

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

DATE: 06-17--16 Time: 9:00 – 12:00pm

Attendee Committee Members: Deb Charlea Baker, Keri Darling, Ralph Gallo, Linda Hazard (co-chair), Sharon Henry, Bill Hudson (co-chair), Leslie Johnson, Christopher Kane, Susan Kimmerly, Mark Limoges, Cindy Moran, William Pendlebury, Elena Shapiro, Stuart Soboleski, Sherry Sousa, AJ Van Tassel, Spenser Wepler, Amy Williamson.

Additional Attendees: Patricia Thompson (minutes)

Next Meeting: Thursday, August 4, 2016, 9-12 at the AHS – WSOC (Waterbury State Office Complex) Oak 49 RmA283 (directions attached)

| TOPIC | DISCUSSION | DECISION |
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| Welcome – Linda Hazard | Linda Hazard welcomed William Pendlebury and introductions all around the room. Introduction of Leslie Johnson, teacher of Deaf, sub-committee school age. This is the last meeting of the “unofficial council.” August will be the first formal council under S: 66. | |
| Review of Bill S-66 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Members Governor Appointed members | Membership as outlined on the bill- 1) 16 members of the public, appointed by the Governor. A) 9 or fewer members who are D/HH/DB provided each population is represented- have to fill out application. Application to be emailed. | Application to be emailed to the 9 members who are required to fill out an application. |

1. Mark Limoges
2. Deb Charlea Baker
3. Keri Darling
4. Spenser Wepler
5. Sherry Sousa
6. AJ Van Tassel
7. Ralph Gallo
8. William Pendlebury
9. One member open

B) 2 members who are each a parent or guardian of a child who is D/HH/DB-

1. Amy Williamson, interpreter/parent
2. Sharon Henry

Concern - Deb Charlea Baker – can HLAA fill one more slot?

Elena – With the dual roles you will be replacing 1 person in 2 spots when there should be 2 participants.

Susan K. – Sherry Sousa will have a dual role as well but because of their specific field they will have the dual roles.

Motion – Each council member will represent one area.

Elena Shapiro

2nd the motion – Deb Charlea Baker

All in favor – all

Motion passed

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| | <p>C) 2 members who serve persons who are D/HH/DB in a professional capacity, provided these members do not represent the same organization.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Susan Kimmerly 2. Missy Boothroyd <p>D) Professional deaf-education specialist who understands all communication and language modes.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Judy Vreeland Susan Kimmerly – Professional Position/Higher Education Specialist - Judy Vreeland, distinguish the two by credentialing <p>E) Professional Interpreter or parent/interpreter</p> <p>F) Audiologist or Hard of Hearing Education Specialist.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Linda Hazard serving both roles. Deb Charlea Baker- wiggle room for both? Question for Monica. <p>William Pendlebury recommended – Alex Cully.</p> | <p>Linda Hazard and Bill Hudson will follow-up with parent/guardian, Audiologist, Hard of Hearing Specialist, HLAA representative</p> <p>Questions for Monica Hutt? Can Linda Hazard have the dual role?</p> <p>There is a list going and will add Alex Cully to the list.</p> |
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Ralph Gallo – The term Audiologist has been written but it's been recommended that Audiologist has to include someone with experience with children. Maybe an AuD and Educator?

Council Members that don't have to be appointed by the governor-

- 2) Bill Hudson
- 3) Cindy Moran
- 4) Monica Hutt
- 5) Danielle Howes/Terry Edgerton, Dir. will make decision.
- 6) Linda Hazard
- 7) Elena Shapiro
- 8) Position – email suggestions. Superintendent who is responsible for a public county/public district.
- 9) Sherry Sousa

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Application process | <p>Application form to only who have to apply.</p> <p>Concern of members - Other people interested in joining can apply as well. All current members will remain on council.</p> <p>Linda Hazard and Bill Hudson will follow-up with parent/guardian, Audiologist, Hard of Hearing Specialist, HLAA representative.</p> | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chair and Co-Chair | <p>Bill Hudson, Linda Hazard and Monica Hutt – will stay on as Chair and CO-Chairs however the positions are open for nomination.</p> <p>A formal vote will be at first official meeting when the council will vote on a Chair and Co-chairs.</p> | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Member Attendance | <p>Member Attendance – all council members are free to speak up and it’s critical to continue to share opinions. Sometimes it’s difficult and challenging to have a voice in moving all services forward.</p> <p>Bill Hudson -This is a very unique group and the first in Vermont history. “‘What happens in the committee, stays in the committee.’”</p> <p>Linda Hazard – The group has worked very well together and we put the hard issues in the middle of the room to discuss. The group should be proud and we all Thank You for your hard work.</p> | |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Setting of standard meetings every other month starting in August <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Proposed time -2nd Tuesday of every other month | <p>First meeting of the council will be in August with Monica Hutt present.</p> <p>Meeting will be every other month starting in August. Date to be decided based on Doodle Poll.</p> | |
| <p>Updates from Sub-Committees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birth to 3 year olds-Amy Williamson • School age (3 years of age - 22 years of age)-Stuart Soboleski • Adults (22 years of age to 65 years of age)- Missy Boothroyd • Seniors (65 years of age +)- Deb Charlea Baker | <p>Deb Charlea Baker- reported on Seniors.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hearing aid bill on hold for now due to Affordable Care Act. We will do the homework now until things change in the legislature. • Coverage of hearing aids; HAT, physician training, training professionals. • Aging population in Vermont = Public Health Issue. • Chittenden County, exploring Community Health Improvement in the area. <p>Elena – training, education should be across the board (all sub-groups. AJ – outreach and public education part of the groups. Burden is on people who or D/HH/DB. Training should be on populace on how to communicate with others.</p> <p>Keri Darling – 211 Call center, data collection, collect data on persons who are D/HH/DB. Should be separate sub-groups for data to give to the legislature.</p> | |

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| <p>Additional business and closing</p> | <p>Next Meeting: Thursday, August 4, 2016, 9-12 at the AHS – WSOC (Waterbury State Office Complex) Oak 49 Rm A283 (directions attached) The name of the conference room is Oak – it is on the second floor on the left, in the atrium. You enter after going through Security.</p> | <p>Visitors Packets to be attached.</p> |
| | <p>Motion to Adjourn– Sharon Henry</p> <p>2nd the motion – AJ Van Tassel All in favor – all Motion passed</p> | <p>Trish will email compensation paperwork and W-9.</p> |
| <p>Sub-Committee break out meetings</p> | | |