



The video is fully accessible and captioned. (Funding for the captioning was provided by GURC-Midwest and ISRC). It will be available on various websites, including host websites, YouTube, TeacherTube and as a stand-alone DVD.

Illinois has many different resources for learning about assistive technology. There are many places that allow individuals to try various assistive technology: audiology offices, local universities with deaf education program or audiology program, DeafExpo, Deaf and Hard of Hearing events, Centers for Independent Living. Additionally, some even have a lending library where individuals can check out assistive technology including ISRC ([www.isrc.us](http://www.isrc.us)) and the Illinois Assistive Technology Program ([www.iltech.org](http://www.iltech.org)). The Illinois Telecommunications Access Corporation (ITAC) has communication equipment available for individuals with hearing loss. Both the Illinois State University and the University of Illinois at Chicago offer training related to assistive technology.

Various sections of the video were shown. There is a commitment from the partners of this project for this video to grow and stay current. Comments and suggestions can be sent to [tina.childress@illinois.gov](mailto:tina.childress@illinois.gov).

5 Year Strategic Plan (2009 – 2014) Progress Report for IDHHC  
John Miller, Director

Director Miller reviewed the progress on the 5 year Strategic Plan which is available on IDHHC's website. Looking at the individual objectives, IDHHC is on target or exceeding the goals of the Strategic Plan.

- Develop training materials for consumers in three (3) different subject matters. Currently, IDHHC has over 9 different subject matters on its website for example Interpreter Licensure, Emergency Preparedness, Communication Rights and Access in Hospital and Medical settings, and Deaf and Hard of Hearing Awareness.
- Provide a minimum of fifty (50) trainings and/or workshops statewide to consumers. IDHHC has provided 82 trainings and or workshops since July 1, 2009.
- Develop five (5) new educational materials to distribute with promotional items to increase awareness. IDHHC has developed eight (8) new educational materials. Unfortunately, the budget no longer provides for purchasing of promotional materials or participating in exhibit booths. Outreach is conducted utilizing IDHHC's website and attendance at various community groups and trainings.
- Develop five (5) interactive materials for IDHHC's website. IDHHC continues to offer Email Alert and submission of questions/comments through its website. It provides various educational videos such as Disaster Preparedness and Communication Access in Hospitals. Sign Language Interpreters and Conference Attendees can pay online using the EPay system.

- Attend fifty (50) events and/or meetings of local deaf and hard of hearing groups and organizations. IDHHC has participated in 50 separate deaf and hard of hearing groups and organizational events. IDHHC has participated in more than one event/meeting for some groups.
- Develop working partnerships with at least five (5) entities essential in providing services to individuals with hearing loss. Since July 1, 2009, IDHHC has worked with twenty-one (21) different entities such as the Illinois State Board of Education and the Interagency Committee for Employees with Disabilities.

***Hershel Jackson moved to recess from 2:12 – 2:30 p.m. Seconded by Mindy Joy Mayer.***

***Motion Passed.***

Tina Childress	Yes	Joseph Culpepper	Yes	Hershel Jackson	Yes
Mindy Joy Mayer	Yes	Benro Ogunyipe	Yes	Laura Thomas	Yes

- Develop “train the trainer” materials on five (5) different subject matters for groups that provide direct services to deaf and hard of hearing individuals. IDHHC has 2 subjects identified and is working on Deaf Self Advocacy Training and Interpreter Licensure web based videos.
- Develop ten (10) specialized outreach materials for service providers educating on the legal responsibilities to provide communication access. IDHHC has completed five (5) outreach materials: Interpreter Licensure, Emergency Preparedness, and Communication Access in Hospitals.

**Chairperson’s Report:**

- Nothing new at this time.

**Director’s Report:**

- May 23, 2013 is tentatively reserved with UIS for the fourth FY13 meeting.
- IDHHC has 4 terms that have expired. Those Commissioners will continue to serve until reappointed or the Governor appoints a new Commissioner.
- IDHHC’s office lease expires the end of December 2012. A recommendation has been made to the Procurement Committee to relocate IDHHC to a new location at 528 S. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Springfield, IL (Edwards Building).
- The formation of the SSP Task Force was announced during the Deaf-Blind Retreat and that IDHHC is accepting letters of interest to serve on the Task Force. IDHHC is focusing on recruitment to Deaf-Blind consumers or those actively working with the Deaf-Blind community.
- FY12 is finished but the final lapsed period is in progress. The Special Fund relates to a grant from the Illinois State Board of Education for professional development for educational interpreters and the Board of Evaluations of Interpreter and in the past received sponsorship from Gallaudet University Resource Center- Midwest for presenters at the annual IDHHC Conference.

- Marybeth Lauderdale has recently retired as Superintendent of the Illinois School for the Deaf (ISD). IDHHC is working closely with the Illinois School for the Deaf Advisory Council and DHS in establishing a Search Committee for the position of Superintendent at ISD. Currently, Joan Forney is acting as interim Superintendent.
- Several advocates including IDHHC presented at the DHS Limited English Proficiency Committee regarding mental health services to the Deaf and hard of hearing community, specifically regarding the vacant position of Statewide Deaf Services Coordinator in the Department of Mental Health. IDHHC continues to work with DHS and the Governor’s office to address this issue.
- The issue of cued speech is being debated at ISD. As the issue continues to evolve, ISD held an open forum on cued speech. IDHHC will continue to gather more information and providing awareness on IDHHC’s website.

**New Business**

*Benro Ogunyipe moved to accept May 23, 2013 as the fourth Commission meeting for FY13. Seconded by Joseph Culpepper. Motion passed.*

Tina Childress	Yes	Joseph Culpepper	Yes	Hershel Jackson	Yes
Mindy Joy Mayer	Yes	Benro Ogunyipe	Yes	Laura Thomas	Yes

**Open Discussion:**

Issues continue regarding colleges and universities providing accommodations to deaf and hard of hearing individual to participate in public workshops/meetings that are not directly related to students and their course work. This may be a good topic for a future presentation.

**Announcements:**

- The National Deaf-Blind Equipment Distribution Program (NDBEDP) has been a pilot program for two years. Its goal is to ensure that every person with combined hearing and vision loss has access to modern telecommunication tools and the training necessary to use them, granting every individual the opportunity to interact with the world as an involved, contributing member of society. To learn more about the program and how to apply for telecommunication tools go to [www.icanconnect.org](http://www.icanconnect.org)
- Illinois Families for Hands and Voices is hosting a workshop for families and the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Family Fun Walk, October 6-7, 2012 in Springfield, IL.
- Hearing Loss of America Association, Walk4Hearing, October 14, 2012, in Chicago, IL.

***Benro Ogunyipe moved to adjourn at 3:10 p.m. Laura Thomas seconded. Motion Passed.***

Tina Childress	Yes	Joseph Culpepper	Yes	Hershel Jackson	Yes
Mindy Joy Mayer	Yes	Benro Ogunyipe	Yes	Laura Thomas	Yes

**(signature in the file)**  
Chairperson \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**(signature in the file)**  
Executive Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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