

notes, schedule, iabdb, 3/28/14 ILLINOIS ADVISORY BOARD FOR SERVICES FOR
PERSONS WHO ARE DEAF-BLIND

Minutes

03/13/14

DRS

2901 Finley Ave

Suite #109

Downers Grove

MINUTES

Members in Attendance: Bob Griffith, Shelle Hamer, John Jun, Catherine Klein, Gail Olson, Derrick Phillips

Members Absent: Eliza Ellett,

Members Attending by Phone: Roseann Slaght, Marcia Breese

Regular Attendees Present: Michelle Clyne, Elizabeth Klein, Lori Clampton, Ingrid Halvorsen, Cathy Rajcan

Regular Attendees Attending by Phone: JoAnn Hiatt

Guests Present: none

Called to order 10:04

I. Minutes of December 5, 2013 meeting moved to accept-Gail Olson, second by Shelle Hamer, motion passed

II. Old Business

1. Website- Need to add: Annual Report, Board members listing, link to governor's page as a means to add new potential members, Board member packet, new legislature to link to other sites,
2. Board Vacancies- Marcia Breese's application in hopper, as is Derrick Phillip's. The director of DCFS resigned, the governor's office is working on replacement. Gail Olson will be retiring next December.
3. Legislation Updates- new legislature, HB0530, II Hearing Society- (which consists of people approved by public health to dispense hearing aids, we call them hearing aid dispenser) were able to get an amendment to the hearing instrument consumer protection act, which in a sense defines what a hearing aid is. Illinois is the first state to have on the legislative books a definition of a hearing aid. The definition of a hearing aid was read by Bob Griffith: A hearing aid means any wearable instrument or device designed for or offering for the purpose of aiding or compensating for impaired human hearing that can provide more than 15 dB full on game by a – coupler at any single frequency from 200 through 6,000 -- per second. And any parts, attachments, accessories, including ear molds, hearing instruments, or hearing aids do not include batteries or cords.

Basically what they're saying is to be a hearing aid, it must amplify sound from 200 to 6,000 cycles per second, which is the top of the audiogram. The legislation further says that in Illinois -- and this would addressing -- Internet sales and the 39.95 hearing aids

we have seen in the newspaper. It says if a device being sold does not meet the definition of a hearing aid instrument or hearing devices as stated in this Act, the organization shall include a disclaimer in all written or electronic promotions. The disclaimer shall include the following language. Quote, this is not a hearing instrument or hearing aid as defined in the hearing instrument consumer protect Act or the personal amplifier not intended to replace a properly fitted and calibrated hearing instrument. Ingrid Halvorson shared pending legislature to charge insurance companies for interpreters when a deaf or deaf-blind person goes to a physician. Under ADA, the provider is responsible for accommodations. And then to charge the insurance company for interpreters, that will most likely increase the premiums for everybody so that the insurance companies will be able to cover that cost.

4. Annual Report July 2011-2013 –Shelle Hamer motioned to make changes as discussed, second by Catherine Klein, motion passed. Shelle Hamer will send Annual Report (once changes are made by Gail Olson) to ISBE who will pass to Governor, Senate & House

III. New Business

1. Welcome and Introductions

- a. New Board Member, Parent Representative Marcia Breese
 - b. New Board Member, DRS representative Derrick Phillips
 - c. Potential new Board member Representing DDD Joann Hiatt- agency vacancy, would like to ask agency to appoint Joann as Board member. Joann will speak to Kevin Casey, director of DDD
2. Annual And Initial Ethics Training- Michelle emailed all Board members the training in January, which has not changed. All Board members must sign & return to Michelle. New appointees need to complete the initial training within one month of appointment
3. Next meeting date (April 3rd) 1151 S Woods, Chicago-park on Hermitage around the back, come in off Roosevelt.

IV. Standing Reports

1. LeCOBDA

Le COBDA members and volunteers met on Saturday, March 8 to celebrate St Patrick's Day. President Sara Chung announced that applications are available for the Deaf-Blind Retreat in Jacksonville, IL in June. the application will also be posted on the Chicago Lighthouse website. Brien Yunashko encouraged members to attend the International Deaf-Blind Expo in Las Vegas. More details on this event are posted on the Chicago Deaf-Blind.org website. Members and volunteers enjoyed lunch of pizza with a variety of toppings, then played Bingo with prizes for the winners.

2. IDHHC/ SSP Task Force
3. HKNC

V. Agency Reports

1. HV/EIO- fliers for all events listed in report available. ISVIP-speaker on CVI. Deaf mentor programs & services being looked at. International preschool seminar- Mindy Eli will be going, Gail Olson will go representing Babies Count.
2. ISBE-
Census is located on ISBE website. Directors conference Aug 6-8. Slots available, Gail Olson, John Jun and Shelle Hamer are interested in attending
Legislature: 70-30 legislature dropped, Federal law provides protection for students with Sped,

3. PRC/Project Reach- completed first cohort of IL specific (30%) those that did not complete were re-enrolled, currently 70 people. Parents are completing. Teams are now going through cohort. Providing webinars for parents. Family event will be in April in Peoria.
4. DHS/DRS- HB5309, 5th db retreat June 10-14 at ISVI. Contact Ingrid Halvorson for applications. Sertoma club will be providing 3 scholarships. 1st training for SSP in January at ICRE-Wood. Training being provided to O&M instructors by Helen Keller.
5. DHS/OMH/ODD-
6. DCFS- moved statewide coordinator to Springfield

2013-2014 Meeting dates:

April 3, 2014 at ICRE-Wood

Gail will send survey to select next meeting date

Motion to adjourn: John Jun, second Gail Olson. Meeting Adjourned at 12:42

Respectfully submitted by Shelle Hamer, IABDB Board Secretary