

## Nevada Commission for Persons who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing

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### Director and Chair Report

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November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022

#### General Update(s)

Eric Wilcox, Chair

- Budget Update
  - Total Expenses (thru 10/31/2022): \$10,305.05
  - Balance (as of 10/31/2022): \$14,694.95

#### Membership Updates

Eric Wilcox, Chair  
Susan Beckett, Vice Chair

#### Recently Filled Positions

- (i): One member who is deaf or hard of hearing. – Reappointment: Susan Beckett, Vice Chair (South)
- (j): One member who specializes in issues relating to the employment of persons with disabilities. – Reappointment: Laura Fink, Commissioner (South)

#### Open position (before our next meeting)

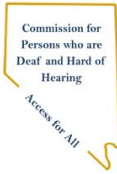
- (b): One member who is a member of the Nevada Association of the Deaf, or, if it ceases to exist, one member who represents an organization which has a membership of persons who are deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired – NVAD Board Member has applied (Under Review by the Governor) – VACANT since June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022
  - Application received May 2022 in preparation for vacancy.
- (g): One member who represents educators in this State and has knowledge concerning the provision of communication services to persons *hearing or speech impaired* in elementary, secondary, and postsecondary schools and the laws concerning the provision of those services. – VACANT since October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022

#### Recommendation/Request

- Letter be sent to the Boards office on behalf of the Commission's VACANT seat(s) that have applicants, but no appointments or any resolve for over 6 months with application on hand.

#### Commissioners' and Directors' Training/Onboarding Request

- Commissioners' General Training was held **Wednesday – Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 8:30am-12:30pm** both days
  - If additional information on notes is needed from that training please contact Lorraine Belt-Dolan for additional assistance at [lorraineBelt@adsd.nv.gov](mailto:lorraineBelt@adsd.nv.gov).



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### Community Contact(s) – For Possible Action

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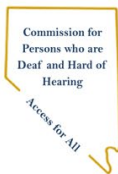
This section is being added for the Director to report major issues/concerns reported by the community to the Commission.

- Review Townhall Data Analysis, Outcomes, and ED Recommendations for current concerns regionally and statewide (**See Meeting Materials attachment: August 2022 Townhall Qualitative Data Analysis\_Reporter O.Officer**).

### Networking Efforts: Resources/Collaborations/Potential Partner/Partners

Recent Resources/Collaborative relationships/efforts

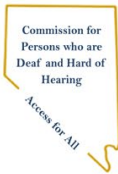
- 988 Team
  - **Current Efforts:**
    - Meet and Greet
    - Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services advise for internal organization accommodations and accessibility.
  - **Last Meeting:** October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022
- Camp SignShine – Collaboration/Alliance
  - **Current Efforts:** Transition Day/Deaf Camp 2023 (Camp SignShine meets CRAVE Camp - VR) – Includes ATAP, CCSD, LVDS, NVHV, Historians of both camps, and more!
  - **Last Meeting:** November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022
    - **Objective:** The intent is to help repair our transitional pipeline by exposing our students to their potential and options within our state and/or larger resource pool. These efforts are to bring back Deaf heritage and traditions to the state of Nevada.
- CaptionCall – Potential Partner/Resource
  - **Current Efforts:** To resource community with CaptionCall options and education on D/HH needs and advocacy for statewide services.
  - **Last Meeting:** October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022
- Cochlear Americas – Potential Partner/Resource
  - **Current Efforts:** To resource the Commission with options regarding the needs of the community as it pertains to Cochlear request or inquiries.
    - **Services provided:** Connect with patients or caregivers of patients deemed a candidate for implantable hearing solutions and educate them about their options while also providing additional resources.
  - **Last Meeting:** September 21, 2022



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- Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation - Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation Services (DETR-BVR): Deaf and Hard of Hearing team – Partnership/Alliance
  - **Current Efforts:**
  - **Last meeting:** September 12, 2022, with L. Thompson
    - NOTES (Overview):
      - No conflicts on BVR end for April 11-13, 2023
      - Focus on children/pipeline services, camps (CRAVE and Camp SignShine)
      - VR services related to transition. Review next steps, during HS and between HS/college/future. Share college options for D/DB/HH
      - Ally/Partner Meeting – Transition/Day/Deaf Camp 2023 (CRAVE Camp – VR Meets Camp SignShine) 09/19 8:30am (LT to join via Zoom due to conflict at 10am)
      - Ideas: panel w/ role models, although Townhall will focus on engaging with community and hearing their experiences/needs
- Diversity Equity Inclusion Access and Functional Needs Program (DEI/AFN) – Partnership/Alliance
  - **Current Efforts:**
    - Collaborative conversations on Accessibility and presentations for emergency preparedness.
    - Deaf Camp efforts, stakeholder, and presenter.
  - **Last Meeting:** October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022
- Global Technical Communications (GTC) – Partnership/Alliance
  - **Current Efforts:** Nevada Mobile Communication Access Project Grant. The Nevada Mobile Communication Access Project is a grant-funded opportunity in the State of Nevada and operated by Global Technical Communications, LLC (GTC), in collaboration with the Nevada Commission for Persons who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing (NVCDHH).
  - **Last Meeting:** October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022
    - This project aims to "reduce identified barriers to accessing technology and digital information for individuals with I/DD representing racial and/or ethnic disparities, Deaf/Hard of Hearing, Blind/Visually Impaired and/or those living in rural communities" (Objective 1.3). The goal of the Nevada Mobile Communication Access Project is for "Individuals with I/DD and/or family members of individuals with I/DD will be able to make more informed decisions about their lives by improving access to

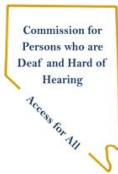


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information on services, supports and rights" (Goal I). The grantor is the Nevada Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities.

