

West Virginia Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Minutes
February 23, 2018

DRS Offices
153 West Main Street, Suite F, Clarksburg, West Virginia

Commission Members Present:	Commission Members Absent:	Commission Staff Present:	Visitors:	Interpreters:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Burdette • Wendy Garrison • Susan White • Roy Forman • Pam Roush • Barbara Calhoun • Gloria Hollen • Gwen Bryant • Mike Coleman <i>(proxy for M. Gandolfi)</i> • Angela Wilson <i>(via phone)</i> • Crystal Miller <i>(proxy for R. Gill)</i> • Mekell Golden <i>(proxy for C. Mullins)</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karen McNealy • David Blaine • Tammy Phillips • Nancy Sullivan • Paul See 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earnest Covington • Sarah Lowther 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paula Forman • Gina Desmond • Earl Hollen • Tom Jividen • Mary Ann Jividen • Jason Kapcala • Kelly Bernard 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stephenie Woodall • Josh Reaser

I. Call to Order

John Burdette called the meeting to order at 10:29 a.m.

II. Reading of Mission Statement and Introductions

- Roy Forman read the Mission Statement.

III. Public Comments

- Mary Ann Jividen
 - She is the President of the Eastern Panhandle Deaf Alliance (EPDA) in Martinsburg, WV
 - EDPA helped six clients last year. This year, two clients have been assisted.
 - In May, EDPA will show a movie and hold a Town Hall Meeting with vendors.
- Gina Desmond
 - Disability Rights of WV has worked with the Secretary of State's Office to create a flyer with information on the new voter identification law.
- Donna Williams (via letter read by John Burdette)
 - She shared updates on House Bill 4223 for LEAD-K.

- On February 21, 2018, the House Education Committee read the bill. The bill has passed the House Education Committee. It will be sent to the Committee of Finances for the fiscal note, then it will go to the House floor. If the bill passes in the House, it will go to the Senate.
- She was also invited to the floor to answer questions from the delegates.

IV. Minutes

The minutes from the November 3, 2017 meeting were reviewed. Gloria Hollen made the motion to approve the minutes. Minutes were approved.

V. Staff Report

Earnest Covington shared information from the written staff report.

- Highlights included:
 - a. After board review, the Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2017 was finalized and submitted to Nancy Sullivan on December 18, 2017.
 - b. In December, WVCDHH met with a representative from the Charleston Civic Center to discuss plans for the revamped Deaf WestiVal. After a tour of the facility, rooms were reserved for September 22, 2018 to coincide with Deaf Awareness Week 2018. The event is being expanded to include vendors and exhibitors. Ideas for workshops and trainings are needed. Volunteers are also needed to help make the event successful.
 - c. After months of planning, the demonstration video for the D/HH Visor Cards was filmed in December 2017 in downtown Charleston. Cpl. Jessi Redden from the Charleston Police Department volunteered her time to participate in the video. The final version will be available soon.
 - d. The Mid-Atlantic ADA Center requested information about our Visor Card and Open Captioned Movie projects. The information will be shared in an upcoming addition of their newsletter.
 - e. WVCDHH will be working with Disability Rights of WV again to send outreach letters and resources to local law enforcement offices throughout the state.
 - f. New test dates for the EIPA performance test will be offered once registration applications are received. A tentative test date will be in Spring 2018.
 - 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. Four movies were shown throughout the months of November, December, January, and February. Our highest attendance rate since starting this project was at the February movie, "Black Panther." There were sixty-two people at the movie.
 - h. Deaf Awareness Day will be held on March 5, 2018 at the Upper Rotunda of the Capitol in Charleston. So far, there are 24 registered exhibitors for the event.
 - i. On the WVCDHH Facebook page, we have gained 24 likes since November 4, 2017 for a total of 848. We have had ten posts gain over 500 "reaches." Our highest was 1,632 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: No report.

VII. Board Member Reports

- Gloria Hollen
 - She provided information and flyers for the Town Hall Meeting and movie that will be held in May in Martinsburg, WV.
- Gwen Bryant
 - As the Newborn Hearing Screening Coordinator for WV, she has worked to update the Early Hearing Detection Intervention Best Practices manual. The manual will help to outline the roles of those involved.
 - She also wrote a preface for the manual that encourages mindfulness of various communication modes to help families make fully informed choices and decisions.

VIII. Future Meeting dates

- May 11, 2018 – Martinsburg, WV

IX. Adjournment

Roy Forman made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Susan White seconded. The motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 1:16 p.m.