

Oregon Deaf & Hard of Hearing Services Program
Meeting Minutes
November 2, 2006

Participants: (X = attended, A = absent; E = Excused) – November 2nd

| Members | | | |
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| e | Eleni Boston | x | Robert Pope |
| x | Renwick Dayton | e | George Scheler |
| e | Genie Ott Mendiola | x | D. Wayne Seely |
| a | Margi Morgan | x | David Viers |
| e | Alice Pakhtigian | | |
| Staff | | | |
| Morgen Brodie, Bentley Fink, Marc Overbeck and Wendy Russell Jill Baker, Cindy Moore, Dot Hearn, Christina Healy interpreters, Debra Cheyne from LNS Captioning | | | |
| Public/Guests | | | |
| Irmgard Friedburg, Sherry Yarger, Amber Kern, Star Brodie | | | |

Albina Self Sufficiency
30 N Webster
Portland, OR
HRB Conference Room

Call to Order 1:07

- 1. Welcome** A quorum was not met.
- 2. Review of August Minutes.** The group agreed that the minutes were acceptable. There were no additions to the agenda.

3. ODHHS Updates –

A. Morgen-

- 1. Moving Update-** Morgen updated the group on the space at 676 Church Street. The conference room and office space are carpeted and painted and the cubicles are being assembled and late November is the target move date. The space downstairs will be shared with the Home Care Commission and their 8 staff people. The state unit on aging will be moving upstairs. There will be drop in cubes available for committee members in the office space as well as off of the conference room. There are plans to have an open house once everyone is settled in. The unit would like to have pictures and posters that show the groups we represent and their values. **Contact Gallaudet bookstore for posters and such with regard to deaf culture.**

- 2. Discuss proposed position situation-** As a result of a conversation between staff and supervisors Morgen has received position authority for 2.5 FTE. Job descriptions were sent in the packets to propose that Ben and Jeff be co coordinators of ODHHS as Policy Analyst 1's with a .75 support staff. Marc was introduced as the new lead worker of the entire advocacy unit and that he would be there to also lend assistance.

There was a discussion about people only being able to meet in Salem. Morgen informed members that if someone is unable to come to Salem to meet with staff that space could be used at any DHS office in the state. It was pointed out that very few members of the community drop in at this point since it is not advertised

- 3. IAA Updates/Contracts-** The current agreements run thru June 30, 2007 Right now staff are looking at how to better serve current customers as well as the various divisions of DHS. The long range vision for the 2009-2011 budget is to have an assessment fee that every agency pays based on number of employees for services whether they use them or not. It is the charge of Marc and Bentley to make ODHHS visible next year to all agencies to help show the benefits of an assessment.

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- 4. Legislative training options-** It has been decided that when looking at HB3230 that ODHHS has the authority to advise the legislature, governor as well as state agencies. On December 6th there will be a training regarding the nuts and bolts of dealing with legislators as well as the full legislature. It will be a comprehensive training that should last 3-3.5 hours. The agenda will be sent out once it is firmed up. It will involve the application of what is being presented it will cover the most effective ways to communicate with legislators and testifying. Daniel Russell from the state capitol will be involved. Marc will communicate the information to George with a provision that it not go out to general public only the advisory committee and other appropriate organizations since it is limited to 20-40 people.

- 5. Oregon Lions and CAHAT program-** Sherry and Amber from the Lions CAHAT program came to discuss the prospect of receiving assistive listening devices that the Lions club purchased with a grant. They believe that turning the program over to ODHHS will improve services to the hard of hearing constituency. There are loop systems, infrared, fm systems and an in focus projector available at 7 sites throughout the state. They would like to create a transition plan for ODHSS to take over. The equipment will be checked to see if it still works and training will be done on how the program works. **Ben will send the proposal he has written by email to members regarding Lions club.**

B. Bentley-

- 1. I & R's-** The final numbers for October's information and referrals are not available yet. Most contact is made through the general mailbox on the website. It is not advertised that specific people can be reached via email. Only a few members of the public have dropped in and there are very few phone calls. Most questions deal with ADA compliance and resources. **Ben will find out how to advertise the newsletter to Oregon Association of the Deaf and the Hearing Loss Association of Oregon.** Ben will get something to David by 10th

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of November with information about ODHHS and how to contact the program.

