



Nevada Commission for Persons who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Director and Chair Report

February 8th, 2023

General Update(s)

Eric Wilcox, Chair

- Budget Update
 - Total Expenses (thru 12/31/2022): \$10,309.99
 - Balance (as of 10/31/2022): \$14,690.01

Membership Updates

Eric Wilcox, Chair
Susan Beckett, Vice Chair

Recently Filled Positions

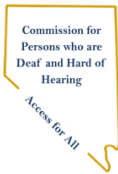
- No current seats filled.
 - Letter has been submitted to Governor's office to request further action on applications on hand (**See attached email:** "Vacancy on the Commission for Persons who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing.msg" with attachment [Letter to NV Boards Dec2022 CDHHSI vacancy.pdf](#)).

Open position (before our next meeting)

- (a) One nonvoting member who is employed by the State and who participates in the administration of the programs of this State that provide services to persons who are deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired – VACANT since December 31st, 2022
- (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 30th, 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 31st, 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. – Complete as of Mon 1/9/2023 9:45 AM (**See attached email:** "Vacancy on the Commission for Persons who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing.msg" with attachment [Letter to NV Boards Dec2022 CDHHSI vacancy.pdf](#)).



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Commissioners' and Directors' Expressed Concerns/Request – For Possible Action

- Concern: Discussion and Approval of Recommendations for community concerns – Governor accessibility during community addresses
- Request: Discussion of CAS Program Notice of Funding Opportunity for comments and recommendations from the Commission

Community Contact(s) – For Possible Action

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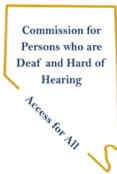
This section is being added for the Director to report major issues/concerns reported by the community to the Commission.

- See emailed Community Comments (attachment: “Public Comments_Recorded for February 8th 2023_General Commission Meeting”)

Networking Efforts: Resources/Collaborations/Potential Partner/Partners

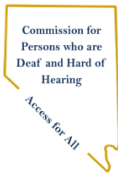
Recent Resources/Collaborative relationships/efforts

- Andrea D Juillerat-Olvera, DRC Training Specialist/Staff Sign Language Interpreter/Instructor – Potential Partner/Collaboration/Alliance
 - **Current Efforts:** Potential Ally/Partner Meeting- OO/AJO Commission Meeting Prep for Presentation on Letter of Support for UNR ITP Grant
 - Presentation for the Commission to solicit support.
 - **Last Meeting:** January 17th, 2023
- Camp CRAVE and 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:** Thursday, January 12th, 2023, at 9am – 11am
 - **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. – Finalized Resource Roundtable agenda and outreach approach.
- 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.
 - Nevada AFN Disaster Coalition Workgroup Calls



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- Networking a Collaboration with ASL Anywhere options for Disaster Emergency Management and Responders
 - Severe Weather Event Coordination with NV DEM
 - Preparedness Zoom with DEM
- **Last Meeting:** January 27th, 2023
- 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:** December 16th, 2022
 - Ally/partner Meeting- Grant Training for GTC with NGCDD
 - Also met January 20th, 2023 to address Provider packets and allocation of funds/reimbursement.
 - For more information, please contact Patty Kuglitsch, Account Manager at pkuglitsch@gtcoms.com
- Naomi Rosen, Nevada State Ambassador for National Association of Interpreters in Education (NAIE) – Potential Partner/Allyship
 - **Current Efforts:** Presentation on May 10th, 2023, for General Commission
 - **Last Meeting:** January 23rd, 2023
- National Black Deaf Advocates – President Isidore Niyonga – Collaboration/Alliance
 - **Current Efforts:** Discussion of Possible Collaboration/Presentation for Deaf Camp and Gratitude Conference
 - **Last Meeting:** January 26th, 2023
- Nevada Black Deaf Advocates – Collaboration/Alliance
 - **Current Efforts:** Presentation on Deaf Day at Legislature
 - **Last Meeting:** January 5th, 2023
- Nevada Care Connection
 - **Current Efforts:** Empowering and educating Rural resource center Access to Healthcare on outreach efforts for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.
 - **Last Meeting:** January 25th, 2023
- 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)



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- **Last Meeting:** January 12th, 2023
- Nevada Minority Health and Equity Coalition (NOMHE)
 - **Current Efforts:**
 - Health Disparity Campaign INTERVIEW with O. Officer Televised Recording – November 11/07/2022 – complete and launched.
- Nevada Weather Service – Collaboration/ Alliance
 - **Current Efforts:** In discussion of becoming ambassadors following presentation and Commission approval (TBD later)
 - **Last Meeting(s):** COMPLETED
 - November 30th, 2022 – Clark County Workshop: Weather Communication with NWS
 - December 1st, 2022 – Invitation to Speak to NWS Employees!

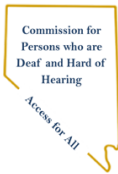
Network System REMINDER

- 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/DeafHardofHearing/SpeechImpaired).

Outreach Efforts/Events/Announcements:

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- 2023 Commission Resource Roundtables (**See Meeting Materials attachment: NV Commission for Persons who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing Meeting calendar 2022-2023 UPDATES**): - For Possible Action
 - **Deaf Camp Discussion and Announcement** – January 24th, 2023, at 10am & 6pm (Hybrid Meeting) – Complete!
 - **Deaf Day at Legislature (CONFIRMED)** – April 10th, 2023 (See attached Flyer: “Deaf Day '23 Save the Date.png”)
 - **Nevada Weather Service & Emergency Responders Panel (Tentative)** – August 21st, 2023
 - **Deaf Camp & Transition Day “Camp SignShine meet Camp CRAVE” (CONFIRMED)** – June 26th – 30th, 2023
 - **Deaf and Hard of Hearing Transition Day (CONFIRMED)** – June 30th, 2023
- 2023 Statewide Townhall Tour (Tentative):
 - All Meetings In-Person (unless otherwise stated):
 - **Tour 1**
 - Rural – TBD, Tuesday, April 11th, 2023, at 5pm – 7pm



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- Commission Deaf Social (Non-Meeting Event) – TBD, Wednesday, April 12th, 2023; Location and Time: TBD
- North – Reno, Thursday, April 13th, 2023, at 5pm – 7pm; Location: TBD
- South – Las Vegas, April 25th, 2023, at 5pm – 7pm; Location: TBD
- Statewide (Virtual ONLY Option) – Wednesday, May 24th, 2023, Time: TBD
- **Tour 2**
 - Rural – TBD, Tuesday, October 10th, 2023, at 5pm – 7pm
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 - Statewide (Virtual ONLY Option) – Tuesday, November 21st, 2023, Time: TBD
- **Winter Gratitude & Allyship Workshop and Community Gala (Tentative)** – December 16th, 2023, Saturday

2022/23 Meeting Schedule Reminder

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- General Commission Meetings 2023: May 10th, 2022, @9am
- **REMINDER!** Subcommittee Meetings: - Additional Meeting Requests should be requested through recommendations made by subcommittee to the Commission during report for voting.
 - Interpreter Subcommittee: February 17th, 2023, @4pm
 - Accessibility Subcommittee: March 7th, 2023, @10am
 - Employment Subcommittee: March 10th, 2023, @10am
 - Education Subcommittee: April 4th, 2023, @4pm
 - Legislative Subcommittee: April 6th, 2023, @10am