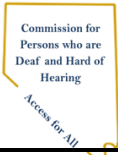


# Nevada Commission for Persons who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing

## Subcommittee Report

<u>Accessibility Subcommittee Report</u>			
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	3 / 29 / 24	<b>Report Submitted by:</b>	Obioma Officer, ED
<b>Submission Date:</b>	5 / 7 / 24	<b>Meeting Platform:</b>	Zoom
<b>Subcommittee Attendance:</b>	<u>Present</u> 1. Laura Fussell 2. Thom Duva 3. Lee Bullock 4. Betty Hammond 5. Paula Koerwitz	<b>Absent</b>	1. 2. 3. 4. 5.
<b>Quorum Met:</b>	YES	<b>Accommodation(s) Provided:</b> 2 ASL Interpreters and 1 CART Provider	
<b>Meeting Summary:</b>			
<p>We introduced our newest members Betty Hammond and Paula Koerwitz to our subcommittee. Discussed the most recent incident brought to our commission’s attention of a State Welfare office not providing interpreter services and request a minor under the age of 10 to provide services for their parent. Ongoing complaints by providers about budgetary limitations. Ongoing recommendation is for providers to invest in on demand services on an iPad/tablet in office for D/HH signers’ access just like audible language translation options by phone. Also, discussed the lack of an ADA Compliance officer in the state of Nevada and the ongoing problematic systemic challenges this presents for accountability to ADA Federal Law Compliance.</p>			
<b>Current Project(s):</b>			
<p>Creating a plan of action to help those with a hearing disability when a disaster strikes. Having Shelters with available accessibility. Address the lack of resources in hospitals, doctor’s offices, and emergency rooms. Advocate for better WiFi that can accommodate VRI in all Room for Healthcare Access.</p>			
<b>Recommendation(s):</b>	1. N/A 2. N/A		
<b>Request(s):</b>	1. N/A 2. N/A 3. N/A		
<b>Additional Notes:</b>			
<p>Team encouraged to...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pay attention to surroundings what can be brought back to the Commission to advocate for?</li> <li>• Consider what changes to legislation are needed.</li> <li>• Research what states can Nevada learn from?</li> </ul>			
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- Monitor if all buildings have closed captions available.
- Advocate for requirements for stronger private Wi-Fi availability throughout government, hospital, and doctor’s offices are needed.
- Consider strategies to address the airports’ lack of accessibility.
- Research other states such as Arizona and east coast state provide accessibility.
  - Who is responsible for ADA oversight?

<b>Next Meeting:</b>	6 / 25/ 24	<b>Requested Platform:</b>	Zoom
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