



DHHSC BOARD MEETING AGENDA

6pm, Tuesday, May 8th, 2018

- I. Call to Order – 6:10pm
 Individuals Present:
Board Members Present: Janice Smith-Warshaw (JSW), President; Vice-President, Lynn Toschi (LT), Peter Crume, Secretary (PC), Tim Spires (TS), Serena Johnson (SJ); Jill Nolen- (JN); Justin Gaines (JG), Patty Parker (PP)
DHHSC Staff Members Present: Susan Coulter; DHHSC Staff Member not present – Michelle Bronson, Executive Director (MB) - Excused
Interpreters: Nicole Chance, Kristen Del Rosario, Joshua Blanco
Other community members present: Skippy Sumner, Sujay Dupress, Ariella Larson, Michelle Arizaga, Gloria Crisostomo,
- II. Community Comments—limited to 3 minutes
- III. Approval of Agenda Items
- IV. Approval of April board minutes
- V. President's Report – Janice Smith-Warshaw
 - a. Board received parliamentary training that will affect the procedures of the meetings. We will remove community comments at the beginning of board meetings and save them for the end. Board will finish Bummy's training in June. July meeting will be with DHHSC staff. JSW indicates that we will be making changes to the procedures because of the board's parliamentary training. Every report will not be read.
- VI. Vice President's Report – Lynn Toschi
- VII. Secretary's Report – Peter Crume
- VIII. Treasurer's report – Tim Spires

	Through 4/30/18
Checking/savings balance	201,717.61
Accounts receivable grants	253,215.75
Accounts receivable interpreting	111,920.75
AR Receivable total	365,136.50
Accounts payable (Outstanding bills not yet paid)	-113.94

Board private fiscal year balance (Year to date balance)	1543.17
Board Private Cumulative Fund Balance	15,303.93
Profit/loss Statement Overall (for 10 months)	3,416.55
DSS Grant for 17-18	650,564.00
Grant spent up through 4/30/18	473,477.36
Unspent (6 months remaining) – ending June 30th, 2018	177,086.64

a. Michelle states that we are out of the hole from deficit 2 years. Whitney contacted us saying that they need the match now. Finances from fundraising and DSS were used to create the match. We sent off the paperwork and told us that the paperwork was very detailed. Thanks to Paul for that.

IX. Executive Director’s report– Michelle Bronson

Budget Updates:

The EDD RFP was just released last week and is due May 29th. We will reapply for the third year and are working with Omar and Jane, our two EDD staff, on grant goals and objectives, including number of clients we can serve.

We are also applying for a grant through Ray Charles Foundation for Youth Employment Services (YES!), which is due between May 30th – Sept. 30th. We will keep you posted.

A big thank you to Susan for finding a PG&E community grant for emergency preparedness, and we are thinking of applying for funding to cover Disaster Recovery Interpreting (DRI) training through CalEMA (California Emergency Management Agency). NorCal, our sister agency, provides this specific training, and if we get the funding, we can contract with them for the training and get our local interpreters who are interested in DRI to participate. The funding also covers other areas of emergency preparedness, so we will work with Susan as she provides emergency preparedness workshops and sits on emergency preparedness-related committees.

At the last board meeting, I was in Sacramento for the Assembly budget subcommittee’s hearing relating to our Deaf Access Program (DAP) budget augmentation request, and it went well. On May 3rd, we had our Senate budget subcommittee meeting and we are now awaiting their decision to either adopt our request for the full budget committee agenda, or put us in “conference room” for further discussions. It is our hope that they just adopt our request and that both houses adopt and pass our budget augmentation request. If our request passes both houses, then it will be submitted to Governor Brown for approval. We are all learning as we go, but with the Senators, we are getting positive support, and at the recent hearing, Senator Monning spoke highly of our Salinas office, which made me proud of DHHSC. Senator Stone also mentioned at the hearing that he was just diagnosed with a hearing loss, which makes him empathetic about

providing services to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. We are just waiting to see what happens with the budget subcommittee because it was Chair Senator Pan who dropped the ball last year. At least, the other members are supportive. In addition, the Deaf Coalition already met with the Senators who are on the full budget committee, and the assistant to Chair Senator Holly Mitchell is from Fresno, so we had instant rapport. She fully supports us and will push her boss, Senator Mitchell, to support us at the full budget committee. The Department of Finance is supposed to release their budget agenda listing for both the Assembly and Senate on May 14th, and as soon as we know if we are on the agenda for both houses, the Deaf Coalition will return to Sacramento for our last big push. We must keep ourselves and DAP visible when it comes time for them to vote on budget items. If our request passes both houses and makes it to the Governor's desk, we will do a last call for letters of support. Will keep you posted!

