



Nevada Commission for Persons who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Director and Chair Report

September 8th, 2022

General Update(s)

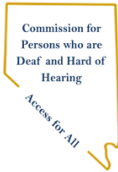
Eric Wilcox, Chair

- Budget Update
 - Total Expenses (thru 7/31/2022): \$2,193.87
 - Balance (as of 7/31/22): \$22,806.13
- Total Expenses (thru 7/31/2022): \$2,193.87 Townhalls (Las Vegas, Elko, and Reno) – Chair Address
 - Collaborative Reno Deaf Social – NVBDA Thanks and Guest appreciation
- Subcommittee Addition – Welcome Interpreter Subcommittee and potential Committee members – Thank you for your service.
- Communication modality reminder and review of rules of engagement with the Commission and Staff

Recommended Topics for Review or Future Discussion

Susan Beckett, Vice Chair

- Commissioner request for Budget Review and Breakdown for requesting modifications for next year.
- Reminder: Change General Commission meetings from Thursday mornings to another day/time of the week due to feedback received from community agencies, non-profits, and the public. – **To be adjusted in 2023 after further investigation of staffing provisions and ADSD Board's/Commissions' scheduling per ED. Proposed schedule/calendar for 2023 to be presented in November General Meeting by ED.**
- Commissioner Community Engagement Efforts – **ED will aid in Engagement Plan (Overview below for personal review)**
 - Community Engagement Plan to include (but not limited to):
 - Commissioner Participation and expectations of roles
 - Executive Director's Role – Defined
 - Commissioners' Role – Defined
 - Dissemination Communication Plan
 - Informational materials
 - Website
 - Flyers – Necessity for generational/accessibility preferences/needs



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- Social Media platforms – to be discussed and explored later due to staffing issues – grant suggested for fiscal needs
 - Partnership/Ally Development - Ongoing
 - Measurement Plan – Annual Revisions/1 and done?
 - Townhalls – advocate for collaborative organizations that address specific issues/common concerns and said objects
- Bylaws and Practice - discussion:
 - Recommendation Request(s):
 - Update term time frame from 2 terms to 3 terms.

Membership Updates

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Recently Filled Positions

- Awaiting Governor appointment for current open seat.

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

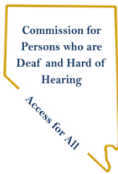
Commissioners' and Directors' Training/Onboarding Request

- Reminder! Commissioners' General Training will be provided **Wednesday – Thursday, September 14th – 15th, 2022 at 8:30am-12:30pm** both days – **Save the date!**

Outreach Efforts/Events/Announcements:

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- Silver State Self-Advocacy Conference 2022 – August 2nd – 4th – **SUCCESS!**
- Commission Resource Roundtable - Highlighted Guest: Global Technical Communications (GTC) – **SUCCESS!**
- Statewide Townhall Tour Updates and Outcomes – TBA following Data Review
 - All Meetings Hybrid (In-Person with Virtual Access see Notice in materials):
 - South – Las Vegas, August 2nd, 2022, at 5pm – 7pm
 - Rural – Elko, August 23rd, 2022, at 5pm – 7pm
 - **Commission Deaf Social** (Non-Meeting Event; no Virtual Option) – Reno, August 24th, 2022, at 6pm Collaboration with NVBDA
 - North – Reno, August 25th, 2022, at 5pm – 7pm
 - Admin/Staff Needs – Notes and Feedback submission to ED:



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Please send me your notes and stories of your travels. In efforts to get the data you all need to address the community's needs by regions, I will need the following for qualitative data analysis; a thematic analysis approach of your data recorded:

- **Please share notes from each townhall attended separately (i.e., Las Vegas, Elko, and Reno).** – research data will be used to address communities' thematic needs (commonly shared needs).
- **Please share any engagements or listening sessions that may have occurred one a 1:1 bases by being present with the community in person.** – stories shared will be used in justifying future engagements of this nature and any fiscal obligations that may need to be adjusted as we move forward in our efforts.
- **Please share your overall experience on this statewide tour. Include positive occurrences and areas of improvement that will aid in our initiatives to serve our community well.** – feedback will be used in the admin and Executive teams' efforts to improve or continue specific supports for the Commission and their initiatives statewide.

Community Contact(s) – For Possible Action

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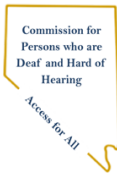
This section is being added for the Director to report major issues/concerns reported by the community to the Commission.

- Additional review needed to address concerns presented during recent community outreach efforts.

Networking Efforts: Resources/Collaborations/Potential Partner/Partners

Network System

- Reformatted and redefined as follows (See 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 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 \(nv.gov\)](https://www.nv.gov/CommissionforPersonsWhoAreDeafHardofHearingorSpeechImpaired).



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Recent Resources/Collaborative relationships/efforts

- The Arc of Nevada – Partnership/Collaborative
 - **Current Efforts:**
 - Townhalls Collaborative Efforts and Highlighted partner
 - Deaf Day at Legislature in March of 2023
- Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation - Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation Services (DETR-BVR): Deaf and Hard of Hearing team – Partnership/Alliance
 - **Current Efforts:**
 - Silver State Conference 2022 D/HH Panelist collaboration
 - Townhall Highlighted guest/partner
- Desert Regional Center (DRC) – Partnership/Alliance
 - **Current Efforts:** In development. See presentation for additional services and Commission alliances.
- Diversity Equity Inclusion Access and Functional Needs Program (DEI/AFN) – Partnership/Alliance
 - **Current Efforts:**
 - Please reference today's presentation for further information.
- Global Technical Communications (GTC) – Partnership/Alliance
 - **Current Efforts:** Commission Resource Roundtable - Highlighted Guest: Global Technical Communications (GTC) Event occurred on July 19th, 2022, at 3pm
 - Aiding in data collection/survey, resources, and potential efforts to present our state with additional communication tools for providers and consumers (Deaf, Hard of Hearing, Speech Impaired signers, and hearing community members). Grant opportunities currently being sought for additional resource access points for the state of Nevada.
- Nevada Early Intervention Services – Partnership/Alliance
 - **Current Efforts:**
 - Silver State Conference 2022 D/HH Panelist collaboration
 - Townhall Highlighted guest/partner
- Nevada Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD Council) – Collaborative efforts/resourcing
 - **Current Efforts:**
 - Resource and Collaborative efforts on event/conference Silver State Self-Advocacy Conference 2022 – August 2nd – 4th
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2022 Meeting Schedule Reminder

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- General Commission Meetings: November 10th – **Propose change due to Staffing issue. – Proposed date: Wednesday, November 16th, at 9:30 am (For Action)**
- Subcommittee Meetings: - Additional Meeting Requests should be requested through recommendations made by subcommittee to the Commission during report for voting.
 - Interpreter Subcommittee: September 23rd, 2pm; November 18th, 2pm – **Time Subject to Change**
 - Education Subcommittee: October 4th, 9am
 - Legislative Subcommittee: October 6th, 10am
 - Accessibility Subcommittee: December 13th, 10am – **UPDATED!**
 - Employment Subcommittee: September 16th, 10am; December 15th, 10am – **UPDATED!**