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Assistive Technology Advisory Council Quarterly Meeting

Wednesday, August 4, 2021

9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

Join via [Zoom](#):

848 4479 9436

Join via Phone:

Phone: 844-708-2569 or 312-626-6799

Meeting ID: 848 4479 9436

Action Items and Motion

A. Action Items

1. **Action Item:** Laura Plummer will share the DVR Apps presentation with the AT Council.
2. **Action Item:** Laura Plummer will share a list of the Committees and the descriptions with the AT Council.

B. Motion Items

1. **Motion Item:** Lisa Woods made a motion to approve the August 4, 2021 ATAC quarterly meeting agenda. Cassie Frost seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Motion Item:** Shar Brunes made a motion to approve the May 19, 2021 ATAC quarterly meeting minutes as amended. Rick Ziller seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Motion Item:** Rick Ziller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jim Denham seconded the motion. Motion carried.



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C. Meeting Minutes

I. Welcome and Introductions by Jenesis Lindbo, Chairperson

Council Members Present: Jenesis Lindbo; Jason Ostrowski; Rick Ziller, Lisa Woods; Shar Brunes; Jim Denham; Jessica Holton; Cassie Frost; Alison Peetz; and Mike Hipple.

Council Members Absent (excused*): Scott Gilbertson

Guests Present: Billy Mauldin, Public Service Commission; Abygail Marx, Waisman Center; Ramsey Lee, Cory Steinmetz, DHS; Sara O'Donnell, DHS; Brenda Bauer, DHS.

DHS Staff Support Present: Laura Plummer, Department of Health Services (DHS), Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources (BADR); Lisa Sobczyk, DHS, BADR; Monica Smith, DHS, BADR; and Ashley Walker, DHS, BADR.

II. Meeting Called to Order by Jenesis Lindbo, Chairperson at 9:07 A.M.

The meeting was available via teleconference by calling 1-844-708-2569 meeting code 848 4479 9436 and via [Zoom](#).

III. Review and Approve the May 19, 2021 Quarterly Meeting Agenda

- Lisa Woods made a motion to approve the August 4, 2021 ATAC quarterly meeting agenda. Cassie Frost seconded the motion. Motion carried.

IV. Review and Approve the February 24, 2020 Quarterly Meeting Minutes

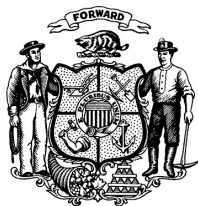
- Shar Brunes made a motion to approve the May 19, 2021 ATAC quarterly meeting minutes as amended. Rick Ziller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

V. Public Comment on Issues Affecting Assistive Technology Users or on the [State Plan on Assistive Technology, 2018-2020](#)

- No public comment received.

VI. Assistive Technology Program Updates

Assistive Technology Program related updates were shared by Council Members and Guests.



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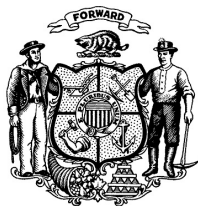
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- Billy Mauldin from the Public Service Commission noted that there has been a decline in voucher redeemed. Three reasons have been identified which include the pandemic, the increase in the use of smartphones, and a clearer implementation of equipment list guidelines. He also noted that there would be a new TEPP logo coming soon as well as an updated PSC website. Billy shared a personal story regarding his son who has a disability. His son has been receiving services from DVR related to work and post-secondary education. He indicates that DVR has been instrumental in his son's success so far.
 - Shar Brunes from Access to Independence updated that her organization has spent their COVID funding towards programs that helped specifically with AT, housing, and other needs directly tied to the pandemic. No other major news from the IL Network was included in the update.
 - Jessica Holton; DVR is open to the public. Staff work 3 days remote and 2 days in the office. This began July 6th. Referrals are still lower than in previous years.
 - Alison Peetz shared that they are planning to virtual school again for their son. She did a presentation at her employer on neurodiversity and access in meetings. She also encouraged AT assessments in the workplace.
 - Cassie Frost shared that the AT Forward project will continue this next year for the Communities of Practice. Cassie also passed the ATP exam.
 - Mike Hipple: The WATRN Network is doing well and a summer newsletter was sent out this past week. The AAC Camp Chatter Matter happened in June and the network has been helping to educate UW students. Personally, he has been job seeking.
 - Lisa Woods: She has been working with her employer on including disability as part of equity. They will be re-doing their website and she is on the committee interviewing the companies who will be doing the



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work to ensure access. Their communications person is now sending transcripts out simultaneously to when the videos are sent out.

- Rick Ziller shared that he is a Board member for Revitalize, which works on redoing homes. Adaptive Technology Resources has seen an increase in referrals with how the pandemic is requiring more virtual access for individuals.
- Jenesis Lindbo shared that she is studying for her ATP exam and has been sharing information on gaming accessibility with her friends.
- Abygail Marx from the Waisman Center reported that there have been staffing changes. They are also launching the next round of learning communities.

VII. WisTech Program Updates (Consumer Stories, Quarterly Reporting, Trainings, and COVID-19 Impact on Delivery of Assistive Technology Services)

- AT Council members and stakeholders were reminded to sign up for the Assistive Technology GovD email list serve to be notified of upcoming meetings and other news.
- An update was provided about the follow-up meeting that was held to discuss augmentative and alternative communications. The group recognized the limitations on what can be made available through the existing loan and demonstration program from WisTech. The limitations primarily relate to the cost of the AAC devices, staff training, and the frequent turnover of devices for new models.
- Lisa Sobczyk provided an update on the Emergency Preparedness Toolkit from the Council for Physical Disabilities. An app has been developed so that the toolkit is available for mobile devices.
- Laura Plummer provided a training for DVR staff on Apps for Transition. She will share this with the AT Council. See Action Item #1.
- The next two WisTech trainings are August 10th and September 16th. Registration is still available.
- A used DME collection drive is scheduled for August 25th in Green Bay at Options for Independent Living.



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- The Americans with Disabilities Act celebrated 31 years this past month.
- The iPad loaner program through Teltex has been launched and there have been 6 loans to date. Billy suggested including TEPP resources or other resources when sending out the loaner iPads.
- The State Plan for Assistive Technology will be due in early 2022 and a powerpoint presentation from the Administration for Community Living was shared with the AT Council.

- The Data Dashboard for loans, demonstrations, and device reuse was reviewed

VIII. Assistive Technology Advisory Council Member Appointments, and Vacancies

- Committees were reviewed and a list of committee descriptions will be sent to council members. See Action Item 2.

IX. Turn The Curve; Results Based Measurements

- A presentation on Results Based Measurements and Turning the Curve was provided by Cory Steinmetz and Sara O'Donnell from DHS. This is a method of visually telling the story and making change through data.
- Discussion on whether or not to utilize this tool and Jim Denham reminded us about accessibility.
- The key questions that this model asks include? How are we doing? What is the story behind the curve? Who are the partners who have a role to play in turning the curve, What works to turn the curve, and What is our action plan to turn the curve?

X. Adjourn

- Rick Ziller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jim Denham seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:06 P.M.