

COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

September 8, 2017

Note: Full Transcripts are available upon request

PARTICIPANTS: Council Members: Joelynn Ball (Chairing) (Representing Interpreters), Jacob Robison (Representing physicians); Gretchen Fors (Representing parent of a hard of hearing child), Jerry Wilding (Representing deaf individuals) Emilie Banasiak (Representing a hard of hearing individual and who represents an organization of persons who are hard of hearing), Heidi Jeffs (Representing parent of a deaf child) Excused: Steven Birkby, Russell Patterson and Kate Savage

Ex Officio Members: Steven Snow, Doug Clapp, Brian Shakespeare, Brian Darcy, Gordon Graff, Betsy Duncan and Deedra Hunt

Others: Holly Thomas-Mowery, LaVona Andrew, Andrea Couch, Lauren Seale, June Flannery, Kat Ross, Christie Curtiss, Ray Lockary, Elizabeth Morgan, Bill Russell and Cindy Schreiner

INTRODUCTIONS:

The meeting was called to order by Joelynn Ball and introductions were made. Joelynn welcomed new member Kate Savage who will represent Audiologist, however, was not able to attend this meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE APRIL 28, 2017:

Jacob Robison motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Heidi Jeffs seconded the motion. The motion passed.

PERFECTION OF AGENDA:

Joelynn Ball requested to amend the agenda to add Deedra Hunt from the Idaho Commission on Aging during the reports of the Ex-Officio members. Heidi Jeffs motioned to amend the agenda, Jacob Robison seconded the motion. The motion passed.

OPEN FORUM:

Heidi Jeffs said her family and herself were invited to attend a Medical Patient Advocacy Conference in October and she said she would be glad to take any questions or concern from the Council to the conference.

Heidi Jeffs said there is a new movie coming out in November called “Wonder” about a boy with microtia atresia. Heidi Jeffs said the Ear Community has initiated National Microtia Awareness day November 9, 2016.

Heidi Jeffs said the Ear Society is starting a study partnering with Harvard and Vanderbilt Universities to research if there is a genetic connection to Microtia Atresia.

Steven Snow answered Heidi's question about National Deaf Awareness Day which is the month of October.

Jerry Wilding said the Idaho Association of the Deaf's Conference is scheduled in Gooding, Idaho for August 1 thru 4, 2019.

Joelynn Ball said there would be an observer at today's meeting, Dr. Dojin Ryu, from the University of Idaho. Joelynn said Dr. Ryu will be developing a curriculum for students who are deaf or hard of hearing to learn about food safety. Joelynn said for the last 3 years there has been a grant to fund a survey and interviews from deaf or hard of hearing students about food safety. Joelynn said now into the fourth year of the grant, since they have collected the data, there is enough data for the curriculum will be developed.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT:

Legislation Update/Federal Legislation:

Steven Snow said Senate Bill 670 regarding Over-The-Counter Hearing Aids passed in the Senate by 94 to 1. Steven Snow said the Over the Counter Hearing Aid Act is under the FDA's Reauthorization Act. Steven Snow said Congress has 3 years to write the rules and regulations and then the Act will go back to Congress for approval.

Legislative Update/ Idaho Legislation: HB46 Sign Language Licensing Bill passed and was signed into law on March 20, 2017. Steven Snow said the rule making process has gone smoothly. The rules will be given to the Department of Administration on October 4th, to post for public comment and if edits are needed, they will be done before presenting the rules to the Legislature.

Steven Snow said HB46 will be presented to the Legislature for a few amendments including clarifying the age of licensure from 21 years old to 18 years old, clarifying how out of state interpreters can work in Idaho, and where K-12 Educational Interpreters can work and the process they must do to get licensed to work in other areas.

House Bill 620 – The ADA Educational Reform Act: Steven Snow said there was a hearing the day before the CDHH Council meeting. Steven Snow said the results of the meeting were not published at the time of this meeting so he doesn't know of the outcome but will keep the Board informed as soon as he knows.

Council Activities: Steven Snow said he has been serving on the Interpreter Referral Agency Certifying Committee started by the National Association of the Deaf (NAD) which is studying how interpreter agencies hire the interpreters that work for them and making sure the interpreters are qualified. Steven Snow said NAD is being proactive in establishing some standards.

Steven Snow said CDHH has partnered with the Rotary Club for the Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA). Steven Snow said the Rotary Club will sponsor all cost associated with a Deaf student to attend a leadership camp in August of 2018.

