

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Rhode Island Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Wednesday, June 14, 2017, 6:00 pm

Dept. of Adm. Building, Conference Room A, 2nd floor
One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908

* The Commission may vote on any of the matters on this agenda *

Agenda

1. Roll Call
2. Review and approval of Meeting minutes (3/15/17 and 4/12/17)
3. Officers' Reports:
 - a. Chair
 - Update on Executive Director's health
 - Update on legislative activities
 - HB 5667 – Movie Captioning
 - HB 5668 – Early Intervention Study Commission
 - HB 5626 – Insurance Pays for Communication Access
 - HB 5938 – Insurance Coverage for Hearing Aids
 - S 644 - Insurance Pays for Communication Access
 - S 645 – Movie Captioning
 - S 646 - Early Intervention Study Commission
 - S 649 – Insurance Coverage for Hearing Aids
 - Memorandum of Understanding with movie theater owners
 - Update on local community advocacy efforts
 - Pawtucket City Closed Captioning Ordinance
 - News coverage in Valley Breeze: <http://www.valleybreeze.com/2017-06-06/pawtucket/proposed-city-law-requiring-closed-captions-leads-example-says-its-council#.WTroeRMrJsM>
 - News coverage in Providence Journal: <http://www.providencejournal.com/opinion/20170605/paul-graseck-closed-captioning-makes-our-country-more-inclusive>
 - Movies on the Block – Summer Movie Series in Providence
 - Coventry's Park and Recreation Department Summer Movie Series (Heather Anderson)
 - b. Vice Chair
 - c. Secretary
 - d. Treasurer
4. Program Manager's Report
 - a. Update and demonstration of the new website
 - b. Update on RICDHH operations and staffing
 - c. Update on Hearing Loss Awareness Month in May
 - d. Update on budget and financial matters
 - e. Other updates as needed

6. Committee Reports:
 - a. Community Resources Committee
 - b. Emergency Interpreter Referral Services Ad Hoc Committee
 - c. Mental Health Committee
 - d. Technology Committee
 - e. Committees Establishment Ad Hoc Committee
7. Unfinished Business:
 - a. Update and discussion on establishing the following four subcommittees:
 - Section 23-1.8-3: Establishment of an Education Committee
 - Section 23-1.8-3: Establishment of an Employment Committee
 - Section 23-1.8-3: Establishment of a Health Care Committee
 - Section 23-1.8-3: Establishment of the Telecommunications Relay Service Committee
 - b. Section 23-1.8-2(8): Develop a Statewide Coordinating Council
 - c. Status of appointments and reappointments of Nico Sedivy, Caroline Obrecht, George Herchenroether, Todd Murano, and Gina Donofrio
 - d. Update and discussion regarding the recommendation to the Governor's office regarding two full-time employees
 - e. Update and discussion regarding the Anti-Oppression Statement and action steps
8. New Business:
 - a. Discuss and approve the Memorandum of Understanding from movie theater owners
 - b. Discuss and approve the recommendations from the Emergency Referral Services Ad Hoc Committee
 - c. Discuss Nicole Poirier's resignation and vacant position
 - d. Discuss terms expiring on July 1, 2017 for the following commissioners:
 - Elizabeth Shealy, 1st term
 - Elizabeth Beach, 3rd term
 - Heather Niedbala, 3rd term
 - Timothy Riker, 2nd term
 - e. Discuss vacancies that will be announced according to the bylaws and interviews during future meetings.
 - f. Discuss board elections to be held during future meetings.
 - g. Discuss vacant Senator position on RICDHH and efforts to fill it.
 - h. Discuss Pawtucket City Closed Captioning Ordinance and RICDHH's position on future advocacy efforts like it in Rhode Island
 - i. Discuss RICDHH's attendance and participation in the National Association of State Agencies of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing 2017 Annual Meeting
 - j. Discuss RICDHH's attendance and presentation at the police conference
9. Public Comments:
10. Announcements



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