



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
Wednesday, April 20, 2006
MEETING MINUTES

Commissioners Attending: T. Zellner, S. Goldenberg, J. Ronan, P. Thompson, and R. Cooper

Commissioners Absent: J. Desmarais-Valdez, J. Daniels, J. Tolento, K. Blue, L. Sack, and E. Rawlings,

Public:

Staff Attending: S. Florio (Exec. Director)

Communication Accommodations: ASL Interpretation and CART

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m. by the Chair Travis Zellner, in Dept. of Administration Building, Providence, RI.

REVIEW OF MINUTES:

The meeting minutes of February 16, 2006 were reviewed. Jack Ronan made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Suzanne Goldenberg seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

The meeting minutes of March 21, 2006 were read and corrected to show that Patti Thompson was not present. Jack Ronan made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected and Suzanne Goldenberg seconded the motion. The motion carried.

OFFICERS' REPORTS:

Chair: None
Vice-Chair: None
Treasurer: None.
Secretary: None

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

See attached Executive Director's Report for details.

BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT: None

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT: Travis reported for the membership committee that the terms of Bob Cooper, Lisa Sack, Ed Rawlings, and Kimberly Blue expire in July.

HOSPICE COMMITTEE REPORT: Steve reported for the Hospice Committee that there is service in place for deaf individuals and families with some volunteers who have been trained and some who are in training. The next step will be to train volunteers to serve hard of hearing patients and families.

HEALTHCARE COMMITTEE REPORT: Steve also reported that the health care committee is in the process of developing a survey that will help the committee determine the needs of the deaf and hard of hearing community in regards to medical services and care.

AWARDS COMMITTEE REPORT: None

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Steve also announced that it is now public information that Pamela Zellner has been hired for the staff position of Program Manager, and that Curtis James has been hired for the position of Interpreter Referral Specialist.

The CDHH display panel has been revised and was informally accepted by the commissioners present.

There will be no meeting in May, and the next meeting will be held in June.

Jack Ronan made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Suzanne Goldenberg seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Goldenberg, Secretary