

West Virginia Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
Minutes
November 4, 2010

Division of Rehabilitation Services
Institute, West Virginia

Commission Members Present:

Doug Godfrey
Pierre Sevigny
Marty Blakely
James Ennis
Jamie Mallory
Tammy Phillips
Jennifer Burgess
Annette Carey
Carla Cleek
Pam Roush

Commission Members Absent:

Dr. Charles Abraham
Marsha Dadisman
Christina Mullins
Dr. Mike Sullivan
Dr. Patsy Shank

Staff:

Marissa Sanders
Roy Forman
Kari Preslar

Interpreters:

Connie Pitman
Janelle St. Martin

Visitors:

Gwen Bryant	Sara Maynard	Kelly McGraw
Brenda Robinson	Barbara Schauland	Elisa Smith
Laine Wilder	Linda Phillips	Barbara King
Liz Leisure	Nancy Nichols	Benton White
Debbie White	William Nichols	

I. Call to Order

Doug Godfrey called the meeting to order at 1:16 p.m.

II. Reading of the Mission Statement and Introductions

Carla Cleek read the Mission Statement.

III. Minutes

Minutes from the August 5, 2010 meeting were reviewed. James Ennis pointed out that the Deaf Expo was actually the World Deaf Expo and was held in Las Vegas. James made the motion to amend the minutes to read *World Deaf Expo* in *Las Vegas*. Motion approved as read after amended.

IV. Staff Reports

Marissa shared highlights from the written report.

Old Business:

V. Interpreter Registry

Roy reported on the work of the Task Force. They have completed a draft of a contract to be in relationship with the Virginia Commission. West Virginia will use raters from Virginia. The task force is still working on the cost for interpreters. The goal is to have everything finalized by the end of May.

VI. Town Hall Meetings

The final meeting for 2010 was held on Oct. 30 in Huntington. The Community Survey will now be added to the website.

VII. WV Hands & Voices

Jamie Mallory updated the Commission on the work of the Hands & Voices chapter. A new brochure is completed that is specific to the West Virginia chapter. Some things they are working on include: expanding their outreach throughout the state; there will be a family chat held in South Charleston and an Open Gym for K-21 years of age will be held at the South Charleston Community Center. Families will be encouraged to bring all of their children (not just the Deaf or Hard of Hearing child). They will schedule the open gyms for when Romney kids are home from school. The board is ready to file for the 501(c)3 application. They are in need a deaf person to serve on the board.

VIII. Deaf Empowerment/Self Advocacy Training

“Policy & Advocacy: What the Law Means to You” was held on October 23 in Fairmont. The same training will be held again in the spring probably in Charleston/Huntington area.

IX. Strategic Plan/Operational Plan

The updated plans were reviewed.

X. Update on relationship between DHHR and WVCDHH

No report. Doug will request that Marsha Dadisman attend the next meeting and give the board an update.

XI. Update on Fire Alarms

Roy called the Virginia Commission on September 3 and didn't hear back from them. He did some research and it is listed in state code that landlords must provide smoke detectors; however home owners must purchase their own. Lowe's has a hallway light from First Alert for \$19, for smoke detectors and it is battery

operated. He also checked with the local fire department and they do not provide smoke detectors. State Farm Insurance no longer provides them, either. Marissa did talk to the VA Commission and they told her they do not distribute smoke detectors.

XII. Board Appointments

Marissa still has not been able to get an appointment with the administration. If your term is expired, you can continue to serve as a board member until you are either re-appointed or replaced.

New Business

XIII. Public Policy Committee

A meeting will be scheduled to determine what topics to bring to the upcoming legislative session.

XIV. 2011 Board Meeting Dates

February 10, 2011 at the Capitol Complex (with Legislative reception before the meeting)

June 9, 2011 at Romney

August 4, 2011 Charleston House Holiday Inn, room with WVAD, we provide lunch.

Retreat: October, Thursday-Friday, email possible dates to board members.

Adjournment

Marty Blakely made the motion to adjourn and Jamie Mallory seconded. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 2:44 p.m.