

Members			
X	Eleni Boston	X	Robert Pope
E	Renwick Dayton	X	George Scheler
E	Genie Ott Mendiola	X	D. Wayne Seely
X	Margi Morgan	X	David Viers
Staff			
Morgen Brodie, Jeff Brownson, Bentley Fink and Wendy Russell Lisa Crawford, Kath Wallace, Damon Thayer, Amanda Smith			
Public/Guests			
Irmgard Friedburg			

**Barbara Roberts Human Services Building
500 Summer St NE
Salem, OR
Room 473**

1. Convene Meeting at 1:15
2. Review of the agenda- There were no additions.
3. Review of prior meeting minutes. The minutes were approved by consensus.
4. Committee reports:
 - a. Executive committee- There was no meeting held.
 - b. Guidelines committee- The proposal that was included in the packet was discussed. There will be 2 working committees; training and development that will be headed by Ben with Wayne as a member and the communications committee headed by Jeff and with Eleni as a member. There will be 3 standing committees; executive, nominating and legislative. Jeff spoke on how the communications subcommittee might look. Ben talked of his vision for the training and development subcommittee.

Motion to accept proposal. George/Bob. Passed.

- c. Nominating committee- **Genie, Eleni & Wayne** volunteered to be on this committee. The application that was accepted at the last meeting will be posted online. Staff will put together a press release asking for interested parties and send it to Tom Towslee. It will be forwarded to members so that they may get it on to the various list servs and newsletters they are part of.
- d. Legislative committee- **George, Margi & David** volunteered for this committee.

Bill review-

SB438	Service Animals	Motion to write a letter of support. Bob/Genie. Passed
SB293	Mobile Communication Devices and driving	Motion to remain neutral until further development of the bill. Eleni/Margi. Passed.
SB41	TDAP Program	Motion to support. George/Bob. Passed.
SB271	Captioners during jury duty	Contact Keri Brewer for more information. There will be a vote by email at a later date.
LC2508	Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing	Representative Lim will carry the bill once it is finished.

5. Staff reports

- a. Ben- Handouts were provided. He has finished the employment department trainings and now the Department of Motor Vehicles is interested. He also provided sensitivity training for the Department of Education. He has been working with a psychologist who is deaf at the Oregon State Hospital developing curriculum on deaf culture and working with deaf clients. He has been in negotiations with Beaverton Police Department on other training curriculum. Ben has met with all the agencies that there are Interagency Agreements with and the contracts are being renewed. Starting in March there will be ASL classes offered at the Church street office. There is also the hope of having some sort of meetings for deaf professionals at the office. Joe Hesting and Ben are working on a Video Relay Interpreter project for employees of DHS. At this point it can take up to a month for employees to receive their videophones. Ben is working on specific steps to have it ordered and working within a week. He has an appointment with Human Resources in 2 weeks to discuss his proposal. He believes that this policy could also be applied to Video Remote Interpreting Centers. He went over the CEPIN training prospectus that was in the packet and asked for feedback from members. **Bob recommends that**

committee use what we have now and do some more research.

- b. Jeff- The interpreter requests are higher than ever. At his point there are 2 residential clients that are using 18 interpreter hours a day. Oregon School for the Deaf has also increased their requests. He has 14 new interpreters on contract with 2 in southern Oregon and 1 in Central Oregon. At this point we have lost 3 interpreters and have 2 out on maternity leave.
- c. Morgen- The unit has moved into the building on Church street. At this point there are still mechanical issues that are being worked out. There will be a drop in cube and we are in the process of putting setting up a community resource room. At this point DHS is moving ahead on centralizing accommodation costs as well as working on a statewide assessment to pay for ODHHS services instead of individual Interagency Agreements. Contracts and Procurement is working on a contract with Irmgard Friedburg to improve services to deaf clients throughout DHS. Ben has had several conversations regarding CAHAT will be meeting in Portland to look at equipment.

6. Items of business:

- a. OSD has asked for Ben to represent ODHHS on the steering committee for the new director. He will be representing not only the ODHHS program but also DHS. **Motion that Ben represent ODHHS on the OSD steering committee. Wayne/Bob. Passed. Motion to recommend that 51% of the hiring committee be deaf or hard of hearing. Genie/Bob. Passed.**
- b. Other items of business- There will be elections for Chair and Co-Chairs at the next meeting. It was agreed that the August meeting moved will be moved to the Thursday after labor day.

7. Public comment- Genie announced that she accepted job in Colorado starting in April and therefore will have to resign from ODHHS.

8. Reaffirm next meeting date- May 3rd in Portland.

9. Adjourn 4:03.