

# DHHS- West Central Advisory Board Meeting

MINUTES	JANUARY 8TH, 2008	3:00 - 4:00 p.m.	WILLMAR HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BLDG. - CONFERENCE ROOM 2045
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MEETING CALLED BY	Lisa Hennen
TYPE OF MEETING	West Central Advisory Board Meeting
FACILITATOR	Lisa Hennen & Rich Diedrichsen
NOTE TAKER	Rich Diedrichsen
ATTENDEES	Roseanne Kath, Ed Van Der Heiden, Adrienne Haugen
ABSENTEES	John Hoffman
STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT	Rich Diedrichsen, Regional Manager; Lisa Hennen, West Central Consultant; Jennifer Robinson, Interpreter.

## Agenda Topics

15 MINUTES	CALL TO ORDER - WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS	LISA HENNEN
DISCUSSION	Meeting called to order at 3:00 by Lisa. There were 3 members present and introductions were completed. John H. not present. People introduced self and their job/role in community. Lisa, Rich and Jennifer from DHHS staff. Lisa framed a brief discussion about the advisory committees role, how often they will be meeting ( 3 - 4 times per year), what times worked the best ( afternoons for most), and days ( it seems Thursdays work well for most). Also discussed was that the committee is small to start but will be adding members slowly so that advisory members terms are not all completed at the same time.	
CONCLUSIONS	No Action Needed	
15 MINUTES	MCDHH UPDATE	ADE HAUGEN
DISCUSSION	Lisa introduced Ade Haugen and shared with the committee that Ade is the representative from West Central MN for the Minnesota Commission Serving Deaf & Hard of Hearing People (MCDHH). Ade has completed two terms but has been extended for six more months. We need to seek a replacement for the position to represent the area. Ade shared her experience on the commission, highlighting some of the past issues & current issues: interpreters in the court system, driver's education, etc. She elaborated that work with the education department is a current issue at this time related to access problems for D/HH students. Ade also mentioned the desire to have parent representatives on the commission. The commission meets every other month on Fridays; usually from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Executive Committee meets by tele-conference or by video conference ( approx. 2 hours. They are now working on five strategic goals. Time commitments, travel, and compensation for meeting attendance was also discussed.	
CONCLUSIONS	Roseanne expressed some interest and Lisa will follow-up.	
10 MINUTES	REGIONAL UPDATE - EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS & COMMUNICATIONS	LISA HENNEN
DISCUSSION	to safety & emergency equipment: Flashing fire alarms and CO detectors, weather alerts. It seems that satellite TV is becoming popular in rural areas, however when bad weather strikes this signal is often cut off, leaving D/HH people without access to information (captioning). Weather alerts becoming an issue for people who cannot afford pagers.  Lisa will be meeting with Marv Calvin of WFD to discuss options for getting smoke detectors, CO detectors, and possibly weather radios for people in the area. This is very expensive equipment. Asked other members for ideas they might have to resources or funds. Asked for information on what people feel would be useful to the community in the area, and what equipment people are currently using.	
CONCLUSIONS	Members will bring information to next meeting regarding what type of equipment they and other d/hh community members are using and if they know of other people in need. Lisa will meet with Marv Calvin.	

10 MINUTES	REGIONAL UPDATES - TELECOMMUNICATION NEEDS	RICH DIEDRICHSEN
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Telecommunication needs-Rich talked about TED efforts to explore wireless devices for recipients of the TED program. Rich framed the need for feedback needed from the advisory committee people and asked that they contact Lisa with any ideas they may have. Because TED is not familiar to Roseanne Lisa defined the program briefly to her and the committee. Also discussed were some of the new and emerging technology like VRS, VRI, etc.	
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	Advisory Council Members will share ideas with Lisa.	
10 MINUTES	REGIONAL UPDATE - DEAF MENTOR PROJECT	LISA HENNEN
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Lisa talked about the program and funding received. Purpose of the program and how it has been set up in MN. The program is now full, but we are setting a waiting list. In Willmar area there are two families on the program and about 3 in the area on a waiting list for this year. July will start a new fiscal year so if there is need and people on the waiting list we want to see if we can help them. The importance of the waiting list for re-approaching the legislature was discussed.	
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	No Action Needed	
5 MINUTES	AREA CONCERNS & ISSUES - NEW BUSINESS	MEMBERS
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Next meeting April 10, Thursday at 3:00 p.m. This will likely be a two hour meeting. We will be in touch for agenda. Lisa gave hand-out explaining the deaf mentor project and the flyer for the cross-culture skating party.  Meeting adjourned at 4:03 p.m	
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	No Action Needed	
<b>NEXT MEETING</b>	The next Advisory meeting will be April 10th 2007 from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. @ the Health & Human Services Bldg in Willmar (room 2055).	
<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>	Meeting adjourned at 4:03 p.m.	
<b>SPECIAL NOTES</b>		