

May 9, 2013

Springfield, Illinois

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ILLINOIS DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING COMMISSION

The sixty-second meeting of the Illinois Deaf and Hard of Hearing Commission (IDHHC) was held on Thursday, **May 9, 2013**, at the University of Illinois at Springfield, Public Affairs Center Building, 1 University Plaza, Springfield, IL 62703, and broadcasted live via IDHHC’s website.

Call to Order:

Chairperson Childress called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Commissioners Present:

Nancy Abbott	Yes	Tina Childress	Yes	Joseph Culpepper	Yes
Emma Danielson	Yes	Theresa Fuller-Sakolsky	Yes	Haydee Garcia	Yes
Hershel Jackson	Yes	Mindy Joy Mayer	Yes	Anil Phadke	Yes
Amber Smock	No	Laura Thomas	Yes		

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Meeting Minutes

Anil Phadke moved to accept the February 7, 2013, minutes as presented; seconded by Mindy Joy Mayer . Motion passed.

Nancy Abbott	Yes	Tina Childress	Yes	Joseph Culpepper	Yes
Emma Danielson	Yes	Theresa Fuller-Sakolsky	Yes	Haydee Garcia	Yes
Hershel Jackson	Yes	Mindy Joy Mayer	Yes	Anil Phadke	Yes
Laura Thomas	Yes				

Special Reports/Presentations:

Illinois Imagine Project
Teresa Tudor,

The Illinois Imagine Project was made possible by a grant from the Department of Justice, Office of Violence Against Women. The goal is to effect statewide system change in dealing with domestic and sexual violence against women with disabilities. The Imagine Project will provide education, training and enhanced services. Research in the area is limited and even less is available that focuses on the Deaf community. Studies indicate that domestic and sexual violence against women with disabilities it much more likely to be repeated and at the hands of multiple perpetrators.

Most perpetrators are males who are known to the victim. The violence typically occurs in the home. Many times the perpetrators are health care providers, family members, acquaintances or others with disabilities. Deaf women may be viewed as the perfect targets because they are not likely to tell, not believable, cannot get away and lack of accessible services. Some tactics perpetrators use to target Deaf women include: isolating from Deaf community, limiting sources of communication, destroying technology, or purposely misinterpreting messages.

Project partners include: Illinois Department of Human Services, Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault, Illinois Network for Centers of Independent Living, Illinois Family Violence Coordinating Council, and Blue Tower Training. A need assessment was conducted that focused on both “Connection and Readiness.” It was discovered that disability service providers had no relationship with victim services. Plus, victim services were unprepared to deal with the victims with disabilities. Staff often indicated that they were uncomfortable because they were not knowledgeable of the proper etiquette or communication needs.

The program has four (4) core initiatives: collaborative model, responsiveness, outreach and administrative supports. There are 32 teams across the state funded by mini-grants. Each team consists of self-advocates, rape crisis centers, developmental disabilities providers, community mental health centers, centers for independent living and Division of Rehabilitation offices. Responsiveness reviews are being conducted for team members; can they support a survivor with a disability? Teams are developing individual work plans. Progress has been made to change some laws which prevented individuals with disabilities the ability to report abuse especially if the abuse was by a caretaker or family member. A toolkit is available for use by agencies that include lesson plans and dvds.

Mindy Joy Mayer moved to recess from 2:05 – 2:15 p.m.; seconded by Laura Thomas. Motion passed.

Nancy Abbott	Yes	Tina Childress	Yes	Joseph Culpepper	Yes
Emma Danielson	Yes	Theresa Fuller-Sakolsky	Yes	Haydee Garcia	Yes
Hershel Jackson	Yes	Mindy Joy Mayer	Yes	Anil Phadke	Yes
Laura Thomas	Yes				

Chairperson’s Report:

- It was very inspiring to attend the Early Intervention Day on March 22nd in Chicago, Illinois on behalf of IDHHC.
- Along with Director Miller and Janet Lambert, Chairperson Childress met with the new ISD Superintendent, Janice Smith-Warshaw.
- Chairperson Childress was awarded the 2013 Hearing Care Practitioner award by Oticon. The winner was selected by the most votes through Face Book. Along with the award,

the winner selected a recipient of a \$1,000 donation; Ms. Childress chose the CASE Audiology.

