

**WASHINGTON STATE CENTER FOR
CHILDHOOD DEAFNESS & HEARING LOSS
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Insurance Building/Olympia
February 6, 2015**

Board Members: Maria Christianson (District #1)
Allie Joiner (District #2)
Nancy Sinkovitz (District #3)
Nita Kamphuis (District # 4)
Char Parsley (District #5)
Rita Reandeau (District #6)
Ariele Belo (District #7)
Sidney Weldele-Wallace (District #8)
Nancy Fitta (District #9)
Larry Swift (District #10)

Legal Counsel: Bonnie Terada

Executive Director: Rick Hauan

Superintendent: Jane Mulholland

Recorder: Judy Smith
Interpreters: Julie Moore, Tamara Moxham

Guests: Jessica Sydnor, Business Services Manager

The meeting was called to order by Sidney Weldele-Wallace, chair, at 9:38 a.m. It was determined a quorum was present.

Minutes – November 7, 2014

Char Parsley moved to approve the November 7, 2014, meeting minutes. Nancy Fitta seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.

Finance Committee Report

- Due to quarterly obligations, December expenses were somewhat higher than November but everything is looking good.
- Minor Works for 2014/2015 must be completed prior to June 30th. Projects on campus include:
 - Roofing of Northrop and Clarke Hall buildings
 - HVAC unit replacement in the Clarke Hall annex

- The auditorium project will be closed as soon as two remaining owner's manuals are received and the retainage is paid out.
- An invoice from DES (Department of Enterprise Services) was recently received for \$52,000 with no explanation of what it was for. Once the details are received, the invoice will be paid.
- Governor's budget was released on December 20th. The Governor recognizes the need to have appropriate funding to help achieve our legal mandate. His budget is supportive of both on campus and outreach activities and includes capital investment for the campus in the 10-year capital plan.

Strategic Plan Discussion

Tabled until March meeting

Department of Education Grant (Sidney Weldele-Wallace)

Green River Community College has received a Department of Education grant which allows them to provide realtime captioning for DHH students in the State of Washington. Sidney has been working with Cathy Corrado and they have identified a student in the Lake Stevens School District, to receive this service. One of Sidney's students, who lives in North Carolina, will be providing CART (Communication Access Realtime Translation) services for two classes and hopes to add a third one soon. CART services will be provided to the student until the end of the school year at no cost to the school district. The goal of this five-year grant is to provide CART services for DHH students throughout the state.

Board Packet Discussion

Rick Hauan, Executive Director

- CDHL was awarded the Community Partner Grant from the Oberkötter Foundation. This grant will support the work of the Common Ground Project. Their next meeting will be held in March in Santa Fe, New Mexico.
- Met with Jon Levy, Principal for the regional deaf and hard of hearing program for University High School and Venado Middle School in Orange County, California. Jon manages one of the largest magnet DHH programs in the country. It was nice to learn about Jon's program and gather ideas as we go forward with programs in school districts throughout Washington.
- The Executive Director has participated in two parent forums in Spokane. There were three strong messages from parents:
 1. Better staff support so students receive direct services
 2. Access to technology
 - One of the requests was for VPs in the schools so DHH students could communicate directly with their parents, if needed. The order was placed the next day.
 3. Build community awareness and support.

Kris Ching (Outreach Director, Birth-3)

Karin Neidt, director of the EHDDI program, invited April McArthur and Krissy Walker to present on Deaf Culture to a group of 25 people from Dept. of Health hospital staff on Jan. 15th in Tumwater. Because feedback was so positive, Karin invited them to present at two upcoming Newborn Hearing Screening Meetings on Monday, June 1st in Spokane and Friday, June 26th at Seattle Children's Hospital.

A CDHL Birth-5 registry form has been created and will be used statewide to identify birth to five children who have been recently diagnosed as DHH. Once a child has been identified the local FRC (Family Resource Coordinator) completes the form and sends it to CDHL. Kris Ching or Kerianne Christie will contact the FRC to see if any support or resources are needed by the family.

ESIT (Early Support for Infants & Toddlers) has a very impressive website (<http://del.wa.gov/development/esit/Default.aspx>). This website offers providers practice guides for different specialized areas. CDHL has been asked to put together a practice guide which will be added to ESIT's website.

Policy Review

1st Reading

- Ethical Conduct (policy 5241)
 - Add "Ethics Act" to the end of the sentence in the first paragraph.
 - Legal References
 - Change to "Chapter 42.52 RCW"
 - Eliminate RCW 42.52.080

2nd Reading

- Special Education and Special Services for Eligible Students (Update) (policy 2161)

Nancy Fitta moved to adopted policy 2161 – Special Education and Special Services for Eligible Student (Update). Rita Reandeau seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.

- Affirmative Action and Equal Employment Opportunity (policy 5220)
 - Bonnie Terada's suggested changes will be emailed to the Board members and the policy will be presented for a 3rd reading at the March meeting.
- Nutrition and Physical Fitness (policy 6701)
 - Bonnie Terada and Jane Mulholland's suggested changes will be emailed to the Board members and the policy will be presented for a 3rd reading at the March meeting.

Center for Change and Transition Services (Cinda Johnson, Principal Investigator)

The Center for Change in Transition Services (CCTS) is a Washington State Needs Project funded annually with federal resources from OSPI. CCTS’s goal is to improve post-school outcomes for students with disabilities in the state.

With the above goal in mind, CCTS’s work includes:

- Collecting post-school outcome data.
- Analyzing data and reporting back to schools, ESDs, and the state.
- Developing and implementing trainings to improve post-school outcomes.
- Providing support & resources to ESDs, school districts, and teachers.
- Collaborating with agencies to coordinate services.

Predictors of post-school success are:

- Self-advocacy/self-determination
- Self-care/independent living skills
- Social skills
- Vocational education
- Work study

CCTS’s website has a great deal of valuable information: <http://www.seattleu.edu/ccts>.

Thanks to Cinda for an outstanding and very informative presentation.

Executive Director’s Evaluation

The new survey format for the Executive Director’s evaluation was distributed. The survey link will be sent out on March 2nd with a deadline of April 6th.

Executive Session

The Board went into Executive Session at 2:10 p.m. for 20 minutes pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) “To evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee....” The meeting reopened at 2:30 p.m.

Adjournment

Hearing no objections the meeting was adjourned at 2:34 p.m.

Sidney Weldele-Wallace, Chair
CDHL Board of Trustees

Rick Hauan, Executive Director
CDHL

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