

WASHINGTON STATE CENTER FOR CHILDHOOD DEAFNESS & HEARING LOSS

April 29, 2016

Board Members: Maria Christianson (District #1)
Allie Joiner (District #2)
Nancy Sinkovitz (District #3)
Nita Kamphuis (District # 4)
Char Parsley (District #5)
Ariele Belo (District #7)
Sidney Weldele-Wallace (District #8)
Nancy Fitta (District #9)
Larry Swift (District #10)

Absent: Rita Reandeau (District #6)

Legal Counsel: Bonnie Terada, Sarra Yamin

Executive Director: Rick Hauan

Recorder: Judy Smith

Interpreters: Danni Keller, Catherine Thomas

Guests: Jessica Sydnor, Director of Business Operations
Kris Ching, Outreach Director (Birth to 5)

The meeting was called to order by Sidney Weldele-Wallace, chair, at 9:46a.m. It was determined a quorum was present.

Minutes – March 25, 2016

Nita Kamphuis moved to approve the March 25, 2016, meeting minutes. Maria Christianson seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.

Board Finance Committee Report

Due to technical difficulties several invoices were not received in past few months resulting in a deficiency for the month of March.

ESD 112 recently conducted a technology audit. It was noted in the audit that CDHL/WSD is greatly in need of new and upgraded technology; especially an emergency notification system. The Statewide Outreach Team needs an educational audiologist along with a mobile audiology booth in order to serve remote school districts with no or very little access to this service.

For outreach services CDHL, WSSB, WSDS have all committed to a common fee schedule which it makes it much easier for school districts to budget for services.

Reports: Rick Huan, Executive Director

- Biz Town was a huge success! Thanks to Cathy Corrado for coordinating this event and to Lee Ellis for his tremendous support. Thanks also to Allie Joiner for attending. Pam Snedigar from Gallaudet University, who also serves on our Statewide Outreach Team, attended Biz Town to see how similar programs could be set up throughout the United States. Mark your calendars for next year: April 26 & 27, 2017. We are hoping to establish quarterly meetings with parents and students to discuss new ideas for 2017. Big thanks to DVR for funding Biz Town this year. In order to continue Biz Town next year at the level of this year's event it will require the continued support from DVR.
- The Washington/Georgia partnership meeting will be held July 25-26 in Tacoma. Many professionals from both states will attend to work on creating the same path to language access for students in the K-12 system. Georgia has declared language access to be a public health emergency and public funds have been identified to address this issue. All Board members are welcome to attend one or both days of the meeting.

Rule Making Hearing

Board Chair, Sidney Weldele-Wallace, opened the Rule Making Hearing regarding the following rules:

- Organization rules in Chapter 148-100
- Student Conduct Code in Chapter 148-120
- Public Records in Chapter 148-276
- Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act in Chapter 148-280.

Editing change to 148-276-30 § 2: change email address to: executive.assistant@cdhl.wa.gov.

No public or written comments have been received.

Larry Swift made a motion to adopt the rules along with the change noted above, Nancy Fitta seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.

CDHL's rules coordinator will prepare and file the Order of Adoption with the Code Reviser. The rule takes effect 30 days after the filing.

The Board Chair closed the Rule Making Hearing and the Board meeting resumed.

CDHL Birth-to-3 Report (Kris Ching, Outreach Director, Birth-to-3)

The birth-to-3 program has been very busy this year. A total of 18 counties/69 babies are participating in the birth-3 registry. Many of the eastern Washington counties have very little services available for DHH families. The birth-3 team has been involved in and presented at several conferences nationwide. Future projects include:

- Creating a CDHL parent packet
- Online ASL classes for families
- Reaching families in remote areas
- Trainings for professionals serving DHH children throughout the state
- Lead-K is a new national movement to end the nationwide epidemic of language deprivation by promoting language equality, ASL and English, as a basic human right for all deaf babies which will lead to a new generation of deaf children who are kindergarten ready. April McArthur is on the Lead-K steering committee.

The Board thanked Kris and her team for all their hard work on behalf of DHH birth-to-3 children, families and professionals who serve them.

Technology audit (Curtis Ellis, IT Manager, ESD 112)

Brant Russell and Curtis Ellis from ESD 112 conducted a technology audit during February/March 2016.

The audit provides a roadmap of how to get to where we should be with technology. It stresses the importance of communication between staff and the technology department and also recommends hiring an IT director to oversee the department.

Top priorities include an emergency notification system, improved back-up system for data and E911. All three priorities are in the works and scheduled to be completed this summer.

Thanks to Curtis & Brandt for such a comprehensive review and the Board looks forward to an update as the priorities are addressed during the summer and the development of a long range plan.

Report due to the Governor's Office (RCW 72.42.041)

RCW 72.42.041 § 6 states the Board "Shall prepare and submit by July 1st of each even-numbered year a report to the governor and the appropriate committees of the legislature which contains a detailed summary of the center's progress on performance objectives and the center's work, facility conditions, and revenues and costs of the center for the previous year and which contains those recommendations it deems necessary and advisable for the governor and the legislature to act on."

The executive director will compile information for the Board's review at the June meeting. Ideas to include in the report are:

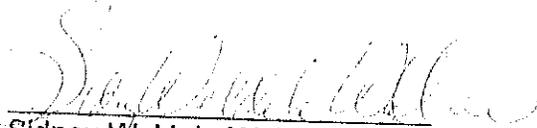
- How far we have come and how far we still have to go
- Funding issues – decrease in minor works monies, the urgent need for an emergency notification system
- Common Ground and Georgia Pathway work
- What are the needs of the school districts and how the CDHL Statewide Outreach Team has been addressing those needs
- The critical need of an audiologist in eastern Washington
- CDHL/WSD staff that have received state and national recognition

Plan for June Board meeting

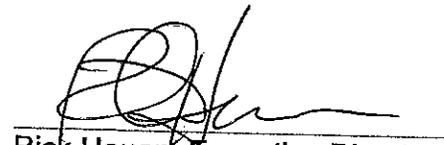
- Elect new Board Chair and Vice-Chair
- Set date/location for Board Retreat

Adjournment

Hearing no objections the meeting was adjourned at 3:09 p.m.



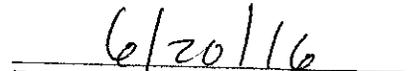
Sidney Weldele-Wallace
CDHL Board of Trustees



Rick Hauan, Executive Director
CDHL



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