Director's Report:

- No action by the Governor's office on Commissioner appointments for those with expired terms.
- CART registry is available on IDHHC's website. At this time, only 6 individuals are posted. Hope to see an increase number in the future. IDHHC will explore additional ways to get the word out about the registry.
- SSP Task Force concluded its two (2) day meeting on April 17-18, 2013. It is hopeful that the Task Force will present recommendations in FY14.
- Carol Christensen has joined IDHHC as the Interpreter Coordinator. She started on May 1, 2013. Due to funding, IDHHC is unable to pursue filling the vacant Program Coordinator position.
- The Annual Interpreter Conference will be held May 31 – June 2, 2013. IDHHC has received 153 registrations and is expecting approximately 200-250 in attendance.
- Fiscal Year 2013 is in its final quarter and IDHHC is on target with its budget. Fiscal Year 2014 Budget (July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014) has been proposed at the same amount as Fiscal Year 2013 but possibility of cuts up to 13%.
- Staff from the Office of the Auditor General will be reviewing IDHHC Fiscal Year 2012 and 2013 records to ensure compliance with state laws and procedures.
- Several ASL videos have been added on IDHHC's website. The new videos provide information on Severe Weather Preparedness, Illinois Tobacco Quitline and how to be an active patient to take responsibility for their health care and communication needs.
- The Illinois Emergency Management Agency put out a press release on the recent ASL video on the Severe Weather Preparedness. Additionally, IEMA had two (2) day disaster drill response training which will involve a nuclear leak. IDHHC was only there ½ day but was amazed at the detail and amount of work. IDHHC will be developing a partnership with IEMA in ensuring communication in a disaster situation.
- The Conference of Educational Administrators of Schools and Programs for the Deaf finished the full review of the Illinois School for the Deaf (ISD) and approved its accreditation. The new Superintendent, Dr. Janice Smith-Warshaw has started and will provide new leadership and direction for ISD.
- IDHHC attended the Advocacy of the Year celebration in Joliet, Illinois and participated in the mentoring with the students throughout the event.
- The Illinois Department of Human Services, Division of Rehabilitation Services has recently announced the change of order of selection policy for the vocational rehabilitation program. This is allowing them to expand VR services. Before services were only being provided to those classified as "most significant disability" or "very significant disability." Under the new policy, individuals classified as having a "significant disability" can receive services.

- Director Miller met with several legislators to discuss several bills and IDHHC in general.
- Debbie Sampson was appointed to the Interpreter Licensure Board to replace Somone Bowman whose term had expired. Update provided on Interpreter Licensure, including complaints and BEI testing. IDHHC is currently working to implement a mentoring program which will begin July 1, 2013.
- It is time for IDHHC to develop the next five (5) year strategic plan. This will be completed during a two (2) day retreat.

New Business

Emma Danielson moved to schedule the IDHHC Commissioner retreat during Fiscal Year 2014 to plan for the next five (5) year strategic plan. Seconded by Hershel Jackson.

Discussion followed regarding potential moderators and location.

Motion passed.

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Emma Danielson	Yes	Theresa Fuller-Sakolsky	Yes	Haydee Garcia	Yes
Hershel Jackson	Yes	Mindy Joy Mayer	Yes	Anil Phadke	Yes
Laura Thomas	Yes				

Laura Thomas moved to accept the following FY14 meeting dates: August 15, 2013; November 7, 2013; February 6, 2014 and May 8, 2014. Seconded by Joseph Culpepper.

Motion passed. .

Nancy Abbott	Yes	Tina Childress	Yes	Joseph Culpepper	Yes
Emma Danielson	Yes	Theresa Fuller-Sakolsky	Yes	Haydee Garcia	Yes
Hershel Jackson	Yes	Mindy Joy Mayer	Yes	Anil Phadke	Yes
Laura Thomas	Yes				

Open Discussion:

None.

Announcements:

- Chicago Club for the Deaf is hosting the World Deaf Stage on 2013 on May 31, 2013, in Chicago, Illinois.
- Real Life movie: Rustic Lantern on May 11, 2013, at Hinsdale South, Chicago, Illinois.
- Deaf-Blind Day on August 8, 2013, at the RID Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana hosted by the National Task Force of Deaf-Blind Interpreters.
- Deaf Day at Great America on July 13, 2013.
- Ear Community picnics which brings Microtia and Atresia families together is on July 13, 2013, in Chicago, Illinois.

- ISD Summer Camps still have availability in June 2013 including sports, creative drama, and girls' basketball.
- 2013 Illinois Association for the Deaf Conference is on June 20-22, 2013, in Champaign Illinois.
- Broadway in Chicago Theaters are now offering open captioning. The schedule is listed under *Special Needs* on its website.

Laura Thomas moved to adjourn at 3:27 p.m.; seconded by Emma Danielson. Motion passed.

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Chairperson _____ Date _____

(signature on file)
Executive Secretary _____ Date _____

APPROVED