

Interpreter Review Board Meeting
February 1, 2013
1:00pm-3:00pm
4600 Valley Rd
Conference Room 4A

A. Call to Order:

The meeting of the Nebraska Interpreter Review Board was called to order by Chairperson Theiler at 1:03pm in the Conference Room 4A in Lincoln, NE.

Board Members present: Mr. Gary Theiler (Chair), Ms. Vicki Steinhauer-Campbell (Vice-Chair), Ms. Margie Propp, Mr. Jerry Siders, Ms. Barb Woodhead, Dr. Peter Seiler, Mr. Bob Deaton

Interpreters: Ms. Anne McBride and Ms. Sharon Sinkler

Public: NONE

Staff: Ms. Traci Cooney and Mr. Ben Sparks

Members Absent: Mr. David Montgomery

B. Approval of Agenda:

- a. Dr Seiler requested to add Terms ending in 2013 under New Business.

Motion to accept agenda as amended.

[Mr. Jerry Siders/Ms. Barb Woodhead/Motion passed]

C. Approval of minutes from November 2, 2012:

Motion to approve minutes as written.

[Dr. Peter Seiler/Mr. Jerry Siders/Motion Passed]

D. Public Comments – NONE

E. Old Business

- a. Status on Sign Language Interpreter Licensure Bill
 - i. Dr. Seiler explained that it was best to drop this bill this year. He explained that there is one school district that still can't agree on the language. They recommended language that goes against the ADA. It was recommended to start again in the spring to get more support, meet with the schools, have parents file complaints or think of other plans of action.
- b. Status on Rules and Regulations
 - i. Dr. Seiler recommended that the Rules and Regulations Committee, Ms. Brakenhoff, Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Sparks, Ms. Cooney and Dr. Seiler, come back together to meet again. There is

a need to review the recommendations of the Task Force on Sign Language State Certification and to consider possible revisions of the recommended changes to Rules and Regulations.

Motion to ask the same committee members to revisit the regulations in light of all changes to be made.

[Mr. Jerry Siders/Ms. Barb Woodhead/Motion Passed]

- c. Report on Task Force on State Certification of Sign Language Interpreter
 - i. Mr. Sparks update that there hasn't been a decision made on the State Certification yet. NCDHH had been checking and trying to negotiate with other states such as Texas on their cost of their testing materials. The decision on how to proceed has been placed on hold until the Full Board meets in March.

F. New Business

- a. Terms ending in 2013
 - i. The terms for Mr. Theiler and Mr. Deaton will be ending in 2013. Dr. Seiler stated that the positions will be posted in May.

G. Public Comments – NONE

H. Announcements

- a. Dr. Seiler updated the IRB members regarding the National Deaf Blind Equipment Distribution Grant that NCDHH has received. He explained how the program will work and that Kim Davis will be the main contact.

Next Meeting May 3, 2013

Meeting adjourned 2:30pm