

## **ATEL Committee Meeting**

### **Public Utilities Commission**

**June 3, 2010**

**9:00 AM**

#### **Attendees:**

**Kat Grygiel, Denise Corson, Charles Brown, Jim Lanni, Laura Peterson, Pam Kling, Laurie Duffy, Doris Simas and Interpreter Yvette Johnson**

- 1. Minutes reviewed and accepted.**
- 2. Kat announced the New Assistant Administrator- Roberta Greene Whittemore. Kat will continue to stay on the committee for a while to transition Roberta into her new position. She was unable to attend to day, but will be at the next meeting.**
- 3. Kat discussed that she has put in for 2 ATEL positions the upcoming fiscal year beginning 7/1/10: Denise, as the Program Coordinator, and a new 10 hour a week position, Assistant-Assistive Technology Access Partnership (ATAP). This title is in the Active ADIL TITLES list dated 1/6/2009. This position will assist in distribution and overall program delivery.**
- 4. Unfortunately, James was unable to attend the meeting due to an illness, but the committee was informed that, due to James's hard work and perseverance, he received a letter from the Speaker Gordon Fox saying that Eileen Naughton has been appointed to the ATEL Committee. Denise informed the committee that we will be having**

numerous new members at the next meeting: Mathew Provost, Melissa Rosenberg , Ellen Lenox Smith, Harry Mancoll, O.D., and Sean Gill (officially). We are going to have a meeting with the new members prior to the next meeting.

5. Denise discussed some goals for the upcoming year: having a monthly evening meeting at Tech Access for the general public on assistive technology for people with hearing loss, and exploring wireless contracts of our State Programs.

6. Jim Lanni stated that Eileen Naughton is working with the CDHH to sponsoring bill 2010-H7735, which requests that 80K be remitted to the RI CDHH annually for emergency communication program, and public telecommunications access accommodations within the state, in coherence with section 23-1.8. Jim suggested that it would be a good idea to have Steve Florio, of the CDHH, at our December meeting to discuss more specifics on this bill.

7. It was also mentioned to discuss at our December Meeting what we would like to see included in the RI upcoming relay contract, which Hamilton currently holds.

8. We discussed holding our next meeting at Tech ACCESS, so that Denise can demo all the current equipment, especially the new Captel 800i that was featured last week on the Discovery Channel.

9. The date of next meetings: 9AM-11AM, September 16th at Tech ACCESS and December 2nd at the PUC.