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## State of Wisconsin

Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

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### Meeting Minutes

#### Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Executive Committee Zoom Meeting

Wednesday, June 5, 2024  
4:00 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.

1. **Welcome and Introductions**— Jonathan Petermon (chair), Leia Sparks (secretary), Christopher ODHH Director, Jason Anderson, Zachary Davenport, and Angela Brenna program/policy analyst DHS, Amy Simonsen and Kate Block Interpreters, BJ Ermenc (Co-Chair); Margo Lucas. Not in Attendance: N/A

CALL TO ORDER: 4:00 pm CST

2. **Review and Approve June Executive Meeting Agenda**—Motion to approve BJ Ermenc; Second Leia Sparks. PASSED
3. **Review and Approve April Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**—Leia Sparks motion to approve; BJ Ermenc second. PASSED
4. **Public Comments on Issues Affecting the Deaf, Deaf-Blind, or Hard of Hearing** (4:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.) No one in attendance
5. **Reports/Updates**
  - a. **ODHH—Christopher Rawlings—no updates; budget issues have arisen but have been solved.**
  - b. **Jason Anderson**—Cross council collaborations and ADILN recap- members need to share the responsibilities of going to cross council meetings and the collaboration.
    - i. GCPD—Governors Committee for People with Disabilities is looking to have more meetings but to bring OPIL (6 councils) together on topic issues; transportation (#1 priority). GCPD has a work group that meets bi-monthly.
    - ii. Member Resignation, Recruitment--Nicole Everson resigned via letter. Leia Sparks will send out Nicole's letter to the council and then asking for another representative for D/HH/DB. BJ Ermenc would like to have a bylaw or separate procedure to add resignation and how that is announced.
    - iii. Council Liaisons on Q2 agenda—WisRID will talk about possible liaison with the Council D/HH. Leia Sparks will report back after the next WiRID board meeting.



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- 6. BJ Ermenc—Work Group/Sub-Committee:** Attended cross council meeting last week of May 2024. Overwhelming support of ALL councils working in tandem. There seems to be a lot of overlap of work being done throughout all the councils when others have already started the work.

FCC would like the Deaf and/or disabled community for feedback for the emergency alert system. FCC is thinking of a video to be sent out and would be an alert where people would use video to provide feedback to the FCC. All feedback due by June 12, 2024. Zachary Davenport will send the videos to be viewed and provide feedback. Zachary Davenport is willing to facilitate and support the FCC work group of members who'd like to participate. Leia Sparks will create a google form to illicit interest in joining the work group. Leia Sparks will send that to the council members on the DHH council. We need to work with communication access for D/HH but the broad area of need is communication. It is up to the council on HOW we structure the work groups. We need to use the policy and procedure analyst to give us direction on what to focus on in the work group.

- 7. Q2 Meeting Final Details/Planning**

Schedule for the day

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 Hagmeyer (Language Assessments)

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

1:45-2p Q&A

2p-2:15p Break

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

Space and set up—Hill Farms State Office Building. Room S147. U shape upfront for council members with chairs behind for public.

Open comments and logistics—Public comments if made, those individuals will sign in and we can determine the time limit. 3 minute/4 minute limit. The person



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states their thoughts and then they are responded to with a "thank you". We can ask for their email when they sign in and we can follow up with those individuals. Leia Sparks wrote handwritten thank you notes for each speaker and will distribute those after Friday.

**8. Adjournment:** Motion by Leia Sparks; Second BJ Ermenc PASSED 5:30 pm

*The purpose of this meeting is to conduct the governmental business outlined in the above agenda. The Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing is appointed by the Governor to advise him, the Department of Health Services and the Office for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing about issues and concerns affecting 500,000 people in Wisconsin who are deaf, hard of hearing, and/or deaf-blind.*

*The Council is administratively attached to the Department of Health Services. If you need an interpreter, alternate formats, or other accommodations to participate, please contact Jason Anderson at 608-261-5997 [jason.anderson@dhs.wisconsin.gov](mailto:jason.anderson@dhs.wisconsin.gov).*