MEETING: The Vermont Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and DeafBlind Advisory Council

DATE: 09-13-16   Time: 9:00 – 12:00pm

Attendee Committee Members: Deb Charlea Baker, Missy Boothroyd, Jennifer Bostwick, Rebecca Chalmers, Keri Darling, Linda Hazard (Chair), Danielle Howes, Bill Hudson (Vice-Chair), Monica Hutt, Leslie Johnson, Susan Kimmerly, Cindy Moran, William Pendlebury, Kelley Rohrer, Elena Shapiro, Sherry Sousa, AJ Van Tassel, Amy Williamson.

Conference Phone: Sharon Henry, Judy Vreeland

Additional Attendees: Patricia Thompson (minutes), Cory Brunner (interpreter), Kristal Hier (interpreter)

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 15th, 10am - 1pm, Montpelier – BGS – 133 State Board Rm 410

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| Welcome, Convening of Council and Introductions. Monica Hutt | Welcome to the Convening of newly formed D/HH/DB Council. It is wonderful that we exist and are permanent.  
  - Still in process with application  
  - All appointments will be pushed through.  
  Introduction of names, identify if you are formal council member or Chair/Vice-Chair. | Some members are not sure if they are a formal council member at this point.  
  Bring list of members and appointment to next meeting. |
| Election of Chair and Vice-Chair – Monica Hutt | Discussion of the stability and consistency of having Linda and Bill as Chair and Vice-Chair the last year. All agreed.  
  Deb Charlea Baker – Linda and Bill’s leadership is consistent.  

| **Sub-committee Updates**<br>Linda Hazard | Danielle Howes – posed the question, “Do Linda and Bill want to continue to be Chair and Vice-Chair?”<br>Linda Hazard – She and Bill are open to have others serve and they are also willing to continue in the roles of Chair and Vice-Chair.<br>Monica Hutt – Vote for Official Chair and Vice-Chair. Maintain Linda Hazard and Bill Hudson as Chair and Vice-Chair.<br>Vote – Unanimous<br>Official Name for Linda and Bill is – “Chair” and “Vice Chair”<br>Responsibilities of Chair and Vice-Chair –<br>  • Identify what is needed<br>  • Administrative staff<br>  • Oversee Official Council | Monica Hutt – Vote for Official Chair and Vice-Chair. Maintain Linda Hazard and Bill Hudson as Chair and Vice-Chair.<br>Vote – Unanimous<br>Official Name for Linda and Bill is – “Chair” and “Vice Chair”<br>Responsibilities of Chair and Vice-Chair –<br>  • Identify what is needed<br>  • Administrative staff<br>  • Oversee Official Council |<br><br>Sub-committee Updates:<br>Linda Hazard<br>Announcement that Stuart Soboleski is stepping down as Chair of School Age Sub-Committee.<br>School Age Sub-Committee – Will Stuart still be willing to be a part of the sub-committee? Work to find a new Chair for sub-committee.<br>Send a Thank You card to Stuart Soboleski for all his work with the council and the sub-committee from the council. |<br><br>Linda will bring a card to the next council meeting for all to sign. |
Review of Sub-Committee’s Chair -
Birth -3 – Amy Williamson
School Age – Looking for new one.
Adult – Keri Darling
Elderly – Deb Charlea Baker

Birth - 3 –
Linda brought the council up to date on the EHDI/HRSA Guidance for the upcoming year.

HRSA – An extensive application this year and excited the D/HH/DB Council meets requirements for the HRSA guidance.

Discussion of Controversy between EHDI being housed under Department of Education whereas now it is housed under Department of Health.

Discussion of EHDI reauthorization, our two senators have not sponsored the bill.

DAIL meets with Congress and important to have a letter for Congress. Agreed that having a letter to disseminate will help with drafting a letter for Congress.

Discussion on Sub-Committee and Gap Analysis-
The analysis cuts across the entire age spectrum.

Birth -3 – Has not met, will schedule a meeting.

School Age – Submitted and finished report. Work to find new chair of sub-committee.

Email out statute
Linda will forward email from Stacy, has to be drafted quickly.

Email HRSA Guidance to council.
Missy Boothroyd will sent letter out to VCIL for more advocacy.

Trish email
- School Age finished report out to all for review and discussion.
- Senior Group finished report out to all for review and discussion.
- Matrix
Adult – sent out the report but have not met
Senior Group – Submitted and finished report

Additional business, setting of future meetings

Acoustics of conference rooms in the future.

Deb Charlea Bakers discussed the acoustics of the conference rooms and suggested Hearing Loop Technology and Captioning. Currently D/HH/DB are at a disadvantage during the council meetings.

The Chair and Vice-Chair will provide the services necessary for the council such as Captioning and CART.

Council Meetings – 8 meetings a year and additional meetings are authorized if needed.

Dates for Council meetings – would like to make firm dates for every other month with sub-committee meetings on the off month.

2 Reports are due in January – Linda, not sure on the date below. Can you verify and let me know. I’ll update.

- General Board Recommendation due on or before January 15th.
- Formal Report specific to finding and recommendations due January 15th.

Linda, Bill and Monica will work on the services needed for the council members; Captioning and CART.

Tuesday, November 15th – Montpelier – BGS – 133 State Board Rm 410
Tuesday, January 10th – Waterbury – AHS – WSOC Oak 49 RM A283
Tuesday, March 21st – Waterbury – AHS – WSOC Oak 49 RM A283
Tuesday, May 16th – Waterbury, AHS – WSOC Oak 49 RM A283

Items to be emailed out to group-

Bill S.66 final version
Sub-committee reports
Future meetings – emailed already and included in minutes.
Stacy Jordan email
HRSA Guidelines
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