

Nevada Commission for Persons who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing: Employment Subcommittee report

Date: June 9, 2022

Conducted via Zoom

Public comment: none

Previous meeting minutes (1/10/20) were approved. Motion by Laura Thompson; Second by Tim Smalley

Unemployment department limited accessibility concerns were reported

- Long phone wait times

- Confusing terminology and instructions

- Need ASL access to understand UI info

The Commission Chair Eric Wilcox commented that DETR provided a written response to the inquiry about what access is available for D/HH claimants and will be presented at the next full Commission meeting for further consideration

Input to the development of ADSD's Limited English Proficiency Language Access Plan (SB 318) – Shannon Sprout

- Consideration for youth with limited English and access needs transitioning to the world of work

- Incorporate community and agency resources' contacts to support language access needs

- Possibly recommend terminology clarification in the law to include D/DB/HH/SI specifically

- Collaborate across agencies to ensure advocacy groups aren't repeating same info

Roster of Employment Subcommittee members was presented and approved. Motion by Tim Smalley; Second by Shelly Freed

- Members: Laura Fink, Michelle Albrecht, Laura Thompson, Tim Smalley, and Shelly Freed

Proposed Bylaws applicable to the subcommittee were discussed and reviewed by Commission Executive Director Obioma Officer

Model State Plan for D/HH services in Vocational Rehabilitation programs and top priorities materials were presented but requested to be reviewed separately at a future Subcommittee meeting to ensure sufficient prep time

Public comment:

NVCC D/HH program manager Erica Minaberry introduced herself to the members

Ace Patrick of NV SILC shared date and time for their upcoming meeting and website

Laura Thompson shared VR application information for potential client referrals

No action items at this time