

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

DATE: 05-16-17 Time: 10:00am – 1:00pm

Attendee Committee Members: Deb Charlea Baker, Susette Bollard, Missy Boothroyd, Jennifer Bostwick, Ralph Gallo, Sharon Henry, Danielle Howes, Bill Hudson (Vice-Chair), Monica Hutt, Leslie Johnson, Stacy Jordan for Linda Hazard (Chair), Susan Kimmerly, Cindy Moran, William Pendlebury, Laura Siegel for Elena Shapiro, Sherry Sousa, Judy Vreeland, Amy Williamson.

Conference Phone: Rebecca Chalmers, Kelley Rohrer, AJ Van Tassel

Additional Attendees: Patricia Thompson (minutes), Cory Brunner (interpreter), Kristal Hier (interpreter), Norma Miller (White Coat Captioning – CART)

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 19, 2017 – Waterbury – AHS – WSOC Oak 49 RM A283

WEBSITE LINK - <http://healthvermont.gov/family/health-care/hearing-health>

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	DECISION
Welcome – Bill Hudson and Monica Hutt	Monica verify Rebecca, Kelly and AJ on the conference phone and they have the captioning link working. Bill welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
VTEHDI (Vermont Early Hearing Detection and Intervention program) – Council Website Discussion and recommendations- Bill Hudson	Bill – Appreciates EHDI and all the work they’ve been doing with the website including monitoring.	

	<p>Add links to organizational websites –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HLAA: Hearing Loss Association of America • VocRehab: Vocational Rehabilitation • NAD: National Association of the Deaf • VTAD: Vermont Association of the Deaf • Austine Alumni Association • DAILE: Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living • A Site on Facebook if possible. <p>Looking for volunteers to review the website and give suggestions as to what can be added.</p> <p>Add the website to the list of other Governor appointed websites.</p>	<p>Email Bill if you are interested in helping out with reviewing the website. Deb Baker is willing to work with Bill on this, we need more volunteers.</p> <p>Monica will find out if we can get the website listed with other Governor appointed websites. Monica will come up with a list of other organizations that should have a link to our website.</p> <p>We are not adding links to the website but adding a link to the Council website to those organizational sites so that people can find the council website more easily</p>
<p>Funding and Committee Reports- Monica Hutt</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding for committee goals 	<p>The key strategy to get the legislation moving forward to establishing the Council was that we committed there was no funding needed for the group.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The group would be staffed internally. • DAILE to cover costs of stipends and interpreters 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sub-Committee updates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No money needed to maintain the group. <p>Determine what goals cost money how do we embed them into how the agency exists now.</p> <p>Sub-groups identify what goals require money and what is the cost in order to move forward.</p> <p>School-Age sub-committee updates – Sherry Sousa</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion about existing systems and how best to leverage the existing systems. • Why are some areas accessing the existing systems and others are not? • Will be meeting in July for 2 hours with experts and leaders. • Data collection and existing systems. <p>Discussion of School for the Deaf is included in the School – Age committee as a whole. The focus of the two primary goals are the larger D/HH/DB and what we can do that will impact the most number of students.</p> <p>Rebecca Chalmers – Add sub-committee leader contact information to website.</p>	<p>Our 4 working groups: discuss what goals require money and what is the cost involved and email Monica Hutt with list.</p>
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	<p>Discussion of Over the Counter Hearing Aid Act. Introduced on March 21, 2017.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. 670, H.R. 1652 Over the Counter Hearing Aid Act of 2017 <p>Kelly Rohrer – thoughts from an Audiologist. The biggest concern is consumer protection.</p>	
<p>Meeting the needs of D/HH/DB Constituents – Bill Hudson.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Forums • Issues for Deaf and DeafBlind • Issues for Hard of Hearing Community 	<p>Outreach in the form of community forums.</p> <p>Council members to get feed-back from community.</p> <p>DAIL – to cover cost of interpreters</p> <p>Important all members communicate the same message from the council.</p> <p>Structure of Forums?</p> <p>Legislature involved?</p> <p>Questions the Legislature has charged us with A-F on the bill.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appropriate and ongoing educational opportunities. • Adequate family supports 	<p>Monica send out what we are charged with from the Legislature A-F on the bill.</p>

- Loses or reductions that arose because of the closing of Austine School and the Vermont Center for the Deaf.
- What are opportunities to restore and expand?

Motion to create one sub-committee to design town halls/forums for D/HH/DB, for signing people and non-signing people.— Will Pendlebury
2nd the motion – Susan Kimmerly
All in favor – all
Motion passed

Committee Members-

1. Deb Charlea Baker
2. William Pendlebury
3. Leslie Johnson
4. Missy Boothroyd
5. Jen Bostwick
6. Monica Hutt
7. AJ Van Tassel
8. Bill Hudson

Bill will start the group with an email to the sub-committee.

