

West Virginia Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Minutes
May 11, 2018

Blue Ridge Community and Technical College - Technology Center
5550 Winchester Avenue, Martinsburg, West Virginia

Commission Members Present:	Commission Members Absent:	Commission Staff Present:	Visitors:	Interpreters:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Paul See• John Burdette• Susan White• Roy Forman• Pam Roush• Wendy Garrison• Gloria Hollen• Rachel Gill• Gwen Bryant• Carla Campbell (proxy for A. Wilson)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Karen McNealy• David Blaine• Tammy Phillips• Nancy Sullivan• Christina Mullins• Barbara Calhoun• Mark Gandolfi	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Earnest Covington• Sarah Lowther	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Paula Forman• Crystal Miller• Alli Friends	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stephenie Woodall• Josh Reaser

I. Call to Order

Paul See called the meeting to order at 10:23 a.m.

II. Reading of Mission Statement and Introductions

- Susan White read the Mission Statement.

III. Minutes

The minutes from the February 23, 2018 meeting were reviewed. Susan White made the motion to approve the minutes. Rachel Gill seconded. Minutes were approved.

IV. Staff Report

Earnest Covington shared information from the written staff report.

- Highlights included:
 - a. In March, DHHR performed a yearly inventory of tagged equipment. The tagged equipment in the WVCDHH office was reviewed and submitted for the annual inventory.
 - b. After receiving requests for more information about members of the WVCDHH Board, biographies and photos were added to the website in April.

- c. On June 30, 2018, the Board term for Teacher of the Deaf/Hard of Hearing will expire for Tammy Phillips. A letter has been sent inviting her to reapply for a consecutive term by filling out the required Board Assurances form. If she does not wish to continue to serve, a new member will need to be found.
- d. The final version of the D/HH Visor Card video was posted in April. It has been very successful. We hope that law enforcement will be able to use the video for trainings. Since the project began, we have dispersed nearly 1,800 Visor Cards to individuals and organizations, which includes law enforcement offices throughout the state.
- e. The Mid-Atlantic ADA Center requested information about our Visor Card and Open Captioned Movie projects. Our projects were then featured in the Mid-Atlantic ADA in Focus Newsletter for Winter 2018.
- f. WVCDHH will be working with Disability Rights of WV again to send outreach letters and resources to local law enforcement offices throughout the state.
- g. Our current projects are in permanent ongoing phases, which means that they will continue, but are not anticipated have major updates to them. Planning for new projects has begun.
- h. There were two EIPA performance test dates during the month of April. A total of three applicants were tested. New test dates for the EIPA performance test will be offered once registration applications are received. A tentative test date will be in Fall 2018.
- i. WVCDHH has continued to work with Regal Cinemas in Nitro, WV to offer open captioned movies to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community. Three movies were shown throughout the months of March and April.
- j. Deaf Awareness Day was scheduled for March 5, 2018 at the Upper Rotunda of the Capitol in Charleston. Due to the teacher strike at the Capitol during the same week, the event had to be cancelled. We have worked to secure the date for Deaf Awareness Day 2019 – February 27, 2019.
- k. Bridge Valley Community and Technical College made the announcement that there will be a new Associate Degree in ASL Interpreting. The degree will be offered in Fall 2018. WVCDHH was credited for helping and encouraging the establishment of this program.
- l. On the WVCDHH Facebook page, we have gained 68 likes since February 24, 2018 for a total of 916. We have had twenty posts gain over 500 “reaches.” Our highest was 2,264 people reached from a single post.

V. Committee/Task Force Reports

1. Executive Committee: No report.
2. Nominating Committee: The term for the position of Teacher of the D/HH on the board will expire on June 30, 2018.
 - Paul See would like to continue serving as Chairperson of the Board. No other volunteers or nominations were received. John Burdette nominated Paul See. Gloria Hollen seconded the nomination. The nomination was approved. Paul See will continue to serve as Chairperson of the Board.

VI. Board Member Reports

- Gloria Hollen
 - She provided information about the movie that will be shown later today (May 11, 2018).
 - She also provided information on the Town Hall Meeting that will be held on May 12, 2018. There will be exhibits and door prizes. Everyone is welcome to attend.

VII. Public Comments

- Alli Friends
 - She had questions about the open captioned movies, the state chapter of RID, and the remaining WVCDHH budget funds.
 - She suggested that more Deaf services and senior citizen events are needed in the Martinsburg area.

VIII. Future Meeting dates

- August 3, 2018 – Clarksburg, WV
- November 2, 2018 – Charleston, WV
- February 28, 2019 – Nitro, WV
- May 3, 2019 – Romney, WV
- August 8, 2019 – Morgantown, WV

IX. Adjournment

Gloria Hollen made the motion to adjourn the meeting. John Burdette seconded. The motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 1:26 p.m.