

**Nebraska Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
Mental Health Advisory Committee Meeting
2:00 – 4:00 PM**

Date: Tuesday, August 12, 2014

Location: 1313 Farnam on the Mall – Omaha State Office Building – 2nd floor, Room 222

Interpreters: Anne McBride & Deb Teller

Members Present

Lisa Vogel
Mandy Leamon
Vicki Campbell

Technical Advisors Present

Karen Potter-Maxwell
Diane Meyer
Ann Thompson

Staff Present

John Wyvill
Peggy Williams

Traci Cooney: Minutes

Margaret Haney: CART

Agenda

Gather, Welcome & Introductions

Approval of May 13, 2014 Minutes

Minutes from the May 13, 2014 MHAC meeting were approved. Corrections need to reflect the next MHAC meeting will be November 18th.

Motion to amend and accept the minutes

[Ms. Mandy Leamon/Ms. Ann Thompson] Motion passed

Approval of August 12, 2014 Agenda

Ms. Williams asked to add Vickie Frizzell-Pratt-Telehealth under New Business.

Motion to accept the agenda

[Ms. Diane Meyer/Ms. Lisa Vogel] Motion passed

New Business

Executive Director's Report

Mr. Wyvill reported that Heather Puckett, Field Representative for the North Platte office resigned. He announced that Jenna Johnson will begin on August 18, 2014 as the new Field Representative for the North Platte office. Jenna was previously an educational interpreter in Minnesota and also worked in the past for Boys Town National Research Hospital and at the

Iowa School for the Deaf (ISD).

April Guthrie has been hired as the part-time Field Representative in Kearney. She will cover the Kearney, Grand Island and Hastings. She is currently working on her Masters at the University of Nebraska-Kearney.

Mr. Wyvill stated the preliminary budget for NCDHH has been submitted. NCDHH is asking for a \$200,000 increase to the base budget. This would include an office and full time position and office in the Scottsbluff area and change the part-time Field Representative position in Kearney to full-time.

Mr. Wyvill reported 4 workgroups have been established to work on the legislative resolution to address the interpreter shortage in Nebraska. The workgroups established are Licensing, Medical/Community, Education and Interpreting. Town Hall meetings will be scheduled as well and surveys to consumers will be sent. Mr. Wyvill asked that if anyone would be interested in serving on one of the committees to please contact him.

Mr. Wyvill informed the members of the committee that an Interpreter release meeting is scheduled for this week. Discussion will include expectations for the referral process, competency, professionalism and the complaint and procedure process.

Mr. Wyvill reported the new NCDHH website is up and more changes will be coming.

Rules and Regulations

Ms. Williams explained to members how the review of the Interpreter Licensing Rules and Regulations is going. Since the review has been completed, the document will go to the Interpreter Review Board for approval and then to the NCDHH Full board for approval. Once approved by the Full Board, a public hearing will be held in Lincoln. Following the public hearing, the document will go to the Attorney General's office for approval.

Mental Health Vicarious Trauma Workshop

Ms. Williams announced that she would be receiving a grant announcement from the Omaha Enrichment Foundation in October. This year she would like to have the grant focus a Vicarious Trauma workshop for interpreters in Nebraska. Ms. Meyer suggested that distance learning be an option for interpreters to attend. Further details will be provided at the next meeting.

2015 NET Program

Ms. Williams stated that she will be creating a video on Deafness, Deaf Culture, and History of ASL. She reported that she is currently writing a concept paper for Mr. Wyvill's approval. She explained that she is in the beginning phase of this project and will report further information as the project is developed.

Upcoming Travel to Kearney

Ms Williams stated that she plans to travel to Kearney in September and will be scheduling meetings with Richard Young Hospital's Mental Health program and the S.A.F.E. Center.

She reported that Ms. Vickie Frizzell-Pratt will be providing mental health services through Telehealth for Megellan clients.

Old Business

Provider DVD tape on “Working with Deaf and Hard of Hearing People”

Ms. Williams reported that she sent the DVD on “Working with Deaf and Hard of Hearing People” presented by Dr. Jim Haley to the 6 Regional Behavioral Health administrators. The administrators will hand them out to their providers. She will follow up with an email to the administrators. An evaluation was included with the DVD to provide feedback following viewing the DVD.

NET “A Parent’s Guide to Hearing Loss

Ms. Williams stated that she has received good comments about the program. She reported that an 8th grader at Irving School sent a complaint to NET because it was not captioned online at the time that she tried to view the program. The program aired on Thursday but the captioned wasn’t completed until the next day.

Agency Updates

Diane Meyer

Ms. Meyer reported that the students went to Fort Robinson in July and the event was well received. With permission from the Department of Education, they also visited Mount Rushmore. She stated the Nebraska Regional Programs offered a statewide workshop for educational interpreters on Theatre and taking their interpreting to the next level. The workshop was presented by Samantha Turzis and Josh Garrett. She stated Mike Brummer is coordinated, educating parents and getting kids involved and attending the activities. She indicated there will be an Open House.

John Wyvill

Mr. Wyvill made reference to the Salt Dog game attended by many people who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing in recognition of Deaf Awareness and indicated that Mike Brummer threw out the first pitch.

Peggy Williams

Ms. Williams thanked Ms. Potter-Maxwell for all her help and support on the committee for the Interpreter Mental Health workshop in May.

Ann Thompson

Ms. Thompson reported that HDAAS will host their 3rd annual chili cook-off on Oct 11th, 2014 from 5:30 PM – 9:00 PM. The cook-off will be held in Omaha at the Presbyterian Church for the Masters. She also indicated that the HDAAS committee has scheduled to meet with the Nebraska Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Coalition on Wednesday, August 13th in Ashland at Parker Steakhouse.

Vicki Steinhauer-Campbell

Ms. Steinhauer-Campbell the new counselor full time position is open in the Omaha VR office. Ms. Campbell’s office will be in the Lincoln and she will no longer be working in both the

Lincoln and Omaha office. The job was promoted at the NAD convention.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 18, 2014 in Lincoln from 2:00 – 4:00 PM

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM