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Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Executive Meeting Minutes

April 3, 2024

Meeting held via Zoom

Action Items and Motion Items

Action Items

1. Action Item:

Jonathan Petermon will follow up and inform us more on the FCC bill group. If you are interested in being a part of that committee, please let Jonathan Petermon know. VP's in the school system and training. FCC includes VRS for service. How to address policy issues before public comment closes on April 15 2024. Multilingual public comment is open longer. If you are interested in joining the work groups, please reach out to an executive committee member for more information.

2. Action Item:

A strategic plan is a must for the full DHH council. We will need to do an end of year report that includes plans, goals achieved and what is on the radar for the year to come.

3. Action Item:

Report back on the conference in April and make sure the executive council understands the key points that affect the D/HH community. Accountability is important.

4. Action Item:

Motion Items

1. **Motion Item:** Leia Sparks motions to develop a temporary work group to focus on the FCC VRS bill. BJ Ermenc seconds. PASSED

2. **Motion Item:** BJ Ermenc motions to accept June 7, 2024, schedule. Leia Sparks seconds. PASSED

June 7th 2024 10a-4p

10a-10:15a welcome

10:15a-11a- Mark Thompson (DPH Attorney)

11a-11:15a Break

11:15a-12 noon- Katy Hagemeyer (Language Assessments)

12p-1p lunch (catered in)

1p-1:45p Chad Ludwig from Bridges Oregon

1:45-2p Q&A

2p-2:15p Break

2:15p-4p update ADLIN conference and strategic plan

3. Motion Item:

Meeting Minutes

- I. **Welcome and Introductions**--Jonathan Petermon, BJ Ermenc, Leia Sparks, Amy Simonsen, Sue Gudenkauf, (interpreters), Margo Lucas (captioner)

Welcome and introductions by:

Council members present: Jonathan Petermon, BJ Ermenc, Leia Sparks

Council members absent (excused*):

Liaisons present: Jason Anderson, Jennifer Anderson

Guests: Alisha Bronk, Lucy Degener, Rianna V, Pie Intern-Erika Wendt, Zachary Davenport-analyst from Dept. of Health Services

II. Meeting Called to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m. by Jonathan Petermon.

- III. **Review and Approve the Agenda**—BJ Ermenc motion to approve. Leia Sparks seconded. PASSED

- IV. **Review and approve March Meeting Minutes**—BJ Ermenc motion to approve. Leia Sparks seconded. PASSED

V. Agenda Item—

BJ Ermenc-Cross Council discussed April event. Liaisons supported all councils working together and possible sub committees working together. We would like for the state count of people within WI who have one disability and whom have more than one disability. It would be nice to have a list of those disabilities but if not able due to confidentiality, then just a number would be helpful.

Concordia presentation for April will not be happening since it is the same day as the conference in Lacrosse. No one from D/HH community will be there to represent this population.

VI. Agenda Item—

Leia Sparks asked Jason Anderson about speaker for full council meeting in June. Will hold off until we get to VIII on the agenda.

VII. Agenda Item—

ODHH no updates. ODHH is working with WAD, WisRID, Hearing Loss Association (HLAA) and other organizations.

VIII. Public Comment on Issues—

Teachers of the Deaf were present and wanted to know they want to help with the education of the Deaf/HH students they serve. Deaf Interpreters and Certified Deaf Interpreters are getting trained and can be used in the K-12 setting to help with language deprivation and communication access.

IX. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m. Leia Sparks motions to adjourn. BJ Ermenc seconds.
PASSED