



## State of Wisconsin

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### Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing August Executive Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 7, 2024, 4-5:30PM

Location: Zoom (669) 254-5252 and Meeting ID: 160 921 2440)

<https://dhs.wi.zoomgov.com/j/1609212440?pwd=S2JsQWZqN2xTZXpObFN4V2kzdmtpdz09>

#### Action Items and Motion Items

##### Action Items

1. **Action Item:** BJ Ermenc made a motion for leaders of workgroups to attend the CDHH Executive committee meeting. BJ will contact Lisa to ask about it. No opposition, motion carried.

##### Motion Items

1. **Motion item:** Motion to call meeting to order at 4:05pm by BJ Ermenc. Second by Jonathan Petermon. Motion carries.
2. **Motion Item:** Motion to approve August Executive meeting agenda by BJ Ermenc, second by Jonathan Petermon. No opposition, motion carried.
3. **Motion Item:** Motion to approve July Executive meeting minutes by BJ Ermenc, second by Jonathan Petermon. No opposition, motion carried.
4. **Motion Item:** BJ motion to request leaders from all workgroups and subcommittee attend the Executive committee meeting to report on status on their report. Second by Jonathan Petermon. No opposition, motion carries.
5. **Motion Item:** Motion to adjourn by BJ Ermenc. Second by Jonathan Petermon. Motion carries, meeting adjourned at 5:02pm.

#### Meeting Minutes

##### Executive Council members present:

Jonathan Petermon, Chair

BJ Ermenc, Vice-Chair

##### Council members absent (excused\*):

Leia Sparks

##### DHS staff support present:

Jason P Anderson, Program and Policy Analyst (PPA)

Zachary Davenport, PPA

Angela Brenna, PPA

Christopher Rawlings, Office for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (ODHH) Director

Amber Mullett, Office of the Promotion of Independent Living (OPIL) Director

**Captioner:**

Margo Lucas

**Guests:**

Andrea Schneider, Lucy Degenr, Paul Mross, Sarah Gengler, Anna Dorst, Greta Surprenant, Linda (unknown last name)

**I. Meeting Called to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. by Jonathan Petermon

**II. Review and Approve the Agenda**

Motion to approve August Executive meeting agenda by BJ Ermenc with corrections, seconded by Jonathan Petermon. No opposition, motion carried.

**III. Review and Approve July Executive Meeting Minutes**

Motion to approve July Executive meeting minutes by BJ Ermenc, seconded by Jonathan Petermon. No opposition, motion carried.

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

No public comment was received.

**V. Updates from Cross-Council Liaison- BJ Ermenc**

BJ Ermenc asked Angela to report about GCPD's quarterly meeting in-person because she wasn't there.

Angela Brenna shared the information that the GCPD worked on their workplan and approved their workplan for 2024-2027. It included items on transportation, housing, caregiver shortage, the opportunities and access for health and social service, and mental health. The information of their workplan will be shared when it's completed. Angela Brenna recommends the members of this group to look at the workplan to see if there are opportunity for this group to collaborate or align with on different goals.

**VI. ODHH Updates- Jason Anderson**

Christopher Rawlings shared the information about wanting to talk with CDHH on how election are accessible or not accessible relating to advocacy, instruction, accurate information around elections. The election is coming up soon, ODHH is trying to disseminate more information. On

August 17<sup>th</sup>, ODHH will have a booth to provide the ODHH's materials. Christopher Rawling mentioned that if CDHH wants to be there at the booth, CDHH can contact him.

Jason provided an update on receiving the approval from the Secretary Office to recruit a new DeafBlind representation and a member at large representation for CDHH. Jason Anderson asked if anyone knows an individual who is deafblind representation, contact Jonathan Petermon, Jason Anderson, Leia Sparks, or BJ.

Jason provided an update that the member at large position has been approved. Jason submitted an advertisement with the Secretary Office, it is under review but has not yet been finalized on to official website.

Jason provided an update about the survey for priorities and goal settings. CDHH council members from CDHH's quarterly meeting asked us to identify some of the priority areas that CDHH can focus on. Zachary Davenport and Jason identified and aligned some of the priority areas with the State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP).

Jason provided an update on the legislative workgroup. Lisa Stewart-Boettcher has volunteered to participate in that workgroup.

BJ Ermenc made a motion that leaders of the workgroups we establish also attend the executive meetings to better understand what is happening in the council and report out. Jonathan Petermon seconded the motion. No opposition, motioned carried. BJ will contact Lisa Stewart-Boettcher to make this ask.

Jason shared the information about the Deaf Gathering event on August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Jason mentioned that he emailed the CDHH executive board that we do have an annual report according to the bylaw that is due in September. Jason asked if anybody from executive council or full council to get a report send out. Jason explained what an annual report is and what it looks like.

Jason reminded the Executive members that the Engage for Change event will be on October 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup>. He recommends them to hold on these dates.

## **VII. Discuss and finalize Q3 full-council agenda/location**

Jason Anderson shared that ODHH recently had a meeting in the Oregon Public Library in Madison area. The parking, technology and space are included and available. Jason asked the council if they are okay to select the different location for the Q3 meeting.

BJ Ermenc wanted to make sure CDHH can work on workplan and the specific.

Jonathan Petermon wanted to add an item of on the Service Fund report under ODHH updates. ODHH staff will provide an update.

Jonathan Petermon wanted to invite Amber Mullet to facilitate the strategic plan.

## **VIII. Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn by BJ Ermenc. Second by Jonathan Petermon. Motion carries, meeting adjourned at 5:02pm.