



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

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## Rhode Island Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Monday, May 16, 2005 MEETING MINUTES

*Commissioners Attending:* J. Ronan, E. Rawlings, R. Cooper, K. Blue, J. Daniels, T. Zellner, J. Desmarais-Valdez, J. Tolento,

*Commissioners Absent:* S. Goldenberg, L. Sack, P. Thompson

*Public:* G. Valdez, C. Valdez

*Staff Attending:* S. Florio (Exec. Director)

***Communication Accommodations: CART and ASL Interpretation***

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The meeting was called to order at 6:38 p.m. by the Chair Travis Zellner, in Training Room A of the Administration Building, One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI.

### REVIEW OF MINUTES

The minutes from the March 21<sup>st</sup> and April 18<sup>th</sup> meeting were reviewed. J. Desmarais-Valdez made a motion to approve the March 21<sup>st</sup> minutes as written, and J. Daniels seconded the motion. E. Rawlings made a motion to approve the April 18<sup>th</sup> minutes as written, and J. Ronan seconded the motion. The March 21<sup>st</sup> and April 18<sup>th</sup> minutes were approved.

### OFFICERS' REPORTS none

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Executive Director's Report was read by Executive Director, Steve Florio. See copy of report in May 16, 2004 meeting packet. S. Florio also talked about how difficult it has been to find interpreters available for meetings and new system for interpreter referrals through United Healthcare is in the process.

### BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT none

### MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT none

**HOSPICE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Volunteer application, recruiting, setting up training for volunteers are still in process.

**HEALTHCARE COMMITTEE REPORT**

No meeting was taken place due to lack of interpreters.

**AWARDS COMMITTEE REPORT** none**OLD BUSINESS**

E. Rawlings made a motion to develop a slogan workgroup, and J. Daniels seconded the motion and it was approved.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Possible meeting dates and locations for the next few months were discussed.

T. Zellner motions to adjourn the meeting and J. Ronan seconded. Meeting adjourns at 8:34PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Blue, Secretary