

**SERVICES FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED  
40 FOUNTAIN STREET  
THIRD FLOOR  
PROVIDENCE, RI 02903**

**MINUTES:**

**June 22, 2009**

**Members Present: Donald Deignan – Chairperson GAC; Richard Gafney – President NFB of RI; Barbara Walsh – GAC member;; Ralph Iannitelli– Vice Chairperson; A. Alfred Williams – Member NFB & GAC**

**Members Not Present: Elizabeth Graves – SILC / SRC; John Pimental - Consumer Raymond Dettore – Rick Costa – SILC member/representative – Member GAC**

**Staff Present: Ronald Racine – Deputy Administrator SBVI;**

**Guests: None**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**The quarterly meeting of the GAC council began at 4:05 PM on Monday, March 9, 2009. The minutes of the last meeting were**

**motioned to be approved and seconded without changes or amendments or extensions.**

## **GENERAL ITEMS**

**All appointments to the council have been approved, and there are no members whose terms are set to expire.**

**Ron Racine stated – Office of Health and Human Services  
(OHHS) changes:**

**o There has been no recent discussion related to the consolidation of offices (H4651) which would include ORS. Don and Richard said they have written letters advocating against consolidation which they will forward to ORS.**

## **PERSONNEL UPDATE**

**o Missy Koch and Marsha Montiliberto have left the agency.  
ORS is attempting to backfill these positions in addition to the existing two vacancies.**

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

- o Don is still working to get Jan Ruggiero and someone from the Board of Elections and possibly someone from the Auto-Mark Company to come and speak**
- o Ralph Iannitelli and the Lions will be hosting the annual VIP fishing trip on September 8th. So far nine people have signed up and they will be leaving out of Galilee. Ralph may be contacted for further information if anyone is interested.**
- o Next meeting will be held September 14th, 2009**

**Motion to adjourn and seconded. Meeting adjourned at 5:15.**