

West Virginia Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Minutes
November 3, 2017

DRS Offices
4701 MacCorkle Avenue, SE, Charleston, West Virginia

Commission Members Present:	Commission Members Absent:	Commission Staff Present:	Visitors:	Interpreters:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paul See • Rachel Gill • Tammy Phillips • Roy Forman • Pam Roush • John Burdette • Gloria Hollen • Angela Wilson • Nancy Sullivan • Barbara Calhoun • Karen McNealy • Gwen Bryant <i>(via phone)</i> • Annette Carey <i>(proxy for W. Garrison)</i> • Mekell Golden <i>(proxy for C. Mullins)</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Susan White • David Blaine • Martin Keller 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earnest Covington • Sarah Lowther 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crystal Miller • Gina Desmond • April Hottle • Earl Hollen • Jennelle Jones 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stephenie Woodall • Josh Reaser

I. Call to Order

Paul See called the meeting to order at 10:22 a.m.
Paul also welcomed new board member, Barbara Calhoun.

II. Reading of Mission Statement and Introductions

- John Burdette read the Mission Statement.

III. Public Comments

- April Hottle
 - She has a Deaf child and husband, so she is interested in what happens with the community.
 - She thanked board member, Gwen Bryant, for sharing amazing webinars via email.
 - She is also in attendance to represent LEAD-K. She hopes that the bill will pass.
- Gina Desmond
 - The collaboration between WVCDHH and Disability Rights of West Virginia has strengthened over the years.
 - She appreciates being included in other related groups and meetings.

IV. Minutes

The minutes from the August 3, 2017 meeting were reviewed. Rachel Gill made the motion to approve the minutes. Gloria Hollen seconded. Minutes were approved.

V. Staff Report

Earnest Covington shared information from the written staff report.

- Highlights included:
 - a. The Interpreter Coordinator position is still vacant. No new applications have been received. The vacant position will continue to be posted publicly until it is filled.
 - b. Earnest and Sarah worked together to complete the draft of the Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2017.
 - c. 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 Visor Cards. In September, the grant was awarded. This grant was the only one awarded in the Mid-Atlantic ADA Network region of PA, DE, MD, VA and WV.
 - d. In August, Earnest and Sarah met again with Matt Sutton from Fahlgren Mortine, along with members of the film crew, to discuss ideas and concepts of Visor Card video. In October, an officer from the Charleston Police Department agreed to be in the video. Filming will be beginning soon.
 - e. In September, a meeting was held for interested interpreters to discuss the creation of a WV affiliate chapter of RID.
 - f. In October, two dates for the EIPA performance test were offered. Four applicants were tested. New test dates 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 August, September, and October.
 - h. WVCDHH will host Deaf Awareness Day at the Capitol on March 5, 2018.
 - i. Tentative plans are being made to move Deaf WestiVal from the State Fair of WV to the Charleston Civic Center during September 2018 for Deaf Awareness Week. The event will be expanded to include vendors and exhibitors.
 - j. Bridge Valley Community & Technology College is considering the establishment of an ASL Interpreting Training Program due to recent interest.
 - k. On the WVCDHH Facebook page, we have gained 50 likes since August 4, 2017 for a total of 824. We have had five posts gain over 1,000 "reaches." Our highest was 2,976 people reached from a single post.

VI. Presentation – The Legislative Process

Jennelle Jones, Deputy General Counsel and Legislative Liaison, shared information on the legislative process for a bill to become law.

VII. Committee/Task Force Reports

1. Executive Committee: No report.
2. Interpreter Task Force: No report.
3. Nominating Committee:
 - After approval at the Board Meeting in August, nomination and reappointment recommendations were sent to the Governor for approval.

- Confirmation was received from the Governor's office on September 13, 2017. All Board appointments were approved. An official letter was mailed to the Board members from the Governor's Office.
- WVCDHH now has a full Board.

VIII. Board Member Reports

- Barbara Calhoun
 - She helped to organize the ASL Slam in Charleston, WV. It was started in April 2017 and is now being held in the Charleston Town Center Mall.
 - The Mall has a budget to assist with promoting the event. A banner was made to hang in the event space.
 - The last ASL Slam had people attend from all over the state.
- Rachel Gill and Crystal Miller
 - DRS is working to get their application translated into an ASL video on the website to show who they are and what they do. The video should give a better understanding of policies and procedures.
 - There is a Peer Support Program with training opportunities to become a Peer Support Specialist.

IX. Future Meeting dates

- February 23, 2018 – Clarksburg, WV
- May 11, 2018 – Martinsburg, WV

X. Adjournment

Gloria Hollen made the motion to adjourn the meeting. John Burdette seconded. The motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 12:57 p.m.