

Members			
E	Eleni Boston	X	Robert Pope
X	Renwick Dayton	X	George Scheler
X	Margi Morgan	X	D. Wayne Seely
		X	David Viers
Staff			
Bentley Fink, Lee Girard			
Public/Guests			
Irmgard Friedburg, Jay Gense			

May 5, 2007
Albina Branch Human Services Building
Portland, OR

1. Convene Meeting at 1:10
2. Review of the agenda with no additions.
3. Review of prior meeting minutes. **George/Renwick. Passed.**
4. Public Comment. None at this time
5. Committee reports:
 - a. Executive committee--There was no meeting.
 - b. Guidelines committee--There was no meeting
 - c. Nominating committee-
 - i. Review applications of potential members
 1. **Motion to hold off electing a person to chair the nominating committee until there are more members. George/Margi. Passed.**
 2. **SaraBeth Weiner was denied due to the fact that she is a DHS employee.**
 3. **Motion to refer Robert application to the DHS Directors Office. George/. Passed**
 4. **Motion to refer Bruce Bibby to be appointed to the Committee by the Directors Office. George/Margi. Passed.**

5. Trisha Brown will receive a letter thanking her for her interest and the conflict of interest if she is hired by DHS and to let the committee know if she is accepted at Western Oregon University. With this extra information the committee will make its decision.

d. Legislative committee-

- i. SB757, which sets up school board for OSD and OSB, is in Ways & Means.
- ii. HB2881, which sets up a Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, is in Ways & Means.
- iii. SB14, which covers hearing aids for children under health benefits, is still in the Health and Human Services committee.
- iv. SB40 which gives permission for places such as hearing aid dealer and other to post literature on programs in places of business was signed into law by the Governor April 10th and will go into affect January 1, 2008.
- v. SB270 will allow Captioners in the jury hearing rooms of the court system has passed in both houses and is awaiting the Governor's signature.
- vi. SB491, which is related to insurance coverage of Cochlear Implants, was referred back to committee for amendments.
- vii. SB5545 which is related to the Department of Administrative Services as well as both the School for the Blind and Deaf has been suspended and carried over to May 3, 2007 and is still in Ways & Means.
- viii. HB2263, which has to do with the Department of Education, has been referred to the General Government committee.
- ix. HB3334 is similar to SB757 and has been referred to ways and means where they may be combined.
- x. HB5019 is related to the Department of Education and is still in committee.
- xi. HB5032 is a finance bill and is still in the Human Services Committee.

- e. Training & Development Committee
 - i. March 10th Ben held a training down in Medford where members of the police as well as DHS supervisors attended.
 - ii. There will be a training held in Medford again on May 16th that is more specific to deaf culture.
 - iii. The CEPIN training will be held in Medford on May 11th in Medford.
 - iv. There was a presentation at the Hearing Loss Association annual meeting in Roseburg on March 17th that was very well received.

6. Staff Reports

- a. Lee- Introduced herself as the interim manager until the hiring freeze is over July 1st. SPD recognizes that the program does not have enough support and looking how to best solve this issue as soon as the hiring freeze is lifted. Jeff has been involved in an audit of all interpretive services by the Secretary of State.
- b. Ben- The recommendations of this committee have been given to the Department of Education Steering Committee for the School for the Deaf. The announcement for a new director of OSD has been sent out nationally and they have 4 potential applicants. The information and referral numbers for the quarter are still low. The pilot program using video relay interpreting at 3 vocational rehabilitation offices throughout the state should begin in 3 to 6 months. We have received the equipment from the Lions Club CAHAT program and state agency employees are starting to inquire about the use at this point and outreach to the community will be done shortly to promote the availability.
- c. Jeff- Is starting to work on interpreter contracts for next biennia he is in contact with contracts and procurement to change from contracts to provider agreements. A handout was provided.

7. Items of business:

- a. Nominated Members for ODC- Names have gone over the governors office and as soon as the information is available it will be emailed to the Committee.
- b. Jay Gense from the Department of Education- Jay spoke of the rules that are being proposed to have interpreters

in the schools take the educational interpreters proficiency exam (EIPA). He passed out some draft recommendations for the Committee to look at. Members will meet with Jay to give input before the June meeting of the State Board of Education.

- c. Program Manager for ODHHS- DHS will talk more about hiring a program coordinator after the hiring freeze is lifted in July.
8. To Do Items from meeting- Ben to send letters to the applicants. Executive committee to meet with Lee after hiring freeze is lifted July 1st.
9. Next Meeting Date- The next meeting will be held September 20th at 676 Church St in Salem.
 - a. Discussion of all future meetings being held at the Church street office.
 - b. Election of new officers to be held.
 - c. Short and Long term goal discussion.
10. Adjourn 4:00 p.m.