

SW Advisory Committee Meeting
January 22, 2010
10:30am – Noon
12 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 1670
Mankato

Interpreter: Sara Swanson

To: Curt Slater, Laurie Palesotti, Ken/Deb Lindberg, Kristin Hemstock,
Sharon Schwab, and Brenda Needham

AGENDA

1. Introductions, including New Member Brenda Needham and Mary Hartnett of the Commission of Deaf, DeafBlind, and Hard of Hearing Minnesotans, guest Howard Rotsen of SMILES (Southern MN Independent Living Enterprise & Services)
2. Distribution of Hands & Voices DVD to TV Stations – Jeff
3. Staff Updates and Topics
 - TED Specialist: Nancy
 - Consultant: Tracy
 - Regional Manager: Jeff
 - Interpreter: Sara
4. Vidyo Update: Remote Interpreting (Jeff & Tracy)
5. Religious Workshop Plans (Jeff)
6. Choice of Member to Represent SW at the Commission
7. Mary Hartnett re: Commission Activities. Discussion.
8. Adjourn

If you are unable to attend, please call Dawn at 1-800-311-1148 or email her at dawn.crowson@state.mn.us

Notes from S. W. Advisory Committee—January 21, 2010

In-person meeting canceled due to inclement weather.

1. Brenda Needham, CSD Outreach interpreter) has been appointed as a new member of our advisory committee. Sharon Schwab has been recommended to be our S.W. representative to the Commission of Deaf, DeafBlind, and Hard of Hearing Minnesotans (MCDHH). Howard Rotsen, from the Center for Independent Living in Mankato has expressed interest in joining the committee. Deb and Ken Lindberg have resigned from the committee as has Bonnie Frisk. Thank you Deb, Ken, and Bonnie for your contributions and we will remain in touch.
2. The annual Ice Skating event at All Seasons Arena in Mankato was held January 14, 2010. It was a great success: kids from mainly rural mainstream programs had the opportunity to interact with students from the MN State Academy for the Deaf. Over 120 people participated. Both S.W. and S.E. Deaf Services staff coordinated the event. A special thank you to Kris Hemstock from our committee who was successful in getting free contributions from the Sertoma service club for this event. Thank you, Kris.
3. Jeff was successful in working with ABCS6 news channel KAAL in Rochester/Austin. They will be running the public service announcement from MN Hands and Voices which urges parents with infants who were screened for hearing loss to make follow up appointments with their audiologist and medical professionals. The PSA is in the queue at TV6 and will be aired on a regular basis.
4. Attached you will find an update from Paula MacDonald regarding the successful establishment of remote interpreting video technology at local schools and clinics. This makes interpreter services available in areas where it is difficult to find interpreters who can work on-site.
5. Paula is coordinating a workshop for regional interpreters that will focus on religious interpreting in liturgical settings. It will take place March 20th.
6. Please refer to Tracy Koster's consultant update (see attachment).
7. Mary Hartnett from the Minnesota Commission was scheduled to join our meeting and we look forward to re-scheduling her visit.

Please review the enclosed attachments:

--Agenda for 1/21/10

--Roster of current members (both S.W. and S.E. regions)

--Meeting dates for the rest of the year

--Staff interpreter update: Paula MacDonald

--Consultant update: Tracy Bell

Notes provided by Jeff Erickson.

Regional Update: October – December 2009

Mankato TED Program

- Wireless Program: Six months of initial distribution coming to an end. The remainder of the program will involve follow up with surveying those consumers that received wireless devices. The TED program intends to pursue legislative adjustments so that we can continue the wireless devices.

- Staying busy with and scheduling presentations and booths for the Spring.

- Contacted the 16 county area Veteran Services offices to let them know about our services.

- Sent out 15 promotional letters and made drop-in visits to various service providers that work with senior adults.

- Served over 90+ consumers this past quarter.

Erickson, Jeffrey C

From: Bell, Teresa
Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2010 2:14 PM
To: Erickson, Jeffrey C
Subject: Consultant's update to include with your report

Consultant's Update:

We had a very successful ice skating event on January 14 with over 120 students and staff attending from area schools. This is the tenth year in a row we have been doing this - thanks to the sponsors and all staff for making this happen! I have been serving consumers on a variety of different issues, mainly on medical and education issues. There are currently two "deaf restaurant clubs" that meet once a month - one alternates between New Ulm and Mankato areas for supper, and the other one meets for lunch in Marshall. ASL Storytelling is back for spring - first Saturday of the month at 10 am at South Central Services Cooperative in North Mankato - February 6, March 6, and April 10 (April changed due to Easter). Presentations are lined up for the next three months in Mankato and Marshall.

Tracy Bell

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Interpreter Paula's Update.

FYI's:

CSD's Vidyo equipment has been installed at three medical settings. The hope is that by utilizing technology to fill interpreter requests more agencies and Deaf people are able to find an interpreter for appointments that were historically being cancelled due to a lack of interpreter availability.

Murray County Medical Center, Tyler Clinic and a hospital in Marshall have been equipped with the Vidyo equipment. All have been successful for premade doctor appointments. The medical centers are also working on training staff to use it in ER situations as well as walk-ins.

Slayton Public Schools has also decided to use the Vidyo as well. It is up and running and they should be testing it here in the next few weeks.

Upcoming Events-

March 20th, 2010 we will be hosting a workshop for Southern Minnesota Interpreters here in Mankato at South Central Service Cooperative building. It will be CEU certified through RID with the help of CSD. The workshop will focus on religious interpreting in liturgical settings with the Reverend Susan Masters who is also a certified interpreter. Look for flyer coming soon.

**SOUTHERN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS
SCHEDULE FOR 2010**

Southwest/Mankato

Location: Deaf & Hard of
Hearing Services Office
12 Civic Center Plaza
Suite 1670
Mankato

10:30am - Noon

Friday, January 22, 2010
Friday, April 23, 2010
Friday, July 23, 2010
Friday, October 22, 2010

Southeast/Rochester

Location: Deaf & Hard of
Hearing Services Office
4104 - 18 Avenue NW
Rochester

2pm - 3:30pm

Friday, January 29, 2010
Friday, April 30, 2010
Friday, July 30, 2010
Friday, October 29, 2010

MCDHH Advisory Meetings

Location: Elmer Andersen
Bldg
St. Paul

9am - 4pm

Friday, January 15, 2010
Friday, May 21, 2010
Friday, September 17, 2010
Friday, November 19, 2010

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