

- Gloria Hollen read the Mission Statement.

III. Public Comments

- Donna Williams
 - She is the point of contact for LEAD-K, and she will be working to introduce the bill again next year.
 - She wanted to clarify on a situation with a local news station. There was a miscommunication, so the message of LEAD-K was not conveyed. Any further questions can be brought to her for answers.
- Dallas Pack
 - He has noticed issues with interpreters. There is a shortage of interpreters in the area and a lack of quality services that are provided.
- Holly Lambert
 - She asked for more information regarding the proclamation that was signed by the Mayor of Huntington.

IV. Minutes

The minutes from the May 19, 2017 meeting were reviewed. Gloria Hollen made the motion to approve the minutes. Angela Wilson seconded. Minutes were approved.

V. Staff Report

Earnest Covington shared information from the written staff report.

- Highlights included:
 - a. On June 30, 2017, five board terms expired. Terms expired for Paul See, John Burdette, Gloria Hollen, Roy Forman, and David Blaine. All five members have returned the required Board Assurances form to apply for a consecutive term.
 - b. Earnest presented the “Pros and Cons for a WVRID Chapter” workshop at the ASL Family and Interpreter Retreat on June 17, 2017 in Fairmont. There were eight interpreters in attendance.
 - c. After posting a video about D/HH Visor Cards, requests for over 300 cards were received in the span of two days. To keep up with the requests, 1,000 Visor Cards were ordered. So far, 644 cards have been distributed to people and organizations.
 - d. A meeting was held with Fahlgren Mortine, the state contracted marketing and communication company. The meeting was held to discuss making a demonstration video for the uses of the D/HH Visor Card. Work on the video project should be able to start soon, and will be complete by the end of the year.
 - e. In June, Regina Mayolo from WV Assistive Technology System submitted a grant proposal to the Mid-Atlantic ADA Center to request funding to print 3,000 more Visor Cards for distribution.
 - f. In July, Earnest and Sarah interviewed one applicant for the vacant Interpreter Coordinator position. Unfortunately, the applicant was not the best fit for WVCDHH. The application will be kept on file for possible future use. The vacant position will continue to be posted publicly until it is filled.
 - g. WVCDHH has continued to work with Regal Cinemas in Nitro, WV to offer open captioned movies to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community. Five movies were shown throughout the months of June and July. Our highest number in attendance was for the movie “Wonder Woman.” There were forty-five people in attendance.
 - h. WVCDHH will host “Deaf WestiVal” at the State Fair of West Virginia on August 18, 2017
 - i. WVCDHH has encouraged interpreters to create a state affiliate chapter of Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (RID). A meeting has been scheduled for September 30, 2017 for interested interpreters to discuss the creation of the affiliate chapter.
 - j. On the WVCDHH Facebook page, we have gained 51 likes since May 20, 2017 for a total of 774. We have had fourteen posts gain over 1,000 “reaches.” Our highest was 4,880 people reached from a single post.

VI. Committee/Task Force Reports

1. Executive Committee: No report.
2. Interpreter Task Force: No report.
3. Nominating Committee:
 - Prior to the meeting, the Nominating Committee discussed the reappointment of members with expired terms. The applications for the vacant D/HH position were also reviewed.
 - All members with expired terms were recommended for reappointment. A candidate for the vacant position was also chosen.

- Annette Carey made the motion to approve the reappointments pending endorsements from WVAD. Tammy Phillips seconded. The motion was approved.
- Gloria Hollen made the motion to approve the nomination of the D/HH candidate. Annette Carey seconded. The motion was approved.
- A notification letter will be sent to the D/HH candidate, along with the Board Assurances form. The nomination, along with reappointment recommendations, will be sent to the Governor for approval.

VII. Board Member Reports

- Gloria Hollen
 - As of June 1, 2017, Eastern Panhandle Deaf Alliances has been established. A group in the Martinsburg area have been working to set up this non-profit organization.
 - The organization will serve Deaf, Hard of Hearing, Deaf-Blind, and Late-Deafened residents in the Eastern eight counties in West Virginia.
- Annette Carey
 - Wendy Garrison will start as Annette's replacement on August 7, 2017.
 - Policy 2419 has been updated. It has been amended to include that all Deaf/Hard of Hearing children must have a comprehensive language assessment as part of the Individualized Education Program (IEP). If the child is not on the level of his or her age group, goals must be included in the IEP to improve language. If no improvements are made, the IEP must be reviewed and altered.
 - Functional Listening Evaluations have also been added to Policy 2419. Comprehension levels must be determined in individuals/children who rely on residual hearing.
 - Four times per year, the EIPA Video Conference is held in four different locations throughout the state. Locations are needed. WVCDHH may be able to offer space for one of the conferences.
- Susan White
 - The Advisory Council for the Education of Exceptional Children will be posting the meeting schedule on the Office of Special Education website.
 - The first meeting is scheduled for September 15-16, 2017 in Morgan County.
 - Eastern Panhandle Deaf Alliances is invited to attend.

VIII. Future Meeting dates

- November 3, 2017 – Charleston, WV
- February 23, 2018 – Clarksburg, WV
- May 11, 2018 – Martinsburg, WV

IX. Adjournment

Roy Forman made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Gloria Hollen seconded. The motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 12:28 p.m.