Nebraska Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (NCDHH)

**Mental Health Advisory Committee Meeting**

**Date:** May 16, 2017  
**Time:** 2pm – 4pm  
**Location:** 4600 Valley Rd, Classroom 4A, Lincoln, NE  
**Interpreters:** Peggy Williams & Ben Sparks  
**Minutes:** Cindy Woldt  
**CART:** Margaret “Mydge” Heaney / Exclusive Reporting

**Members Present:** Ms. Lisa Vogel

**NCDHH Staff Present:** Ms. Carly Weyers, NCDHH Behavioral Health Coordinator; Ms. Kim Davis, NCDHH Advocacy Specialist – Lincoln; Mr. John Wyvill, NCDHH Executive Director **Technical Advisors Present:** Ms. Tina Work, Ms. Rhonda Fleischer

**Technical Advisors Absent:** Ms. Jan Goracke, Ms. Ann Thompson,

**Members Absent:** Ms. Jan Goracke, Ms. Mandy Leamon, Ms. Tracey Minto, Ms. Vicki Steinhauer – Campbell, Ms. Kathleen Valle

**Guests:**

**Meeting called to order:** at 2pm by Ms. Carly Weyers

Introductions were made by all members present

**Approval of the May, 16, 2017 Agenda** – Ms. Weyers approved

**Approval of the November 9, 2016 meeting minutes** – Held off on approving due to not having a quorum present.

**New Business**

* **2017 Enrichment Foundation Grant –** Ms Weyers shared that NCDHH hosted a domestic violence workshop, and there is still leftover funding from the grant. Would like to have the presenter for the domestic violence workshop, Ms. Keri Darling come back and do a workshop on self-defense. Currently looking for a location for the event, plans to have it the end of September. Conversation on where to have the workshop at.
* **WRAP (Wellness Recovery Action Plan) –** Ms Weyers passed out information regarding this program. This voluntary support group helps you create a plan that is individualized for your needs, self-directed and empowers you to achieve your goals.   
    
  Ms. Weyers toured the Keya House in Omaha, they requested that she do a presentation to them on deaf culture. This is where Ms. Weyers learned about the WRAP program. Ms. Weyers is currently working with the Keya House in Omaha on developing a plan that would assist deaf and hard of hearing individuals who use their services.   
    
  Ms. Weyers is applying for a grant to assist in the funding for WRAP training to be done here in Nebraska. The training is a 48 hour course that includes, trauma, addiction, and general health. Ms Weyers will keep the group informed of the status of the grant funding for this program.
* **NeAD (Nebraska Association of the Deaf) Conference Updates** – Ms. Weyers gave an overview of Conference, including a variety of the different workshops that they are having at this year’s event. The dates of the conference is June 1 – 4, 2017.
* **Law Enforcement Survey** – Ms. Weyers shared that she is working with Kim Davis, Advocacy Specialist on the Law Enforcement Task Force. Ms. Weyers gave an overview of what the Task Force has accomplished at this point. Discussion on the survey that has been distributed to the deaf and hard of hearing communities. Deadline to submit the survey is June 11, 2017.
* **Contact List** – Ms Weyers passed around the Mental Health Advisory Committee Meeting Contact List, asking the members present to review their information for accuracy.
* **Executive Director Report from Mr. John Wyvill**
  + Ms. Weyers did a Vlog for the movie on NetFlix “13 Reasons”, which is about teenage suicide. This was very well received from the community. Conversation regarding the vlog.
  + NCDHH collaborated with Department of Motor Vehicles and the Commissioner of Tax Revenue in creating a couple of vlogs. The topic was how to file your income taxes and the complexities of the Department of Motor Vehicles.
  + There is now a Video Phone at the City Library in downtown Lincoln. Discussion on the press announcements.
  + NCDHH is in the process of interviewing for an Omaha Advocacy Specialist position. An announcement will be made soon on filling that position.
  + Discussion on the budget process within state government
  + Looking to hire a full time Advocacy Specialist in Kearney. That position will serve Grand Island and Hastings.
  + NCDHH has not currently filled the vacant staff interpreter position. The state is doing a labor analysis to make sure that the staff interpreter position is advertised correctly.
  + The Educational Task Force is still meeting, will slow down a bit in the summer. Expect to have some recommendations this fall to present.
  + Annual Salt Dogs game is on June 28, 2017
  + Omaha Zoo event will be on September 17, 2017
  + Education Summit on October 21, 2017, will be mailing out information soon once we get the speakers confirmed.

**Old Business**

* Keya House Tour in Omaha, NE – Ms. Weyers shared that NCDHH in collaboration with Heartland Deaf Advocacy Services (HDAS) in presenting to the Keya House.
* Domestic Violence workshop was held on April 8, 2017 – There were 15 people in attendance for the workshop. Conversation regarding the workshop.
* Agency Updates:
  + Rhonda Fleischer / NE Department of Education, Education Service Unit # 9
    - There is an opening for the coordinator at the Southeast Nebraska Regional Program (SNRP).
    - Teresa Coonts and Rhonda Fleischer will be doing the SPOT (Strengths, Problems, Opportunities, Threats) Analysis for input at the NeAD Conference on Friday afternoon. In the fall they will also be doing Spot Analysis’s in eight different locations throughout the state. Conversation regarding the opportunity that the Department of Education is giving the public to be able to voice their concerns.  
      Discussion about a GLIDE application to assist with communication.
  + Kim Davis / NCDHH Advocacy Specialist
    - In the process of developing a survey for officers that will be similar to the survey for deaf and hard of hearing consumers.
    - National Association of the Deaf (NAD) has a committee for best practices. Conversation regarding this, Kim Davis will be part of this committee.
* **2017 Meeting Dates – Ms. Weyers**
  + Ms. Weyers will send out a doodle via email to organize the date of the next meeting.

The meeting ended at 2:41pm

**Next Meeting** – 8.15.17 at 1313 Farnam, Room 227 from 2p – 4p.