

West Virginia Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
Minutes
March 27, 2008

John XXIII Pastoral Center
Charleston, West Virginia

Commission Members Present:	Commission Members Absent:	Visitors:
Doug Godfrey	John Knisely	Jerry Roueche
Pierre Sevigny	Melinda Siler	Patty Myers
Gary Vandevander	Jennifer Burgess	John Burdette
Dr. Charles Abraham	Annette Carey	Dot Stewart
Molly Simonton		Toni Hall
Marty Blakely	Staff:	Melanie Wilkerson
James Ennis	Roy Forman, Deputy Director	Christine Cannon
Pat Moss	Kari Preslar (Secretary)	
Harriett Fitzgerald (for Emily Hopta)		Interpreters:
Barbara King		Jennifer Casto
Pam Roush		Eileen Brown
Michael Sullivan		
Patsy Shank (for J.D. Corbin)		

I. Call to Order

Doug Godfrey called the meeting to order at 1:14 p.m.

II. Executive Director

Doug announced Deanna Stone has submitted her resignation. Her last day in the office was March 14.

III. Reading of the Mission Statement and Introductions

Michael Sullivan read the WVCDHH Mission Statement.

IV. Minutes

The minutes from the November 7, 2007 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Abraham made the motion to approve the minutes. Barbara King seconded. Motion approved.

V. Staff Reports

The staff report was reviewed.

Old Business

VI. Deaf Tech Fair

Roy gave an update on the Deaf Tech Fair to be held on April 5 at the Charleston Civic Center. So far there are nine exhibitors.

VII. Empowerment Cards

Roy shared an update on the progress of empowerment cards. He shared several different formats that could be used.

VIII. Workshops and EIPA updates

Kari reported on the March workshops. They were very well received. Roy gave an update on the EIPA testing. There are 53 yet to be tested (12 of those are taking it again). He has 15 spots in August, 15 in September, 15 in November and 15 in December for testing.

New Business

IX. Audit Review

Kari reported that the state Purchasing Division conducted a review of the Commission's purchasing practices. The review was very positive and they concluded that "no further action is required at this time."

X. Board Meeting Dates

May 22, 2008 at WVSD in Romney

August 14, 2008 in Charleston

November 6, 2008 in Charleston

All meetings will begin at 1 p.m.

XI. NAD Conference – New Orleans, July 7-11, 2008

Doug will check his calendar and may attend on behalf of the Commission.

XII. State Fair – August 16, 2008

Kari reported that the Commission will participate in the Fair on August 16.

XIII. Public Comments:

Christine Kannon, Melanie Wilkerson and Toni Hall shared their frustrations with the public school system in educating their deaf children. They are in the process of doing a Deaf Child's Bill of Rights and asked for support from the Commission. Molly Simonton made the motion for the Board to review the proposal, Marty Blakely seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Barbara King shared information about a meeting on April 23 to begin a Parent/Family Support and Education Group. The meeting will be held at the Division of Rehabilitation Services in Institute.

XIV. Executive Session

The Executive Director search committee will include: Molly Simonton, Marty Blakely, James Ennis, Pierre Sevigny and Doug Godfrey.

Gary Vandevander made the motion to appoint Roy Forman as the Interim Executive Director for at least three months. Dr. Abraham seconded. Motion approved.

XIV. Adjournment

Dr. Abraham made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Marty Blakely seconded. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 4:21 p.m.