

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

DATE: 02-25-2016 Time: 9:00 – 12:00pm

Attendee Committee Members: Missy Boothroyd, Ralph Gallo, Linda Hazard (co-chair), Sharon Henry, Bill Hudson (co-chair), Monica Hutt, Mark Limoges, Elena Shapiro, Stuart Soboleski, Spenser Wepler

Video Conference: Susan Kimmerly

Phone Attendees: Deb Charlea Baker

Additional Attendees: Virginia Clark (interpreter), Chris Kane (guest), Patricia Thompson (minutes), Darlene Todd (interpreter)

Next Meeting: April 27, 2016 Vermont Agency of Education 219 North Main Street, VT 05641, Room 423

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	DECISION
Welcome and Introductions	Linda Hazard welcomed the council.	Introduce Chris Kane. Chris is representing the Agency of Education in place of Cindy Moran, and a member of the Special Education Team. Introductions around the room by all members.
Stipend Clarification – Monica Hutt	For the “full” D/HH/DB Advisory Council, members that are not currently employed and not otherwise being reimbursed for current positions or employment, and are deemed a “volunteer” are eligible for a stipend of \$50.00 per council meeting. Monica Hutt will confirm and let us know if members will also be reimbursed for mileage at .54 per mile.	All members who have already submitted a stipend form please fill out a new stipend form with the correct amount of \$50.00 per meeting Going forward you will fill out the form for \$50.00. Patricia Thompson will email confirmation of mileage once confirmed. Remember to sign the form before sending to Monica.

		<p>All members who wish to be reimbursed have to submit a W-9 form. The form has to be submitted only once.</p> <p>Stipend and W-9 Form attached to minutes.</p> <p>All forms will be emailed to Monica Hutt at monica.hutt@vermont.gov</p>
<p>Update of House Testimony - Monica Hutt and Bill Hudson</p>	<p>There wasn't much discussion on S.66.</p> <p>The House wanted to know who we are and learn about our membership. They wanted to know about the sub-committees and gaps. Gaps recommended by each group. What is the need for a commission?</p> <p>They had questions of money and why Austine closed.</p> <p>The House Education Committee was attentive, good questions, comments and suggestions.</p> <p>Ann Pugh, Chair of House Committee of Human Services wants to know why this can't go in DAIL's budget.</p> <p>Questions asked of Bill and Monica- What changes would you make? What does the council think?</p>	<p><u>ACTION by members –</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All members are to read the bill and respond with suggestions to Monica Hutt at monica.hutt@vermont.gov by Thursday, March 3rd. 2. <u>S.66 Review sub-committee-</u> Bill Hudson Stuart Soboleski Spenser Wepler Monica Hutt Deb Charlea Baker The sub-committee will meet and discuss themes identified by members. 3. Monica Hutt will ask Karen Lafayette, lobbyist about the process for the council being sanctioned under an executive order

<p>Updates from Sub-Committees</p>	<p><u>Birth-3, Linda Hazard-</u></p> <p>The sub-committee met and discussed questions that addressed different themes. The questions were emailed out to EHDI programs across the country.</p> <p><u>School Age, Stuart Soboleski-</u></p> <p>The sub-committee met 2/11/16 and discussed-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develop questionnaire for other states. 2. Use the table Sharon Henry created. 3. Which way to go from here? <p><u>Adults – Elena Shapiro-</u></p> <p>No meeting but has identified putting together a table and using the chart.</p> <p><u>Seniors, Deb Charlea Baker-</u></p> <p>No meeting, waiting, working with chart, themes and identifying 4 areas</p>	<p>Linda Hazard will share questions with the council.</p> <p>All sub-committees to use the table/report with factual data, similar to SWOT analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats.)</p> <p>The table/report will include-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Challenges 2. Gaps 3. Opportunities 4. Strengths
<p>Next Steps</p>		<p>ACTION by members –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All members are to read the bill and respond with suggestions to Monica Hutt at monica.hutt@vermont.gov by Thursday, March 3rd. 2. <u>S.66 Review –</u> Bill Hudson, Stuart Soboleski, Spenser Wepler and Monica Hutt will meet and discuss themes identified by group.

		<p>3. Monica Hutt will ask Karen Lafayette, lobbyist, how to initiate an Executive Order.</p> <p>4. Chris Kane will ask Cindy Moran about identifying a representative from the Superintendents organization to participate in the council.</p>
Additional Business and Closing-	<p>Motion to Adjourn – Elena Shapiro 2nd the motion – Missy Boothroyd All in favor – all Motion to adjourn passed</p>	<p>If you will be on video phone for the April 27th meeting please email Patricia Thompson, patricia.thompson@partner.vermont.gov a week before the meeting so that we can have the system set-up and ready and so that you can test the system on your computer.</p>