

**ATEL Committee Meeting
Public Utilities Commission
December 10, 2015
9:00 am**

Attendees:

Denise Corson, Pam Kling, Courtenay Petracca, Jim Lanni, Ellen Smith, Joe Pereira, Laurie Duffy, Harry Mancoll, Ken McCarthy Jim Riggs and Cart Reporter.

1. Review minutes - minutes were reviewed and accepted, motioned by Ellen Smith and seconded by Joe Pereira.

2. Legislative update – Denise was unable to get in touch with Senator Gallo, but was able to secure Senator Coyne for the bill. Senator Coyne was very excited about our Program and will sponsor the companion bill. Jim Lanni stated that we will still have to testify again in the House even though it passed, but will not have to do so in the Senate.

3. Committee Update- We have two new Committee members: Terrie Mancoll and Jim Riggs. Terrie is Harry's wife and asked to be a part of our Committee, when she knew we were looking for members. Jim Riggs is an ATEL Client that not only is a Captel user, but has attended our monthly demonstrations.

4. Open discussion-

O Ken was able to contact Michelle Cinquegrano from Verizon, who contacted our program to help if we have any Verizon

questions/issues. Denise mentioned that there is now a new Captel model that is for analog phones without internet, called the Captel 840 plus, this should solve the issues that we have been dealing with for years, due to the phone companies switching from analog to digital lines.

O Courtenay Petracca is looking for RI High School students that have a hearing or speech disability to apply for the Hamilton Relay Scholarship.

O Expanding our monthly demonstration to have a new Independent Living speaker/topic each month in addition to hearing loss. This has been a successful approach that OSCIL is using for their monthly Lunch and Learn Demonstrations.

O The PUC will be putting out a new RFP for RI relay services, Hamilton's contract expires 11/1/16. The only two relay providers are Hamilton and Sprint. Future contracts will be 5 years, instead of 4 with an option to extend for another year.

5. Next year's quarterly meetings were scheduled at 9am- 11am at the PUC: March 10th, June 9th, September 8th and December 8th. .