Steven Snow said he has met with the Department of Parks and Recreation about the need for captioning on all the videos in the Idaho's state parks. Steven Snow said this is a significant commitment on the part of Parks and Recreation and hopefully results will be seen soon.

Steven Snow said the office receives several calls concerning a variety of issues that are resolved via providing information, referrals, and education.

HANDS AND VOICES GUIDE BY YOUR SIDE:

Council member, Gretchen Fors gave an informative and educational presentation about Hands and Voices new program Guide by Your Side.

ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER/PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES:

Council guest, Dr. Bill Russell gave a presentation on Robert's Rules of Order/Parliamentary Procedures as they relate to CDHH Board meetings. He gave specific direction on a variety of questions.

ACCESS AND BARRIERS TO HEALTHCARE AMONG DEAF USERS OF AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE:

Council guest, Dr. Elizabeth Morgan gave a presentation about a study she will be conducting through Idaho State University on American Sign Language (ASL) accessibility to consumers needing health care. Dr. Morgan said she will be partnering with CDHH in getting anecdotal information about consumers needing ASL in medical settings. Dr. Morgan said she will be conducting the study over the few years including addressing the barriers and pilot an intervention at the next step and finally identifying the type of deaf person who is most commonly denied services or experiences significant barriers to care. Dr. Morgan said she will publish the results.

ACTION ITEMS

- **Election of Chairperson:**

Heidi Jeffs made a motion on the vote to nominate Joelynn Ball to continue as Chairperson. Gretchen Fors seconded the motion. The motion passed. Joelynn Ball will continue as Chairperson.

- **Election of Vice-Chairperson:**

Joelynn Ball made a motion on the vote to nominate Steven Birkby to continue as Vice-Chairperson. Jacob Robison seconded the motion. The motion passed. Steven Birkby will continue as Vice Chairperson.

- **Election of Member – at – Large for Executive Committee:**

Jacob Robison made a motion on the vote to nominate Gretchen Fors as the Member-at-Large for the Executive Committee. Heidi Jeffs seconded the motion. The motion passed. Gretchen Fors will be the Member-at-Large for the Executive Committee.

- **By-Laws Revision:**

Steven Snow said amendments to the By-Laws require a two-thirds vote. Steven Snow said the By-Laws have not been amended for nine years and presented updates to the By-Laws as follows:

Article 11: Change to *licensed* interpreter
Change name to *Bureau of Educational Services for the deaf and the Blind*
Change name to *Commission on Aging*
Change name to *Department of Labor*
Delete *Idaho Hearing Aid Society*

Section 3: Delete verbiage and add *Board members whose terms have expired shall continue to serve with full privileges as the rest of the Board members until either reappointed or a replacement is named by the Governor.*

Article V (2) Add *The Vice-Chairperson shall serve on and preside the by-laws committee.*

Article VI Section 2 Delete Bureau of Adult Services of the Department of Health and Welfare, add *Division of Vocational Rehabilitation*

Article VII Section 4 (3) Delete Nominating

Article VIII Add *The third person shall be elected by the Board at the first meeting of the fiscal year*

Article IX Add *the Vice-Chairperson shall serve on and preside the by-laws committee.*

Article X Delete

There was discussion about clarifying additional By-Laws that will be discussed later. Heidi Jeffs motioned to vote on the revised By-Laws as presented. Gretchen Fors seconded the motion. The motion passed.

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS:

Idaho Educational Services for the Deaf and the Blind (IESDB) Brian Darcy said there are over 100 students enrolled at Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind (ISDB) with 65 being deaf or hard of hearing and 40 students living in The Cottages on Campus.

Brian Darcy said IESDB has hired a new audiologist, Dr. Lindsay Tucker, who will be traveling to various places in Idaho to perform audiological exams. Brian Darcy said all but three of the teachers for the deaf or hard of hearing students on campus are deaf or hard of hearing. Brian Darcy said Outreach Director, Paula Mason has finished the work on the Special Education Manual which now includes a category for deaf or hard of hearing students which will help students get the proper accommodations per their needs on their Individual Education Plan (IEP).

Brian Darcy said there was an open house for a new preschool for the deaf and hard of hearing has opened in Coeur D'Alene which was attended by Senator Bob Nonini, the Chair of the Senate Education Committee. Brian Darcy said the event was also attended by Senator Mary Souza.

