

Director's Report

November 30, 2021

General Updates

- Executive Director position
 - Received 7 resumes to date.
 - Calling candidates to schedule interviews on December 1, 2021.
- Membership Updates
 - Welcome to Shawna Goldhammer (Educator)
 - Resignation – Summer Wright
 - Open Positions
 - One member who is a parent of a child who is deaf, hard of hearing, or speech impaired.
- Special Education Advisory Committee – Department of Education
 - SB203 Committee Recommendation – Report Published 12/2020
 - [Advisory Committee on Language Development for Children who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, Blind or Visually Impaired \(nv.gov\)](https://www.nv.gov/education/special-education/advisory-committee-on-language-development-for-children-who-are-deaf-hard-of-hearing-blind-or-visually-impaired)

Budget

- Annual Allocation: \$25,000
- Balance Remaining: \$21,980.28

TDD Research

- Nevada's Telecommunications Devices for the Deaf (TDD) surcharge currently covers:
 - ADSD Staff (8 positions) and administrative expenses
 - Includes the Executive Director of the Commission
 - Relay Services
 - Telecommunications Equipment Training
 - Telecommunications Equipment Distribution
 - Interpreter Registry
 - Interpreter Mentoring
 - Language Acquisition
 - Access to Services
- Other States – Reviewed 23 other states
 - 14 states use their TDD surcharge to fund Relay and Equipment Distribution Programs only
 - 2 states use their TDD surcharge to fund Relay services only.
 - 7 states use their TDD surcharge to fund Relay, Equipment Distribution Programs, and Other Services.

- Wide range of ‘other’ including funding the Deaf Commission, Library Reading Services, Older Adult Hearing Aids, Closed Captioning for News Broadcasts, Deaf Centers, and Interpreter Training services
- It appears the “other” services are partially funded from TDD surcharge, not fully funded
- Average TDD surcharge across the 17 states = \$0.11
 - Current Range: \$0.2 to \$0.33
- Other programs and services funded through state general funds, other federal funding sources, and/or grants.