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X	Margi Morgan	X	D. Wayne Seely
X	Robert Pope		
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Bentley Fink, Lori Nelson, Wendy Russell			

***Oregon Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services
Advisory Committee Meeting***

676 Church St NE
Salem, OR 97301

June 23, 2008
1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M

Meeting called to order at 1:07 p.m.

1. Introductions, Review of last meeting minutes & agenda

Interpreters were Patrick Galasso, Lisa Crawford & Linda Bailey.

Motion: To accept the 10/18/07 minutes as printed. Margi/Wayne. Passed.

Motion: To accept the 5/12/08 minutes as printed. Bob/Margi. Passed.

There were no additions or changes to the agenda.

2. Discussion and vote on the revised Guidelines

Motion: To accept bylaws as amended and for Lori to forward to the Director's Office for approval. Bob/Margi. Passed.

3. Reports by Ben and Jeff

Ben has been doing some training with Department of Motor Vehicles and Public Employee Retirement System. He is working on getting an Interagency Agreement with the Department of Transportation.

There are 5- 2 hour trainings for Clackamas County Mental Health scheduled.

There are groups in Medford that are interested in trainings.

Ben has been working with the State Hospital trying to get them to set up a point person for interpreter requests; there have been issues of double booking. He is also talking to them about hiring a staff interpreter. Ben is also working with Dr. Hartman at the State Hospital about the plan for the new State Hospital and deaf clients.

Ben is still in talks with Mental Health and Addictions and how to better to provide interpreter services.

He still has not heard back from the Department of Corrections and will contact the Police Safety Training again about working with the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

Wendy gave Jeff's report. There is still more requests than there are interpreters.

The pay matrix for interpreters will need to go through DHS fiscal before it can be moved on to contracts since there will be a budgetary impact.

4. Establishing a work plan for the next two years.

1. Hire a new manager with the following skills:
 - i. Knowledge of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Culture
 - ii. Basic Sign Language Skills
2. Get more Interagency Agreements
3. Advise DHS about budget and resource needs for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Communities
4. Help market the trainings to other agencies

5. Needs Assessment

It was agreed that an electronic or paper survey would work well for those who are Hard of Hearing or Late Deafened.

It was also discussed to have a Town Hall for the Deaf community after the new manager is hired to introduce them as well as to have a discussion on what their needs are. It was also agreed to invite government agencies and their contractors so that they can hear first hand what the needs of the community are.

6. Past, present & future budget

Wendy explained the difference on how the budget is compared to what it was when the program was under Oregon Disabilities Commission.

Lori said she would try to get the budgetary numbers once the new fiscal year begins. The Committee agreed that would be acceptable.

7. Other Business

The Committee would like Ben's hours to return back to full time and to change his job description to show more responsibility when it comes to the Interagency Agreements.

Renwick tendered his resignation as of today.

Next meeting will be August 25th from 1-4 in the Large Conference Room.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:48 p.m.