

COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

November 15, 2018

Via Teleconference

(Draft minutes to be approved at the January 17, 2019 Council meeting)

PARTICIPANTS: This meeting was chaired by Joelynn Ball (Representing Interpreters)

Council Members: Joelynn Ball, Chairperson (Representing Interpreters) Steven Birkby (Representing an organization of deaf persons), Gretchen Fors (Representing parent of hard of hearing child), Heidi Jeffs (Representing parent of a deaf child) Jerry Wilding (deaf individual), Marva Kubalik (Representing a hard of hearing person over 60)

Excused: Emilie Banasiak (Representing a hard of hearing individual who represents an organization of persons who are hard of hearing) Kate Savage (Representing Audiologists), and Jacob Robison (Representing Physicians)

Others: Cindy Schreiner, Steven Snow, Sierra McIver, Brian Shakespeare

INTRODUCTIONS:

The meeting was called to order by Joelynn Ball and introductions were made.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2017 MEETING:

Joelynn Ball identified typographical errors on the minutes. Heidi Jeffs motioned the minutes be approved with the corrections noted. Gretchen Fors seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed.

PERFECTION OF AGENDA:

Heidi Jeffs motioned to accept the agenda as presented. Jerry Wilding seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT:

Federal Legislation: Steven Snow said with the November 6, 2018 election, there was a change in the Senate and House of Representatives on the national level. Steven Snow said there are several bills that the Council is monitoring and at this time, the outcomes are unknown. Steven Snow said he will continue monitoring the bills and keep the Board members informed.

State Legislation: Steven Snow said there are several new Legislators that will start their terms at the beginning of the session. Steven Snow said there will be new committees and chairpersons of each committee and that some protocols may change. Steven Snow said Representative McDonald who was the Republican co-sponsor of HB 45, the bill that would have insurance companies cover hearing aids in children was not re-elected. Steven Snow said he will keep monitoring the progress of HB 45 and the changes in the legislation and keep the Board informed.

Budget: Steven Snow said the Division of Financial Management (DFM) has requested clarification about the request for the \$8,000 to supporting interpreter training. Steven Snow said the DFM will be providing information to the new Governor about budget requests from all agencies.

Activities: Steven Snow said he presented at the Emergency Management Association conference in northern Idaho in September. Steven Snow said there were about 200 people in attendance. Steven Snow said the conference focused on policy and procedures. Steven Snow said the participants had several questions about how to provide emergency services for the deaf and hard of hearing communities.

Steven Snow said he participated in a workshop for deaf and hard of hearing individuals about how to purchase a house. Steven Snow said the workshop was attended by many people and was written about in the newspaper.

Steven Snow said he attended the Deaf Studies conference in Washington, D.C., at Gallaudet University. Steven Snow said while in Washington, D.C., he met with Gallaudet University Health Services to brainstorm ideas about how CDHH could partner with Gallaudet to provide health services in Idaho.

Steven Snow said he met with Kelly Buckland, Executive Director of the National Center for Independent Living to discuss how the Independent Living Centers could provide one on one communication access to deaf and hard of hearing individuals.

Steven Snow said he wants these two conversations to continue in the future.

Steven Snow said he attended a meeting of the Commission on Collegiate Interpreting Education. Steven Snow said the meeting was to assess Idaho State University's application for accreditation. Steven Snow said two members of our Board, Joelynn Ball and Steven Birkby were a part of the team providing information for the accreditation. Steven Snow said the report has not been released and he will keep the Board informed on the progress.

Sierra McIver said she had met with the Department of Corrections concerning the policy of accommodations provided to deaf or hard of hearing inmates. Sierra McIver said the Department of Corrections and the Council will partner in making changes and edits in the current policy.

CHILD NEGLECT: Steven Snow said Idaho's current child welfare statute requires food, shelter, clothing and shelter be provided for children. Steven Snow said he would like to see the lack of language access be included in the definition of neglect. Steven Snow said he would like to meet with the Assistant Attorney General and others to see if this idea would be feasible. There was discussion among the Council members with a consensus to continue research and continue the conversation. Steven Snow requested the Board members talk with the communities they represent to get some ideas about how to proceed and to provide the information to those respective communities.

Jerry Wilding said he would add this issue to the agenda for the Idaho Association of the Deaf's convention coming up in August.

Cindy Schreiner said the Council has received one nomination for a Christmas family from eastern Idaho. Cindy Schreiner said the Council is still looking for nominations and will inform the Council when families are chosen.

ADJOURN: Steven Birkby motioned to adjourn the meeting. Jerry Wilding seconded the motion. There were no objections. The meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting is the Meet and Greet scheduled for Thursday, January 17, 2019 which will be a Meet and Greet in the morning at the Capitol Rotunda and a regular meeting in the afternoon at the Lewis Clark conference room at 650 W State Street.