

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

DATE: 04-27-16 Time: 9:00 – 12:00pm

Attendee Committee Members: Deb Charlea Baker, Missy Boothroyd, Keri Darling, Ralph Gallo, Linda Hazard (co-chair), Sharon Henry, Bill Hudson (co-chair), Monica Hutt, Susan Kimmerly, Mark Limoges, Cindy Moran, Stuart Soboleski, Sherry Sousa, Amy Williamson.

Video Conference: Spenser Weppler

Additional Attendees: Virginia Clark (interpreter), Lianne Moccia (interpreter), Jennifer Raney (interpreter), Blair Rasmus (guest), Patricia Thompson (minutes), Darlene Todd (interpreter),

Next Meeting: Friday, June 17, 2016, 9-12 at the Vermont Agency of Education 219 North Main Street, VT 05641, Room 304

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	DECISION
Welcome – Linda Hazard	Linda Hazard welcomed the council.	
Discussion of S.66 – Linda Hazard	Questions or discussion about the bill. Discussion by Keri Darling- <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Most recent bill.2. Talking points for the bill.3. May 4th Nationwide movement	Trish will email out a copy of- <ol style="list-style-type: none">1 -the most current bill2 -talking points by Keri Darling.

	<p>Deb Charlea – Concerns</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Good idea for celebration – wait until bill is actually signed. 2. Combining National Initiative with bill - Timing not appropriate. <p>Group Clarifications – understanding the complexities of exactly where bill is in the legislative process; Senate, House, etc.</p> <p>Appreciation and thanks to all for their efforts for relooking/reevaluating bill especially-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monica Hutt • Bill Hudson • Spenser Wepler • Linda Hazard • Deb Charlea-Baker • Stuart Soboleski 	
<p>Update on 2016 EHDI Conference and Hands & Voices- Linda Hazard</p>	<p>Update on 2016 EHDI Conference in San Diego, CA.- Successful meeting had by all.</p> <p>New Hands & Voices president - came out of EHDI meeting - Terese Urban.</p>	<p>Trish will email Hands & Voices Flyer out to council.</p>

	<p>Hands & Voices, what is Hands & Voices? –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Organization • National Chapters • All families welcome/non-biased • Vermont had a chapter but with decreased membership it was eventually run by two professionals however organization is for families and not supposed to be run by professionals. • Annual meeting for National Organization where 1-2 parents attend. 	
<p>Committee Discussion</p>	<p>Membership</p> <p>Superintendent on council-</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Still looking for superintendent, two people. Will take time due to “has to be appointed by governor.”</p> <p>Looking for equality of 16 members: 9 must be D/HH/DB</p> <p>Review 6 Themes and Gaps – how they impact each age group.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Coordination and Delivery of Services 2. Professional Capacity 3. Data Collection, Collation, Tracking 4. Accessibility (language, communication, equipment) 5. Outreach and Public Education 6. Psychosocial and Emotional support 	

	<p>Discussion on consideration and recommendations of data collection.</p> <p>At the close of council meeting today the sub-committees with have time for discussion and to connect.</p>	
<p>Additional Business and Closing-</p>	<p>Doodle Poll – for next meeting.</p> <p>Email Meeting Planners to council for next meeting.</p> <p>Clarification on Stipend by Monica Hutt</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. \$50.00 for Full Council Meeting 2. Reimbursement for mileage if needed at whatever the current state rate is; please simply note the miles traveled and the calculation will be done by the Agency of Human Services - State of VT 3. In completing stipend forms, please list the \$50 stipend under “per diem” and the mileage separately under mileage on the same form. Remember to sign the form! <p>Motion to Adjourn – Amy Williamson</p> <p>2nd the motion – Keri Darling All in favor – all Motion to adjourn passed</p>	