

**CODHHE MEETING MINUTES**  
Wednesday, September 19, 2007  
6:30 PM – Delaware School for the Deaf  
Newark, Delaware

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Richard Pelletier, Chair, DSD; Loretta Sarro, DODHH; Peg Stewart, Interpreter/Advocate; Julia Sullivan, HLADE; and Kyle Hodges, Staff

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Diana Armstead, Advocate; Joe Drexler, WCD; Christy Hennessey, IRI; Terry Whitham, DSP;

**INTERPRETERS**

Lois Steele  
Eileen Casey

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm.

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Kyle added the November meeting and Rich added an ASL bill to the agenda.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the May 16, 2007 meeting minutes as amended.

**TREASURER’S REPORT and Where to Place CODHHE Funds**

Peg provided March, April and May reports.

The balance of accounts as of June 30, 2007: Certificate of Deposit, \$3,090.74; Money Market Account, \$6,373.84.

The balance of accounts as of July 31, 2007: Certificate of Deposit, \$3,090.74; Money Market Account, \$6,377.90.

The balance of accounts as of August 31, 2007: Certificate of Deposit, \$3,090.74; Money Market Account, \$6,381.96.

Peg will get a tax ID number and Kyle will contact the Division of Corporations to determine the status of CODHHEs incorporation.

Motion was made, seconded and approved for Peg to move all money to the Money Market by Sept. 25, 2007. Then when time permits, all but \$1000 will be moved to a CD at Artesian's. It will be up to Peg to determine whether to put \$1000 in an Artesian money market or leave it with Wilmington Trust.

## **BUSINESS**

### Vice-Chair Position

Kyle received an email from Christy informing CODHHE that she would be resigning her Vice-Chair position, but will remain a CODHHE member and still Chair the BHD Committee. Nominees need to be determined for another Vice-Chair. Kyle will send an email requesting such nominations.

### By-laws

Kyle noted that the by-laws have not been amended since 1998 and need to be reviewed and changed. Kyle will send out the by laws and Executive Order prior to the next meeting for CODHHEs review and a vote at the November 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### Interpreter Bill

After much discussion, it was decided an interpreter bill mandating levels of certification would not be a good idea in DE given the lack of a formal interpreter group (e.g. DeRID); lack of infrastructure for interpreter certification, and a lack of interpreters.

### DODHH Interpreter Lists

From now on, the Delaware Office for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing will refer people to the national Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (RID) website to find a list of certified interpreters there. That means that DODHH will not maintain the lists. Instead of using the old paper documents, people can use the following link for the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (RID) website at [www.rid.org](http://www.rid.org) and click "finding an interpreter/members" on the left side. Click "DE" and "Certified".

### Brochure Update

Kyle and Peg still need to meet with Support Services to "fix" some of the hand signs on the brochure. Some different pictures may be appropriate also.

## CapTel

Julie provided a draft of legislation to implement CapTel. Much of it was taken from Arkansas. The Council thanked Julie for her hard work. Some changes still need to be made before it is taken to any legislators for sponsorship. Julie will work on making those changes.

## OTHER BUSINESS

ASL Bill – the idea of having ASL as a foreign language was again discussed. Rich reported that 37 other states have this. Rich also mentioned a “Task Force on World Language”. Rich will determine that membership and get a list of states that have ASL as a foreign language.

November meeting – the next meeting will be held November 14, 2007 at 6:30.

DAD will hold a Community Partnership Day at Lums Pond on October 6<sup>th</sup>.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectively submitted,

Kyle Hodges  
CODHHE Administrator

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