



## DHHSC BOARD MEETING AGENDA

6pm, Tuesday, June 12th, 2018

- I. Call to Order – 6:01pm  
Board members Present: Janice Smith-Warshaw, Justin Gaines, Tim Spires, Lynn Toschi, Serena Johnson, Michelle Bronson  
Interpreters: Pam Warkentin, Kristen Del Rosario  
Other community members present: Darci Lessard,
- II. Approval of Agenda Items
- III. Approval of May board minutes
  - a. Tim moves
- IV. President's Report – Janice Smith-Warshaw
  - a. PCHRE from Fresno State has given board \$1k for 200 year anniversary of Deaf Education. We have mostly kids XL, a few adult XL. Michelle mentioned that we previously gave kids t-shirts to Fresno Unified, but we have not yet given them to Clovis Unified, or Fresno County students. We plan to distribute them to
  - b. Re: Incorporation, Janice has attempted to research whether or not DHHSC was previously incorporated by contacting previous board members. Unfortunately, we were not able to get in contact to find that information, so we will move forward with removing that “INC” for our name.
  - c. We previously discussed Deafhood 101 Workshop. The best dates seem to be January 31-February 3.
- V. Vice President's Report – Lynn Toschi
  - a. Working on dessert auction with Serena which will be held during community comments August 18, 2018. CADCV will have event in the morning, and community comments 1pm-3pm. Dessert auction is 3pm to 4pm
- VI. Secretary's Report – Serena Johnson
- VII. Treasurer's report – Tim Spires
  - a. Board has completed part of Bummy's parliamentary procedure so that will influence changes for the reporting during the meeting.
  - b. INSERT TREASURERS REPORT HERE
- VIII. Executive Director's report– Michelle Bronson

### Funding Updates:

We were not approved for either the Clif Bar Foundation or the Sequoia Council on Developmental Disabilities grant. The latter was a gamble because it mainly focused on intellectual disabilities but we tried to apply the language deprivation that leads to language delays as our tactic. It was worth a try, but as we well know, grants are competitive and can be selective.

However, we were approved for the Dollar General grant, and we received just under \$3,000 for two new laptops, a DVD player to connect to the laptops, and incentives for our literacy services for youth and our annual ASL Summer Program. Many of our laptops are old so we are thrilled to be able to order two new ones that can be used for the purpose of this grant, and our Literacy Specialist can also use these laptops for her literacy program on an ongoing basis.

We are awaiting word on our EDD funding, but I wanted to share that our EDD D/HH Manager, Gil Barkley passed away last month. He was the one who advocated for Fresno in getting the EDD grant, and he will be a huge loss to all the Deaf agencies who worked closely with him. EDD has not yet filled his position, but has assured all of us that our RFPs are still being processed. We hope to receive word before end of this month.

We submitted our Comerica grant application, which is to provide YES! program in all four offices.

We are now applying for Ray Charles Foundation, the Big Tell, and Nancy Buck Ransom grants. The Ray Charles Foundation will be for the YES! program in all four offices, the Big Tell is to create a video about our ROCK families, and the Nancy Buck Ransom is for both YES! and ROCK in the Salinas office. The Nancy Buck Ransom grant is due by August 17<sup>th</sup> but the other two are before end of this month.

Our Visalia office raised \$90 through their Adventure Park fundraiser. It was unfortunate that the evening of our fundraiser happened to be a very quiet night as we normally raise anywhere between \$300-\$800, but it's hard to predict when Adventure Park will be busy. Our past experience with hosting May fundraisers at Adventure Park tend to be successful but not this year. Hopefully, next year will be better.

Someone from VTown Roller Derby wants this Saturday's event to be a fundraiser for DHHSC, and we are very appreciative. Our Visalia staff will have a booth at the event and share about DHHSC's services. We like that it is a different kind of event which draws different people.

In regards to our budget augmentation request, the 10 Senate and Assembly "negotiators" (five from each house) agreed upon our funding request during the conference committee process, and it is now included with other items also approved from the more than 229-page agenda. The approved items will be consolidated into a "bill" that will be reviewed by both the Assembly and Senate full budget committees tomorrow and then sent to both floors for a vote by this Friday. The Governor then has two weeks to approve or veto the "bill." While we are not worried about the Assembly and Senate approving the proposed "bill," we are concerned about the Governor because he does not like ongoing funding, and we are among the few that

are making this request. When the “bill” reaches the Governor, we will again ask the community to call, email, and mail letters of support, so please keep an eye out for our community email.

### **Agency’s Update:**

We now have a new intern, Jacob Magallan, from Gallaudet University at our Visalia office. He will intern from June to August before he returns to school for his Master’s in Social Work. He received a BA in ASL Linguistics. We are thrilled to have him at the Visalia office, especially because he is from the Visalia area.

### **Agency’s Events:**

We had our first Deaf Prom on May 12<sup>th</sup> and we were thrilled to have 26 high school students in attendance! We had two CODAs, two hearing dates of D/HH students, and 22 D/HH guests. The event was so much fun and the guests did not even want to leave when the 10 p.m. end time rolled around. We have been asked to host Deaf Prom again next year, and Fresno County and DHHSC have agreed to make this an annual event.

On June 2<sup>nd</sup>, we had our 13<sup>th</sup> Deaf Women’s Conference: “Navigating the Woods of Life” and we had approximately 50 women in attendance. We had an art activity as part of our Central California Women’s Conference grant in the morning, and Christine Gough as our keynote speaker in the afternoon. We also had a panel to share about their challenges and how they worked through them. It was a nice event, especially having diversity because we had Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Late Deafened women in attendance, and we had both ASL interpreters and CART to provide communication access.

I am thrilled to share that 28 D/HH students registered for the NTID/DOR STEM camp that will be hosted at FSU the last week of June! We exceeded the goal of 25 students, and I would like to thank staff for working with the schools in recruiting the students for this first ever STEM camp for D/HH students hosted by NTID and DOR in the state of California.

- IX. Fundraising Chair report – Jill Nolen
  - a. Lynn Toschi – Fundraiser will be July 17 at the Habit (4pm-9pm), Menchies (??), and Pieology (11:30am-9:30pm)
- X. General Board comments
- XI. Old Business
  - a. Deafhood conference dates January 31-Feb 3
- XII. New business
  - a.
- XIII. Public comments: 3 minutes
  - a. Darci Lessard- currently serves as CADCV president but her term is ending soon. Elections will be held during the event will on 9am-1pm on August 18. Darci has brochures and cards for promotion and distribution
  - b. Skippy \$5 for local chapter
- XIV. Announcements

- XV. Closed session (if needed)
- XVI. Adjournment-6:40pm