<p>Electing a Chair and Vice Chair at the September Meeting – Bill Hudson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Linda and Bill were elected for one year. • Chair and Vice Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • D/HH/DB Community member and/or parent for Chair and Vice Chair 	<p>One of the responsibilities of Chair and Vice Chair is to testify in front of the legislature without much notice.</p> <p>Work with Monica Hutt.</p> <p>Look into by laws and length of term.</p> <p>Council members value Linda and Bill in their roles and because they are state employees have better negotiating power.</p> <p>Motion to have Linda Hazard and Bill Hudson remain as Chair and Vice Chair.- Amy Williamson 2nd the motion – Sharon Henry Table the motion until someone has a chance to ask Linda – AJ Van Tassel</p> <p>Ok to table the motion per Amy Williamson and continue with questions in September.</p>	<p>Monica Hutt – to draft an email with some basic operating guidelines and share with the group.</p>
<p>Introductions around the room for the new attendees</p>	<p>Introductions for Susette Bollard and Laura Siegel</p>	
<p>Attendance – Council</p>	<p>Bill Hudson - Table due to time</p>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How many meetings can be missed by members in one year? 		
<p>EHDI Update – Stacy Jordan for Linda Hazard.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding HRSA and CDC • CARE Project Retreat 	<p>At this time will receive HRSA funding but we don't have it in writing yet.</p> <p>Awaiting notification about CDC grant in June.</p> <p>Care Project – is a family retreat weekend</p> <p>Date – possible weekend in September Location – looking at Burke Mountain</p>	
<p>9 East Network Update – Susan Kimmerly</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birth – 3 (PIP) • School Age 	<p>Birth to 3 –</p> <p>IE Snapshot – Survey of parents of babies and toddlers and from Early Providers from the past 5 years</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preliminary results not ready to share yet. <p>Northern New England Collaborative</p>	<p>3 Attachments –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Vermont Deaf & Hard of Hearing Program, Update on Children's Services, May 16, 2017 2. Save the Dates page 3. Green Mountain Lions Camp 2017 4. Adventure Day

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont working together to create communication options for families. <p>Lead K – National Level – legislation that focuses on language development and learning for kids who or deaf.</p> <p>Hired Jen Bostwick as the Assistant Director of 9 East network.</p> <p>School – Age –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data collection by grade, children who have bilateral, severe and profound hearing loss to look for clusters for future program services. • Feedback from case mangers • Funding – Grant from Agency of Education and billing School Districts. • Sign support 	
<p>Interpreters – School Age – Amy Williamson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Criteria • Exam • Meeting times • Realistic Expectations 	<p>Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf is a National Body – has credentialing through the Assessment arm of the organization-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generalist certificate – minimum standard <p>Vermont Interpreters – no standards but in general is to have a National certification.</p>	<p>Attach report from January.</p>

	<p>Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment (EIPA) – contains 2 parts.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Knowledge exam – learning theory, educational discourse strategies, structure of lessons to engage students, 2. Performance Assessment- 2 parts <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Elementary Education b. Secondary Education <p>Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment (EIPA) is available in Nebraska and New Hampshire.</p> <p>Educational Specialist Credentialing will be given if you scored a 4.0 or above, very hard to get so some states are allowing 3.5 because of need.</p> <p>Gallaudet University offering another assessment called ASL –PI Proficiency- also has pros and cons.</p>	<p>Committee would appreciate feedback from all.</p> <p>Continue discussion on September meeting.</p> <p>Amy to send questions to group or survey to group about agreement on certain items, etc.</p>
<p>EM Luse Center Audiology: Reduction in Services – Sharon Henry</p>	<p>EM Luse Center is losing some Audiologists and not replacing the positions. Not sure if due to budgetary concerns or not.</p> <p>Does the council have a response?</p>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Input Criteria – Council 	<p>Email the EM Luse Center to get some more information and what their next steps are.</p>	<p>Bill to write up some questions and follow up with EM Luse Center.</p>
<p>Hearing Aid Insurance Coverage – Rebecca Chalmers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sub-committee 	<p>Create a sub-committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Help on compiling data from members. Focus on H.90 Come up with Council Statements Prepare to have a reports by September <p>Captioning, cell phones and FCC Money</p>	<p>Email Rebecca if interested in working with her. Bill and Deb Charlea are interested.</p> <p>Add to agenda for September.</p>
<p>Other Business</p> <p>Adjourn</p>	<p>Will Pendlebury – VTAD is talking about hosting a Deaf Expo and would like to get that on the books. Don't want to have two Deaf community events to conflict on the same day.</p> <p>Motion to Adjourn– Susan Kimmerly 2nd the motion – Sharon Henry All in favor – all Motion passed</p>	<p>Keri Darling and Bill Hudson will inform the Council of the Deaf Expo date and any related information at our September meeting, most likely it will be in 2018.</p>
<p>Action Items</p>		<p>Email Bill if you are interested in helping out with reviewing the website.</p> <p>Sub-groups discuss what goals require money and what is the cost involved and email Monica Hutt with list.</p>

		<p>Sub-committee chair email a link to the sub-committee minutes to be put on the website to Trish.</p> <p>Hearing Aid Insurance Coverage - Email Rebecca if interested in working with her.</p> <p><u>Starting Next Fall –</u> All meetings will be held at Waterbury, AHS – WSOC Oak 49 RM A283 Time – 10-1</p> <p>Tuesday, September 19, 2017 Thursday, November 2, 2017 (this is a Thursday) Tuesday, January 16, 2018 Tuesday, March 20, 2018 Tuesday, May 22, 2018</p>
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