- 2. Project proposals-** Ben handed out a proposal that outlined a project he would like to take on using the new technology, video relay. He will be meeting with Sheila Hoover about setting up pilot projects in Bend in Medford. He hopes to have them set up by the end of 2007.
- 3. Employment Department Trainings-** The trainings have been completed, Ben used the same curricula throughout the state. The purpose of the trainings was for field offices would be better equipped to serve deaf and hard of hearing individuals. Ben hopes to talk to Craig Keyston about follow up trainings which would include information on video interpreting.
- 4. Police Training Curriculum-** Ben provided the tty training that Beaverton requested. He has received the training curricula for police officers from the Michigan Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services and started developing trainings for all different sizes of police departments. It is about 75% finished with 9 different trainings at about 6 hours each. Now we are waiting for their response. Another option may be to present the concept to the state police and partner with the trainings on mental health.
- 5. ADA Workshops for agencies & community-** Ben attended an intense training regarding the ADA title 1-3 put on by the NWADA & IT Center. He will contact the Eastern WA IT Center since the NWADA Center has been closed to find out if they will also partner with him to put on trainings. The idea is to first provide trainings to the agencies with contracts and then to the court system and the final phase will be training community members. **Ben will contact NAD regarding legal information and develop the curriculum.**
- 6. Emergency Preparedness-** The closest training for CEPIN will be held in Salt Lake City. It would be impossible to send someone due to out of state travel restrictions. Connie Saldana is in charge of emergency preparedness for Seniors and People with disabilities and

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is very interested in how to better communicate with the Deaf and Hard of Hearing populations. Ben will email Bob regarding Connie and the Emergency Preparedness work group.

- 7. Newsletter-** The final revisions have been made and it is due to be posted on the website anytime.
- 8. Report on Expo-** On September 22nd 10 groups set up booths in the lobby of HSB. It was a nice social event that was well attended. Plans are to have a bigger event next year. There will also be a deaf expo in Portland in September 2007.
- 9. SOU training-** Southern Oregon University will set up an interpreter training program from grant money to try to attract more interpreters to the area. They are in the midst of trying to find federal grants to help offset costs.

C. Jeff- A written update was handed out.

D. Committee Reports

- 1. Bylaws/Guidelines**—this committee has not met, and no one was available to report.
- 2. Access – Airport Accessibility** Bob Pope reported that there had been a meeting, and he is waiting for a letter from the airport.
- 3. Interpreter** Morgen reported that Jeff is really interested in meeting with the members of that group; there is a proposal to rename it the “Communications Committee” since it will include interpreters, captioners and assistive listening devices.
- 4. Legislative** The committee hasn’t had a meeting yet. Renwick and George are proposing bills to the next legislature and specifically to Representative Lim on a revised version of 2005’s SB1005. They

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intend to go to the capitol around the end of December to educate new legislators about ODHHS.

5. **ALD's** This committee will join the communications committee.

E. Update on assignments from retreat

1. **Committees** The advisory committee looked at the minutes from the retreat, many of the short term objectives have been met. **A list of members liaison roles will be sent out via email.**
2. **Feedback Loop** Wendy developed a feedback survey for both clients and agencies. To access the survey a business card with a website will be handed out to protect confidentiality.
3. **Needs assessment in DHS and other agencies-** Marc and Ben have started meeting with other DHS divisions to find out what services they require. There are also plans to meet with other agencies. They are currently working on proposed goals and strategic planning for 3, 6, 12 months. The proposal will be shown at the next meeting.

F. New Business- Partnership with OR, WA & Idaho.

G. Public Input Irmgard is worried about the overlap between her work and ODHHS. She has become Involved in a lot of state agencies. Irmgard has some work with OSH and is in contact with Washington correctional facilities. She thinks with Marc being more involved that the group will become more professional. She is also very frustrated with Vocational Rehabilitations' inefficiency for psychological assessments.

Adjourn at 3:52.