

SE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 9, 2004

Present: Doug Marquardt, Sue Gensmer, Tim Jaech, Ann Petersen, Pat Fischer

Excused: Jeff Erickson, Paula Detjen and Teri Schwalbach

Interpreter: Courtney Kruse

Ex-Officio: Danella Bohland and Rick King Quale

Guest: Jerry Pouliot

Rick King Quale chaired the meeting in the absence of Jeff Erickson.

Introductions were done introducing the new members to the board. They are: Tim Jaech is retired and Pat Fischer is a teacher for the Deaf/HH. Both are from Faribault. Rick went over each board member's term limits.

Jerry Pouliot from CSD gave the board members overview of the services that are provided by CSD's Relay Service and the newest technology the CapTel phone. Some of the services they provide are: VCO (voice carry over relay); TTY (telecommunications for the deaf); HCO (hearing carry over relay); Spanish relay; IP Relay (Internet relay); VRS (video relay service); and the newest technology CapTel phone. The Captel phone will benefit hard of hearing individuals and Seniors.

Updates:

Danella Boland DHHS Consultant. Currently, she is serving 17 clients on an ongoing basis. She is involved with four major projects. 1) Smoke Alarms – Jeff E. and Danella were instrumental in securing funds from Sertoma and Lions Club to purchase 14 smoke alarms which will be distributed to deaf individuals who can't afford them. 2) Deaf Mentor Project – right now she has three deaf mentors who go into individual's home and teach the family sign language. 3) Peer Visitor Program – she works closely with Ann Petersen from SEMCIL. A peer visitor meets with individual's who need to develop some independent living skills. 4) Deaf Blind Project – currently there is one family in this program.

Rick King Quale Telephone Equipment Distribution Program Specialist. Rick informed the board that applications to the program have been slow. He has been going out and doing presentations to various organizations promoting is program. The best way of promoting the program is via word of mouth. Right now there are 32 states that have a program similar to ours.

Rick informed the board we will be hosting a Community Forum on May 3 at the Plumbers and Steam Fitters Union here in Rochester from 5-7pm.

Tim J. asked if there was a Tornado Warning System in place in the state of Minnesota. If not, he thought it might be a good project for us to undertake.

Pat F. would like to know how can we get more interpreters in the Faribault area??

Meeting adjourned at 3:30pm

Respectively Submitted by

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