



Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (CDHH) Third Quarter Meeting Minutes

Friday, September 6, 2024
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Oregon Public Library, 200 N Alpine Pkwy, Oregon, WI 53575

Action Items and Motion Items

Action Items

- 1. Action Item: Motion to write a letter of support for raising the service fund amount. Passed**
- 2. Action Item: Motion to authorize the CDHH work group to submit workgroup recommendations to the executive committee for a vote, which can then be actionable on behalf of the full council. Passed**
- 3. Action Item: Motion to have another special council meeting to complete strategic goals discussion. Passed**

Motion Items

- 1. Motion Item: Motion to call meeting to order. Passed**
- 2. Motion Item: Motion to approve agenda. Passed**
- 3. Motion Item: Motion to approve June meeting minutes with corrections. Passed**
- 4. Motion Item: Motion to adjourn until technology and access can be restored. Passed**
- 5. Motion Item: Motion to call meeting to order again. Passed**
- 6. Motion Item: Motion to approve WAD as organizational liaison, and Lisa Demmon (president) as the representative. PASSED.**
- 7. Motion Item: Motion to approve HLAA as organizational liaison, and Kathy Johnson (president) as the representative. PASSED**
- 8. Motion Item: Motion to move WisRID/Sara Kay Gengler to December Council agenda. PASSED**
- 9. Motion Item: Motion to approve Deaf Unity as organizational liaison, and Greta Suprenant as the representative. PASSED.**
- 10. Motion Item: Motion to adjourn. Passed.**

Meeting Minutes

1. Meeting Called to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:11 a.m. by Jonathan Petermon. Council members present: Jonathan Petermon, Zachary Davenport, Lisa Demmon, Katy Hagemeyer, Andy Altmann, BJ Ermenc, David Seligman.

Council members absent (excused*): Lisa Stewart Boettcher

Liaisons present: Lisa Demmon, Kathy Johnson

DHS staff support present: Christopher Rawlings, Amber Mullet, Jason Anderson

2. Review and Approve September Agenda

Motion to approve September Q3 meeting agenda with corrections: PASSED.

3. Review and Approve June Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve June Q2 minutes with corrections: PASSED.

Paused meeting due to interruption in accommodations 10:15-10:37 a.m.

Motion to adjourn until resolution of accommodation interruption at 10:37 a.m. PASSED

Motion to call to order again. Passed 10:43 a.m.

4. Public Comments on Issues Affecting the Deaf, Deaf-Blind, or Hard of Hearing

No public comment

5. Proposed Organizational Liaison Members

1. Motion to approve WAD as organizational liaison, and Lisa Demmon (president) as the representative. PASSED.
2. Motion to approve HLAA as organizational liaison, and Kathy Johnson (president) as the representative. PASSED
3. Motion to move WisRID/Sara Kay Gengler to December Council agenda. PASSED

6. Organizational Liaison Updates

Kathy Johnson discussed the Service Fund and asked for Council to write a letter of support to increase the service fund.

7. Updates from Cross-Council Liaison

Amber Mullet—GCPD goals: Housing, transportation and caregivers, and accessibility/policy (catch all). Awards were given at the meeting with the media and public recognition. GCPD's ask—find ways in our strategic plan to align/support their work plan/structure.

8. CDHH End of Year Report- Jonathan Petermon

Addressing the needs of Deaf/HH/DB community members. Please see the annual report. Next year (2025) CDHH will be focusing on accessibility, communication accessibility, improving health care and employment opportunities.

9. OPIL/ODHH Updates

1. Christopher Rawlings-

- Asked for a moment of silence for Hollie Barnes who passed away Aug. 30, 2024.
- Service Fund update provided by Christopher
- Ex Officio and organizational liaison letters- Christopher and Jason will work on welcome letters with terms for these members.
- Annual Council Accommodation Requests—These need to be made by who is needing the accommodation.

2. Amber Mullett

- Support Service Provider- (SSP)- ODHH had sent out notice that they would no longer be supporting Deaf/Blind people utilizing SSP's due to conflicts with the funds intended purpose. However, there was additional discussions with the Center for DeafBlind Persons and as a result, ODHH has moved and allocated \$10,000.00 to support SSP services until a permanent measure can be found. A taskforce is in process to work on this.

3. Stacie Heckendorf- Behavioral Health Initiative (BHI) April 12, 2025. On tour with Denise Johnson from Independence First.

4. Chantel Wiedmeyer- Board for Evaluation of Interpreters (BEI) Updates— Certification transfer is available in WI. DSPS is behind with licensure. Referring all complaints to the DSPS license webpage and their E-license.

10. Program and Policy Analyst Updates

1. Zachary Davenport –no public comments; no updates; there are no DOT comments, and the open comment time frame is open currently.

2. Jason P Anderson

- Engage for Change update—try to connect all the governor councils together and work as one team. Meeting last fall for all the councils but this year we would not get the programming met by Oct. 2024 so this will be postponed to Spring 2025.
- Would like more BIPOC, Latine, Indigenous and LGBTQIA2S+, Amish and Hmong individuals/communities to be a part of our CDHH.

- Jason talked about building collective power and ways to include other perspectives into the council. Examples of other groups that might have things to share:
 1. Deaf and Hard of Hearing Social Service Providers
 2. Mental Health Alliance
 3. DeafBlind Representation- Director Center for DeafBlind

11. Legislative Workgroup- Lisa Stewart-Boettcher/ Zachary Davenport

1. Workgroup updates—CDHH will write a letter of support for raising the service fund amount. Andy Altmann motions for the Legislative work group write a letter of support to raise the service fund. Leia Sparks seconds. PASSED
2. Leia Sparks motion to extend an invitation to bring Deaf Unity as an organizational member. BJ Ermenc second- PASSED
3. CDHH will move to the CDHH work group the topics of:
 - Accommodations for D/HH for state projects/buildings to require hearing loop in their buildings. (This was up in 2020 and failed).
 - Audiologists to require to provide education on t-coil and other assistive listening devices (ALD's)
 - Motion-BJ Ermenc Motions to authorize the CDHH work group to submit workgroup recommendations to the executive committee for a vote, which can then be actionable on behalf of the full council. Passed

12. Strategic Goal Setting and Priority Identification for 2024-2025- Amber Mullett agreed to facilitate.

1. Council Strategic Goals Survey 2024—Discussion of Strategic Goals. See template
2. Andy motions to have a special council meeting to continue this regarding strategic goals. Second Leia Sparks. PASSED

13. Adjourn Adjournment

Katy Hagmeyer motions to adjourn. Andy Altmann seconds. The meeting adjourned at 4:03 p.m.