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Nevada Hands & Voices Board of Directors Retreat on January 25th and 26th, Las Vegas, Nevada

During the retreat, the Board of Directors discussed one of many topics, Nevada Commission for Persons Who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing or Speech Impaired and the Strategic Plan 2017-2021. Five of them are interested to participate in the work group. 1. Mother of 7 years old deaf boy

2. Mother of two hard of 10 years old girl, and 7 years old boy.

3. Father of five years old deaf girl.

4. Las Vegas audiologist

5. NEIS  audiologist

**Washoe County schools:**

I met Justin Watson, teacher of the deaf and hard of hearing at Wooster High School, Reno Nevada and asked him if he’d be interested to be a member of Nevada Commission for Persons Who Are Deaf, Hard of Hearing or Speech Impaired and strategic plan 2017 - 2021. He denied it because he has lot on his plate and won’t have free time to attend the meetings. He mentioned that he teaches five classes to deaf and hard of hearing high schools also two or three ASL classes at Wooster High School. They had ASL deaf teacher last year, but due to their limited budget they let him go. Justin is overwhelmed. He feels that his salary is much lower than other teachers and teaches more classes than them.  I thought of him in the workgroup and can follow up with him.

I learned that two teachers of the deaf and hard of hearing students at Washoe County schools might resign at the end of school year, 2018. I later thought if they (one of them) is interested in the work group on Education. I can follow up with them later.