- **Free minutes** available directly through GTC and/or participating organizations – Nevada Care Connection and Department of Employment, Training & Rehabilitation (DETR) Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation (BVR)- Deaf and Hard of Hearing team statewide.
- Aiding in data collection/survey, resources, and potential efforts to present to our state additional communication tools for providers and consumers (Deaf, Hard of Hearing, Speech Impaired signers, D/HH+, and hearing community members). Grant opportunity awarded and active as of October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.
- For more information, please contact Patty Kuglitsch, Account Manager at [pkuglitsch@gtcoms.com](mailto:pkuglitsch@gtcoms.com)
- Nevada Care Connection
  - **Current Efforts:** GTC Grant Packet recipient and ASL Anywhere advocate and guide.
  - **Last Meeting:** October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022
- Nevada Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD Council) – Collaborative efforts/resourcing
  - **Current Efforts:** Deaf Camp Collaboration - Transition Day/Deaf Camp 2023 (Camp SignShine meets CRAVE Camp - VR) and GTC Grant
    - Awarded GTC Grant for ASL Anywhere Project
- Nevada Minority Health and Equity Coalition (NOMHE)
  - **Current Efforts:**
    - Health Disparity Campaign
      - Feed Back Session September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022
        - The theme is that “health matters”.
        - The goal is to “stop the spread...of misinformation” through empowering underserved or marginalized communities.
        - The call to action will involve sharing/redirecting the audience to the NV Minority Health Coalition’s website for related information, resources.
      - Health Disparity Campaign INTERVIEW with O. Officer Televised Recording – November 11/07/2022 – complete
- Office of Suicide Prevention – Collaboration/Alliance



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- **Current Efforts:** In discussion of statewide need and application of services in mental health and suicide prevention.
- **Last Meeting:** October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022
- Sign the Show Documentary with Cat Brewer and Definitely Dope's Matt Maxey – Potential Partner/Collaboration/Alliance
  - **Current Efforts:** In discussion to aid in Deaf Camp efforts and more!
  - **Last Meeting:** October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022

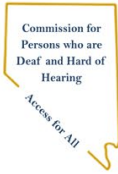
### Network System REMINDER

- Reformatted and redefined as follows (See Meeting Materials attachment: **CDHH Networking Allyship Plan 2022 Materials**):
  - Our Resource List
  - Collaborate/Sponsor Event(s)
  - Partner/Active Partnership
- If you are interested in one of our networking options, please email us at [NVDeafCommission@adsd.nv.gov](mailto:NVDeafCommission@adsd.nv.gov) and we will get you started TODAY!
- For more information and to learn more about the Commission's ongoing vision, please check us out at [Nevada Commission for Persons Who Are Deaf Hard of Hearing or Speech Impaired \(nv.gov\)](http://Nevada Commission for Persons Who Are Deaf Hard of Hearing or Speech Impaired (nv.gov)).

### Outreach Efforts/Events/Announcements:

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- 2023 Commission Resource Roundtables (Tentative – Pending Calendar Approval; See Meeting Materials attachment: **NV Commission for Persons who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing Meeting calendar 2022-2023**):
  - **ED Exclusive Deaf Camp ALLY/PARTNER & Potential Investors Meeting/Presentation (INVITE ONLY – contact ED for additional information/interest; [obioma@adsd.nv.gov](mailto:obioma@adsd.nv.gov))** – November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 3:30pm – 5:30pm
  - **Deaf Camp Discussion and Announcement (Tentative)** – January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 10am & 6pm (Hybrid Meeting)
  - **Deaf Day at Legislature (Tentative)** – April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023
  - **Nevada Weather Service & Emergency Responders Panel (Tentative)** – August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023
  - **Deaf Camp “Camp SignShine meet Camp CRAVE” (Tentative)** – June 26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023
  - **Deaf and Hard of Hearing Transition Day (Tentative)**– June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- 2023 Statewide Townhall Tour (Tentative):



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- All Meetings In-Person (unless otherwise stated):
  - **Tour 1**
    - Rural – TBD, Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 5pm – 7pm
    - Commission Deaf Social (Non-Meeting Event) – TBD, Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023; Location and Time: TBD
    - North – Reno, Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 5pm – 7pm; Location: TBD
    - South – Las Vegas, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 5pm – 7pm; Location: TBD
    - Statewide (Virtual ONLY Option) – Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Time: TBD
  - **Tour 2**
    - Rural – TBD, Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 5pm – 7pm
    - Commission Deaf Social (Non-Meeting Event) – TBD, Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023; Location and Time: TBD
    - North – Reno, Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 5pm – 7pm; Location: TBD
    - South – Las Vegas, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 5pm – 7pm; Location: TBD
    - Statewide (Virtual ONLY Option) – Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023, Time: TBD

### 2022/23 Meeting Schedule Reminder

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- General Commission Meetings 2023: Quarterly Meetings – **PENDING CALENDAR APPROVAL**
- **REMINDER!** Subcommittee Meetings: - Additional Meeting Requests should be requested through recommendations made by subcommittee to the Commission during report for voting.
  - Interpreter Subcommittee: November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022, @4pm
  - Accessibility Subcommittee: December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022, @10am
  - Employment Subcommittee: December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022, @10am
  - Education Subcommittee: January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, @4pm – **PENDING CALENDAR APPROVAL**
  - Legislative Subcommittee: January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023, @10am – **PENDING CALENDAR APPROVAL**