

## **ATEL Committee Meeting**

### **Public Utilities Commission**

**March 4, 2010**

**9:00 AM**

#### **Attendees:**

**James Litvack,, Denise Corson, Charles Brown, Jim Lanni, Kat Grygiel, Laura Peterson, and Interpreter Chris Haas**

**1. Minutes reviewed and accepted.**

**2. Denise gave an ATEL update. ATEL's budget as of yet, has not been cut. ATEL has \$69,045 for purchase of equipment. Denise stated that the ordering process was going very well and that she had plenty of inventory and all devices are coming in on a regular basis. However, the numbers of hours have still been significantly cut. Denise and Kat had agreed to have a meeting to review the ATEL Program transition to ORS, after 6 months. Denise and Kat had just met in February to discuss. Overall, the transition was going well: waiting time is a month or less, no more walk ins/ apt only, 95% of clients receive a home visit compared to about 50% last year, printing is done on site, and office supplies are readily available; however, Denise felt she needs a minimum of 5 hours extra support to help run the program. Denise stated she has the inventory but will not be able to distribute the \$69,045 in inventory. Although it's wonderful to have the minimum overhead expenses and increased equipment funds, there needs to be more time devoted to distribution and outreach.**

**Kat stated that it was difficult to hire any extra support due to the hiring freeze, and that she was able to get Denise's position because there was an existing ATAP position on the books. Jim felt strongly that there has to be a way to get Denise the support she needs; Kat stated she had just had the 6 month review with Denise and will look into finding a way to increase the program hours.**

**3. The Committee suggested sending a letter to Representative Eileen Naughton instead of Senator Gallo, since she has been recently involved in legislation for reverse 911; she might be more receptive to filling the Legislative vacancy on the ATEL Committee. Denise will work with James to get a letter out to her that she need not attend all our meeting , but that we can just keep her informed thru minutes and other correspondents. Jim stated he would look into his connection with the phone company; Denise stated she had also been in contact with a representative of Cox who might be interested in the program. Denise stated that she has a new member interested in filling the neuromuscular disability representative; Ellen Smith. Laura Peterson agreed to renew her position for another 2 year term. OSCIL will include information on becoming a Committee Member on their next newsletter.**

**4. The date of next meetings: June 3rd, September 9th and December 2nd from 9AM-11AM at the PUC.**