Nevada Commission for Persons who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing

# **Director's Report**

April 9, 2020

# **General Updates**

- Executive Director position
  - Received 12 applications. Interviewed 5 individuals. Position offered and accepted by Khianti Thomas.
  - Ms. Thomas was set to start April 6, however due to COVID-19 she is unable to relocate from Washington D.C. so her start date is pending based on resolution of COVID-19.
  - Ms. Thomas has a master's degree in public administration from Gallaudet University, is fluent in American Sign Language and currently works for the Registry of Deaf Interpreters. She has also worked with deaf children in the elementary school setting.
- Membership Updates
  - Catherine Nielsen appointed to the State Program Ex Officio
  - Two vacancies (1) Parent/Guardian less than 6 and is deaf or hard of hearing and (2) Parent of deaf, hard of hearing or speech-impaired individual.
- By Law Updates\*
  - Subcommittees and Workgroups page 7, Workgroups can only have 1 appointed member.
- Report Templates\*
  - o Director's Report
  - Strategic Plan Updates to be used by each subcommittee/workgroup to report back to the Commission. This information will be used by the Executive Director to fill in the Strategic Plan Tracking document.
  - Communication Access Services this is the template the CAS program will use to report back to us every other meeting.
  - Relay Nevada Report this is the template Relay Nevada will use to report things above and beyond what is reported by CAS every other meeting.
  - Deaf Centers of Nevada Report this is the template DCN will use to report things above and beyond what is reported by DCN every other meeting.

# Budget Updates

Remaining balance as of March 31, 2020 is just over \$15,000. Due to COVID-19, expenditures for the remainder of the year will be limited. Additionally, they are looking at potential budget cuts for state fiscal year 2021. We do not know what impact all of these items will have on our budget.

# Strategic Plan – Update Report

Presentation Date:	April 9, 2020	Workgroup/Member:		
Goal #: 3		Objective #:	3.3.2	

Summary of Activities: (Provide a summary of activities completed since the last meeting. Reference any attachments to
accompany this report)
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Recommendations to the Commission:
(List recommended action or next steps if there is no action for the Commission)

For Executive Director Use:

Acton Taken by Commission? Yes	Follow Up Needed? Yes No
No	
Date Entered to Tracking:	Contact Person:

# **Communication Access Services – Program Report**

Commission for Persons who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Speech Impaired

#### Report Date:

<Insert Date of report>

#### **Relay Nevada**

<Chart showing quarterly totals of calls fiscal year to date>

Opportunities	Successes
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#### Additional Information

• <Include decisions/recommendations needed by the Commission (if any)>

#### **Communication Access Service Center**

<Chart showing quarterly totals by service fiscal year to date>

Opportunities	Successes
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#### Additional Information

• <Include decisions/recommendations needed by the Commission (if any)>

#### State Interpreters and Mentoring

<Chart showing quarterly totals for # of hours terping and # hours mentoring>

Opportunities	Successes
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#### Additional Information

<Include decisions/recommendations needed by the Commission (if any)>

#### Interpreter Registry

<Chart showing number of people registered each quarter (either new or renewals) vs. total number registered>

Opportunities	Successes
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#### Additional Information

• <Include decisions/recommendations needed by the Commission (if any)>

# Relay Nevada – Report

Commission for Persons who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Speech Impaired

# **Report Date:**

<Insert date of report>

#### Successes and Wins

• Bullet list of accomplishments from DCN, this can be above and beyond what is reported to ADSD or inclusive of what is reported to ADSD.

## **Collaborations and Outreach**

• Provide updates on any partnerships or collaborations to expand services

## **Community Challenges**

• Challenges or opportunities to improve services for the target population.

## **Recommendations for Consideration**

• Include any decisions/recommendations needed by the Commission (if any)

## Additional Information

<Any additional information not captured above you would like to share with the Commission.>

# Deaf Centers of Nevada – Report

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# **Report Date:**

<Insert date of report>

#### Successes and Wins

• Bullet list of accomplishments from DCN, this can be above and beyond what is reported to ADSD or inclusive of what is reported to ADSD.

# **Collaborations and Service Expansions**

- Provide updates on any partnerships established, new or existing
- Provide updates on any expanded services outside of the ADSD grant

# **Community Challenges**

• Challenges or opportunities to improve services for the target population.

## **Recommendations for Consideration**

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# **Upcoming Events/Announcements**

• Highlight any upcoming events or announcements to share with the Commission.

# Additional Information

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