

**ILLINOIS ADVISORY BOARD FOR SERVICES FOR
PERSONS WHO ARE DEAF-BLIND**

**March 21, 2013
Philip Rock Center & School
818 Du Page Blvd.
Glen Ellyn, IL 60138
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

Members in Attendance: Bob Griffith, Shelle Hamer, Gail Olson, John Jun, Eliza Ellett, Catherine Klein, Marsha Northrup

Members Absent: Maria Roeters, Roseann Slaght

Members Attending by Phone: None

Regular Attendees Present: Michelle Clyne, Paul Nijensohn, Elizabeth Klein, Lori Clampton, Paula Lustig & Donna Stanton (interpreters), CART

Regular Attendees Attending by Phone: John Miller, Laura Thomas

Guests Present: Christine Budorick, IL Dept. of Public Health Hearing/Vision

Meeting was called to order at 10:03AM

I. Minutes of December 6, 2012 Meeting were approved (motioned by John Jun and second by Gail Olson)

II. Old Business

1. bemyvoice.com

Motion made by Shelle Hamer, second by John Jun to write a letter to Chris Koch to inform of needs for funding the website. More information is needed from Faith before a letter is composed. 2 people have offered to pay for the next 2 years of funding during the transition from Faith. GoDaddy is currently the site host.

2. Deaf-Blind Awareness Week

Discussion about video use. HK does not yet have their theme. Michelle suggested using videos from other sites. Bob, Michelle and Laura will discuss next steps and bring back to the Board

3. USHER Screening at ISD

Gail found out that the students had not been screened. Michelle and Gail spoke to Joan Forney and USHER screening will resume once the ages of screening are determined

4. Legislative Update

SB38- asking insurance companies to pay for hearing aids for adults & children

HB21 in committee now, suggesting that hearing aid dispensers not go through the Dept. of Health

5. Open Board Positions

Need positions to be filled with parents of children with deaf-blindness

III. New Business

1. April 4th meeting to be changed to May 23rd

Shelle motioned and John second. Motion passed

2. Ethics Training

Material was sent out and signed

3. Feedback to Develop Intervener Initiative

1 intervener has completed the coursework (from PRC); the first in the state. The difference between an SSP and Intervener was discussed: SSP is a support service which does not exist in the education system; an educational intervener assists with DB students within the education system. The definitions have been sent to ISBE for consideration.

4. ISD/ISVI Updates

Serena Preston has been named superintendent of ISVI and Janis Smith Warshaw has been named superintendent at ISD. They have not yet been confirmed.

Parent Infant Institute s will be held June 9-14 for ISD and June 5-8 at ISVI

5. Grant for ISU Graduate Certification Program for Early Intervention/Vision Specialist

On hold

6. EHDI Day (Early Hearing Detection and Intervention)

Program Choices being held in Chicago

7. PARCC

Only 40% of schools in the state do not have the infrastructure to roll out PARCC

8. IL Dept. of Public Health Hearing/Vision (Christine Budorick)

There are several components (passed out folder containing information to all) for mandated vision and hearing screening for students in Illinois. The department trains and certifies all in the state- each must pass a written and practical test. This is a tremendous fiscal pressure and training will be reworked, perhaps available on line in the future. There is no 0-3 screening currently. There is newborn hearing screening which screens all babies before they leave the hospital. If a child fails twice and has a HI, they are referred to EI. Hearing aid vendors need to be licensed through the department of health. Requirements for licensing: hours of coursework, on the job training and competency testing.

9. PUNS Document

It has been submitted to DD. Rita Hoskin and Bob Griffith will meet to discuss.

10. DOA

All is planned. Barbara Chandler in Springfield will be presenting on issues in the field. CLP (Confident Living Program) is designed for ages 55 and older who are struggling with vision and hearing loss. Bob will speak about the IABDB. Bob thanked Laura for putting this together as a result of this Board to help those with vision and hearing impairment.

IV. Standing Reports

1. Le COBDA

2. SSP Taskforce

3. IDHHC

V. Agency Reports

1. HVEIO

2. ISBE

3. PRC/Project Reach

4. **DHS/DRS**

5. **DHS/OMH/ODD**

6. **DCFS**

VI. 2012-2013 Meeting Dates

May 23, 2013

Gail Olson motioned to adjourn the meeting. John Jun seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Recorded by: Shelle Hamer, Secretary