Brian Darcy said during the summer there was a Transition Camp which was attended by over 25 students. Brian Darcy said that throughout the state, students were employed by businesses and retained employment at the companies after the camp was complete.

Brian Darcy said the budget for IESDB has been submitted to the Legislature for next Fiscal Year with the focus being on the teacher retention career ladder, some capital replacement items and a portable Auditory Brainstem Response (ABR) machine so that the audiologist can do testing throughout the state without children needing to come to campus for hearing test.

Joelyne Ball said the Educational Interpreter Summer Symposium hosted by ISDB was attended by 37 interpreters on one day and 40 on the other. Joelyne Ball said the keynote speaker was an author of the Effective Interpreter Series.

Brian Darcy said IESDB will host the Idaho Registry for Interpreter for the Deaf's conference.

Vocational Rehabilitation (VR): Doug Clapp said that as of July 1, 2017, Vocational Rehabilitation is now able to pay up to 100 percent of tuition, fees, and textbooks for deaf or hard of hearing student to attend qualifying schools. Doug Clapp said he has 35 students on his caseload this year with another 5 to 10 who are in high school. Doug Clapp said one of his students is a graduate of ISDB and is now attending Gallaudet University.

Doug Clapp said the maximum Vocational Rehabilitation can pay for hearing aids is up to \$2,000 or up to \$1,000 per ear. Doug Clapp said the income of the family is taken into consideration.

Doug Clapp said he is the only Service Coordinator for deaf or hard of hearing clients in Idaho. Doug Clapp said many states do not specifically have a Service Coordinator specifically for deaf clients.

Idaho Sound Beginnings (ISB): Brian Shakespeare said Idaho Sound Beginnings had provided grant monies for Hands and Voices Guide by Your Side. Brian Shakespeare said ISB will be partnering with IESDB to provide seminars throughout the state about transition.

Brian Shakespeare said the parent Outreach Coordinator, Andrea Amestoy was told by a physician in northern Idaho that newborn hearing screening was not necessary. Brian Shakespeare asked for guidance in how to work with the doctors who are resistant to newborn hearing screening. Jacob Robison said to contact the Idaho Medical Association and report the situation.

Idaho Department of Labor (IDL): Gordon Graff said the website “Able to Work” which is a one stop shop for people with disabilities in Idaho to find information about going to work will now be housed under the Department of Labor. Gordon Graff said there will be a new website created which should launch in October.

Gordon Graff said the Governor’s Task Force on Workforce Development recommended focusing on career advising. Gordon Graff said the Department of Labor will be working with the State Department of Education to develop a more robust template for individualized learning clients.

Idaho Commission on Aging: Deedra Hunt said the Administrator of the Commission retired and a new Director, Judy Taylor, was appointed by the Governor. Deedra Hunt said the Deputy Administrator has announced his retirement, but the position has not been filled

Deedra Hunt said the Commission has received a grant to provide professional level training to people who serve the people who access the Aging Network Service. The training will be to provide information to disseminate to those who need help with questions about dementia.

Deedra Hunt said the Commission received a second grant for development of an Idaho respite registry. The Commission will work with the Idaho Caregiver Alliance to promote this project.

Deedra Hunt said the Commission received a third grant to help with Adult Protection Services. Deedra Hunt said the funds will be used to be more consistent with national reporting and to be able to provide information nationally that represents Idaho. Deedra said the reporting will keep statistical information on people who are being abused, neglected, exploited or self-neglected.

Bureau of Occupational Licenses: Joelyne Ball reported for Betsy Duncan reading from a report. Joelyne Ball said the second quarter of 2017 which covers April to June, hearing aid dealers, fitters, there were 3 new licenses issued for a total of 113 current licensees. Joelyne said there were 7 license issued to Audiologists, bringing the total to 116. Joelyne said the Sign Language Interpreters rules will be published in the Administrative Rule Bulletin on October 4th, and once they are published, they will be posted to the Board’s website. Joelyne said the Board can consider comments and some changes prior to final submission, the rules will be heard by the Health and Welfare committees in both the Senate and House, where people can make comments in person. Joelyne said the rules will become effective upon the adjournment of the

Legislature. Joelyne said applications for licensure will be available shortly thereafter with licensure required by July 1, 2018.

Adjourn: Jacob Robison motioned to adjourn the meeting, Heidi Jeffs seconded the motion. The motion passed. Meeting adjourned.