

Director and Chair Report

July 14th, 2022

General Update(s)

Eric Wilcox, Chair
Susan Beckett, Vice Chair

- DETR Response Letter Received June 1, 2022, via email (see materials)
- Budget Update
 - Total Expenses (thru 3/31/22): \$8,423.21
 - Balance (as of 3/31/22): \$16,247.01
- Recommended Topics for Review and/or Future Discussion:
 - Review of ED Job Description
 - Best Chain of Process: member --> subcommittee --> commission --> ED
 - Current Advised Practices: Out of respect for the wide range of obligations in the ED job description, members are encouraged to use the subcommittee structure of the commission to advance new ideas rather than bringing them directly to the ED. A member can bring a new topic to a subcommittee chair for discussion between meetings without being in violation of the OML. Ideally, new requests from the commission for items requiring work from the ED would involve a discussion within the subcommittee, a proposal to the full commission, and a clear directive from the commission.
- Bylaw added to item 7:
 - Addition to Article V Meetings of the bylaws document emphasis:

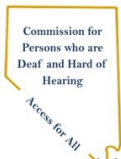
5. All members, guests, and community members attending meetings of the Commission are to be encouraged to use their preferred mode of communication. To support this choice the Commission shall make all reasonable effort to honor all requests for accommodations to support signed, oral/spoken, or manual modes of communication.

Membership Updates

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Recently Filled Positions

- (f): One member who is a parent of a child who is deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired – Eric Wilcox (Reappointment CONFIRMED)
- (h): One member who represents an advocacy organization whose membership consists of persons who are deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired – Eric Wilcox (resigned) – Jamie Vitale (Appointment CONFIRMED) – Welcome to the Commission!



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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

- Commissioners' General Training will be provided September 2022 – Save the date!

Nominations and Elections Process:

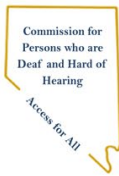
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- Elections Complete – Welcome to our Chair and Vice Chair
- Future Elections – Commissioner's recommendation/feedback: - For Possible Action
 - All Commissioners encouraged to develop Bios to aid in the nomination process.

Outreach Efforts/Events/Announcements:

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- Silver State Self-Advocacy Conference 2022 – August 2nd – 4th
 - D/HH Panelist/Sessions (see material attachment: "DHH Panelist Prep_Silver State Self-Advocacy Conference 2022")
- Commission Resource Roundtable - Highlighted Guest: Global Technical Communications (GTC) July 19th, 2022, at 3pm (see posted materials: "FLYER_NVCDHH Resource Roundtable 2022_07.19.2022 Highlighted Guest GTC_ADA Compliant.pdf" & "Agenda_Commission_Resource_Roundtable_07.19.2022_Highlighted_Guest_GTC.pdf"):
 - Location(s): ADSD Office – Las Vegas and Zoom
- 2022 DeafNation World Expo - Las Vegas, NV August 1st – 4th <https://deafnation.com/>
 - For details or registration, go to online link: <https://2022dnwe.eventbrite.com>
- Townhall Dates (Proposed Agendas Posted: "CDHHSI Townhall Agenda August 2022"): – For Possible Action
 - All Meetings Hybrid (In-Person with Virtual Access see Notice in materials):
 - South – Las Vegas, August 2nd, 2022, at 5pm – 7pm
 - Location: Palace Station
 - Rural – Elko, August 23rd, 2022, at 5pm – 7pm
 - Location: NEIS Office
 - Commission Deaf Social (Non-Meeting Event; no Virtual Option) – Reno, August 24th, 2022, at 6pm
 - Collaboration with NVBDA
 - Location: TBD
 - North – Reno, August 25th, 2022, at 5pm – 7pm
 - Location: Reno ADSD Office
 - "CDHHSI Townhall Tour Itinerary 2022" Overview:



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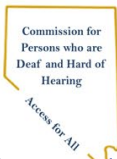
- Finalized document will be shared with Commissioners via email for further preparation and travel planning solidification by Monday, July 18th, 2022, end of business day (5pm).
- Admin Needs:
 - The following information is needed for travel and has been requested with little to no response. – Please be sure to check you emails regularly for imperative information such as this request from Administration. If there is a preferred or frequented email address that would be better, please send in an updated option by July 29th end of business day (5pm).

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.

- Interpreter representation and collaborative approach in the overall state’s community engagement. – repeated concern throughout interpreter service providers
 - Community suggested **solution/recommendations**: - For Possible Action
 - **Addition of an Advisory Council or proposed Seat on the Commission. – Long Term Goal (Requires NRS change)**
 - **ED proposes a Subcommittee in the interim – Short Term Goal (can be Chair/Vice Chair and ED appointed per bylaws)**
 - Interpreter Certification Board (ICB) – Utah Model
 - Quarterly Meetings to address the law (NRS and NAC)
 - Suggested Title – “Interpreter Credentialing Committee” – For Action
 - professional development Included – State Plan driven
 - Address all Interpreters/Communications Service Provisions
 - **ED Suggested Title of Subcommittee – “Interpreter Subcommittee”**
 - **Seat Representatives for proposed Subcommittee (5-7 seats): – For Action**
 - NVRID or Registry Body for Interpreters for the Deaf
 - K-12 Interpreter
 - Community Based Interpreter – Freelance Interpreter
 - VRS/VRI Representative
 - NVBDA or Diverse D/HH Consumer (BIPOC and/or LBGTQIA+)
 - D/HH Consumer (Optional)
 - Add additional seat for CDI/Training CDI (once applicable in state) (Optional)
 - **ED Recommendation – To be adjusted in 2023 after further investigation of staffing provisions and ADSD Board’s/Commissions’ scheduling.**
- Request to 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. – For Possible Action



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Olmstead Steering Committee – For Possible Action Lisa Torres, ADSD

- Discussion and nomination of Steering Committee member to represent CDHH.

2022 Meeting Schedule Reminder Obioma U. Officer, ED

- General Commission Meetings: September 8th, and November 10th
- Subcommittee Meetings: - Additional Meeting Requests should be requested through recommendations made by subcommittee to the Commission during report for voting.
 - Education Subcommittee: October 4th, 9am
 - Legislative Subcommittee: October 6th, 10am
 - Accessibility Subcommittee: December 6th, 10am
 - Employment Subcommittee: December 8th, 10am
 - Seeking meeting for September 15th, 10am – **for possible action**