Event Updates:

We hosted Family Day on April 14th and had between 8-9 families in attendance. I would also like to thank Joeline Spires from ParentLinks for bringing three families. Celina Oppus-Luna was our keynote speaker, and her husband is the manager of Office for Specialized Services, Department of Social Services. Celina did a great job sharing about her experiences of being a mother of Deaf Plus, and her husband met with our staff after the event to discuss some local advocacy cases, including a possible closure of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing program in Hanford. We made some great connections at the event, and the families enjoyed the hand classifier game and the ASL scavenger hunt. We hosted this event through our Whitney Foundation grant.

We hosted our 6th Annual YES! Career Awareness Fair on May 2nd and we had 27 participating students but more than 55 people in attendance (including interpreters and teachers). A big thank you to Panda Express for donating orange chicken and chow mein to the event. I have heard positive feedback from several individuals, and one said this was the best YES! Career Awareness Fair yet. We are also grateful for all the Deaf individuals who work at various jobs for coming to share their experiences with the students. I also want to thank my staff and volunteers for facilitating this event while I was in Sacramento. I was very disappointed to miss the event but the augmentation request is very important to me, and for the Deaf Coalition as well.

As you may know, our first ever Deaf Prom is this Saturday, May 12th and we are expecting approximately 16-18 Deaf and Hard of Hearing students at this time. It is our goal to make this a fun event, and those who come this Saturday can share about the fun that the others missed, in hopes we host Deaf Prom again next year; hopefully positive comments will spur others to come next year. I would also like to thank Melissa Lopez, a parent who was also involved with the Cinderella Project, for donating many brand new dresses for the event, and the girls even get to keep their dresses! They're beautiful. If you know of any student who is interested in attending the prom but hesitant about clothing attire, please encourage him/her to come in nice clothes and let

that person know we also have donated dresses/nice clothes for boys. We do not want clothes to be an issue, just for everyone to come and have a good time.

The NTID/DOR STEM summer camp for Deaf and Hard of Hearing 10th-12th grade students is now open throughout California, not just the Central Valley. We need to enroll 25 students if we hope to continue hosting the camp here in the Central Valley. Registration deadline is May 30th. Please spread the word!

- X. Fundraising Chair report – Jill Nolen
 - Fundraiser with 3 restaurants near Fresno & Friant all at the same time. Doing so will allow us to satisfy a variety of appetites.
 - Habit
 - Pieology
 - Menchie’s
 - First 2 weeks of July is preferred. We would prefer a weekend but they will not permit us to do that, it must be the middle of the week. July 3rd or July 10th are the options at this time. We are not able to set it up this far in advance, we must wait until closer to the time of the event. We will know in 2 more weeks.
- XI. General Board comments
- XII. Old Business
 - a. VDF Food
 - i. Food trucks are not viable due to the percentage they and the fairgrounds would take. Patty will reach out to subway regarding the possibility of sandwiches
 - b. Fall Deafhood meeting dates
 - Butch is not available for September. JSW wants to know should we have Ella come in September or postpone and wait for Butch in December? Skippy suggested postponing to December, JSW indicated that the cost of \$175, Trisha indicated December might be difficult due to Christmas budgeting
 - Michelle asked if Butch is available in February, as he is a very dynamic speaker and would pull more interest from the community.
- XIII. New business
 - a. Removing “Inc” from DHHSC Logo
 - b. The Bank contacted us and said that we do not have “inc” paperwork. We must follow what’s filed with the IRS. We must remove this phrase from logo due to homeland security changes. TS asks if we spoke to lawyer, as ‘inc” helps protect from liability. MB says this change does not affect our non-profit status. JSW says we must follow this legal documtation and paperwork, since it is a legal matter a motion is not necessary.
 - c.
- XIV. Public comments: 3 minutes *specific to the agenda*
 - a. Skippy asked about number of individuals at Deafhood

- b. JSW says max is 15. Groups smaller than 12 will not be hosted by Deafhood. Cost is \$175, Robert Panera foundation sponsored 6 women, the other 6 individuals paid themselves. Board private fund was used to pay for workshop fees, and the board fund was reimbursed. Deafhood workshop is only for those who are Deaf, hard of hearing, or late deafened. There is a separate training for allies.

XV. Announcements

- a. Deaf blind group is meeting tomorrow 11a-3p Mexican food
- b. Women's conference 10am-2pm. The women sponsored by this Foundation will provide a report of what they learned at Deafhood and through DHHSC support.

XVI. Closed session (if needed)

XVII. Adjournment