



DHHCAN Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 6 March 2019

Gallaudet University - Peikoff Alumni House

(Thanks to Alumni Relations/GUAA for allowing DHHCAN to use the conference room)

Roll Call

Voting Members	Organizational Partners	Guests
Zainab Alkebsi; NAD	Tom Dowling; NVRC	Jayne Tubergen, Interpreter
Al Sonnenstrahl, DSA	Caroline Pezzarossi; ADARA	Jan Nishimura, Interpreter
Eric Kaika; TDI	Eric Raff; NASADHH	Sam Jones, general public
Mark Hill; CPADO	Neal Tucker; RID	
	Barbara Raimondo, CEASD	

Meeting called to order: **12:13 PM**
 Quorum: **Not Achieved**
 Communication Protocols: Explained

Officer Reports

Chair Report

- Will discuss interpreter billing policy during Treasurer's report
- Chairperson vacancy for Employment policy committee; asks any member not currently on a committee to consider chairing. Tom Dowling mentioned Bob Loftur-Thun did express interest in past. He will follow up.
- Will send out a filing draft next week re: TRS Line Item (following up from last meeting's discussion). Please review and sign-on due to time sensitivity.

Vice Chair Report

- None (not present)

Secretary Report

- Shared a couple changes to be made. Vote at next meeting.

Treasurer Report

- All conference bills settled.
- Discussion on whether to bill interpreter fees to organizations when their non-signing representative is a no-show without 48 hour notice when said representative apologetically offers to cover the bill. Informal consensus (due to lack of quorum) was not to bill organizations. Donations are always welcome though.
- Will create amendment to By-Laws re: attendance policy
- Will add formal language to DHHCAN website re: visitors needing accommodations
 - Our meetings are open to the public and conducted in American Sign Language. If you wish to observe our meetings and require accommodations, please email: dhhcantreasurer@gmail.com one week before the monthly meeting.

Policy Reports

Civil Rights Protection & Enforcement

- The NAD, along with other signatory organizations from DHHCAN, filed comments with the Judicial Council of California regarding their proposed rule of Court regarding the provision of language services outside the courtroom, such as when people are ordered to attend anger management classes or parenting classes. However, their language access proposal focuses on foreign language services only and fails to include deaf and hard of hearing people and ASL. Our comments remind them of their strategic plan from 2015, which did include deaf and hard of hearing court users, and explain the catastrophic consequences suffered in court due to inaccessible court-ordered programs/services.
 - Our comments urged that the Council ensure that private court-ordered programs meet their legal obligations, require these programs to secure SC:L interpreters (as well as CDIs as needed), not require the litigant to participate in a specific program that is refusing to provide interpreters but instead to order participation in an appropriate alternative program that provides the necessary access, make every effort to identify and maintain a database of deaf professionals who can provide the service directly in ASL as well as deaf-friendly professionals, and not to rely on VRI for complex situations.

Education

- Successful Education and Advocacy Summit - more than 100 people attended both days
- Several presentations covered: hearing screening, youth advocacy, education guidelines. etc.
- Thanks to DHHCAN for donating interpreters again
- Had discussion re: funding Macy-Cogswell Act. Will be reintroduced, Representatives will continue support.

Employment

- None (vacant)

Health Care

- None (not present)

Housing

- Life Alert is audio based. Contacted organization, was told his concerns brought to CEO but haven't heard anything.
- ADARA suggested to make social media posting to bring more awareness to this issue.
- RID mentioned hearing about issue re: person requesting hospital service - ACA/ADA. Will conduct information gathering for next meeting.

Telecommunications, Information Services, and Video Programming

- One filing in February re: Telecommunications Relay Services and Speech-to-Speech Services for Individuals with Hearing and Speech Disabilities • CG Dockets No. 13-24
 - TDI and HLAA filed an ex parte to report on a telephone call between TDI's counsel, Blake Reid, had with Eliot Greenwald of Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau to discuss the issue of IP-CTS user verification.supports the Commission allowing IP-CTS providers to continue servicing new IP-CTS users while registration verification and appeals thereof are pending, as long as the providers absorb the cost of service incurred during the verification period if a user's registration is not verified. Once user verification is complete, providers should be compensated for the minutes used.

Policy Reports - continued

Transportation

- 618 D/HH people in the DOT's CDL pilot waiver program, great numbers but still a hassle for applicants due to forms, approvals, exams (PI: DOT bans interpreters during test-taking).
- Last year, the NAD filed a petition before the DOT to repeal hearing test requirement and waiver program due to successful numbers (and to repeal the ban on interpreters for testing). There is still resistance within DOT. No progress, will refile this month to renew the petition and request another meeting to discuss the issue
- RID willing to help clarify interpreter CPC with DOT.

Old Business

Zainab will email TRS Line Item filing draft to members

New Business

- **Proposed amendment to bylaws section 5.11:** Change *"It is required that any one regular member of DHHCAN attends at least three meetings a year (from September to June, we do not have meetings in July or August). Organizational partners are exempt from this requirement"* **to**

"It is required that any one regular member of DHHCAN not miss more than three meetings a year (from September to June, we do not have meetings in July or August). Organizational partners are exempt from this requirement. If a representative of a member organization misses more than three meetings a year, the organization will be asked to send a replacement. If attendance issues persist, the organization's membership will be considered lapsed."

(Tabled to next meeting)

General Comments

- RID: National conference this summer working with HDC
- RID: Human Equal Act - LGBTQ more than 50% US does not has LGBTQ protections.
- HRC supporting HR=2282 amendment to the Equal Act to provide protection to LGBTQ in employment
- NVRC: AAPD has a bill pending in Congress re: DisabilityIntegration Act. Wondered if any D/HHinvolvement? Organizations like CPADO and NAD are watching the bill but no major involvement yet since it involves institutional issues
- NASADHH and CPADO to work together on VA's strategy to establish SSP policy

Meeting Adjourned : **13:52**