

The RI CDHH Commissioner approved the minutes for the 03/21/2012 meeting on April 25, 2012.

Rhode Island Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

March 21, 2012

MEETING MINUTES

Commissioners Attending: *Christine Thompson, Jesus Colon, Heather Niedbala, Paul Hughett, Paul Molloy, Jordan Sack, and Betsy Beach.*

Commissioner(s) not Attending: *Travis Zellner and James Simon*

Staff Attending: *Steve Florio (Executive Director), Paul Barnaby (Referral Specialist), and Pamela Zellner (Program Manager)*

Public Attending: *Stuart Nunnery, Margaret Molloy (SSP) and Beth Wilson (Six Expert from Raytheon)*

Communication Accommodations:

Interpreters: *Jessica Morgan, Elizabeth Nadolski, Hayley Jamroz (close vision), and Robb Schmiegel (close vision)*

CART service: *Shelley Deming*

Location: *Conference Room A at the Department of Administration building (One Capitol Hill) in Providence, RI*

The meeting was called to order by Chair Christine Thompson at 6:10pm.

Chair Tina Thompson conducted a roll call. She announced that everyone was here except Travis Zellner and James Simon, therefore the quorum was met. She requested that the meeting minutes for February 15, 2012 be held for further review and will be available for commissioners' review at the next month, April 25th. The commissioners were in agreement with her request.

Tina welcomed back Beth Wilson of Six Expert from Raytheon to the Commission meeting. She said Beth was here to walk over the summary of 4 initiatives that were brainstormed and action plans developed on January 18, 2012 at the Rhode Island School for the Deaf. This would be the only agenda for tonight.

Beth Wilson proceeded using the powerpoint slides (available upon request) explaining what Beth had gathered from January 18th and she had met with Paul Barnaby for intensive assessment of the Interpreter/CART Referral Service.

The presentation was stopped twice for a quick break.

Closing Comments:

Paul Molloy made a point that Margaret Molloy was here identified as Service Support Provider (SSP) because she worked with Deaf-Blind for many years. He requested that when she came in the meeting in the future, she was not observing the meeting, she was actually helping Paul by acting a communication facilitator role for him environmentally and signing wise.

Tina Thompson after asking the commissioners if they had any questions declared that the meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven A. Florio
Executive Director
(Volunteer to write the meeting minutes - March 21, 2012).