

**FLORIDA COORDINATING COUNCIL
FOR THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING
Virtual Quarterly Meeting**

Friday, August 19, 2022

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Members Present: Cindy Simon (Audiologists), Glenna Ashton (FAD), Cory Parker (DOE/VR), Debbe Hagner (HLAA), Mary Hodges (FDOEA), John Jackson (DOCF)

Members not Present: Chris Littlewood (ALDA), Karen Goldberg (HLAA), Gina Halliburton (FRID)

Department of Health Staff: Sean Isaac, Angie Green

Service Providers: Lisa Johnston (CART), Rebecca Mabrey (Audio/Visual), Kelly Gagain, Natasha Robbins, and Rebecca Hill (ASL Interpreters)

Minutes from August 19, 2022, Meeting and Agenda for November 2022 Meeting:

Staff Updates:

Sean mentioned the Department of Health receives many phone calls from people needing service dogs and emotional support dogs or information regarding them. There is a need for a data base with this information. The Department will consider adding Paws with a Cause information on the website.

Sean mentioned he did reach out to the Office of the Governor's Appointments at the Department of Health regarding its process to see if they verify the individual represents the organization their being nominated for. The Office indicated affirmatively and mentioned it is part of their process. The Office said that program offices, meaning the Department of Health staff (in this case Angie and Sean), also should be involved in that process.

Organization Updates:

November 2022 meeting: Need a rough draft of the articles for the Biennial Report.

Glenna would like a deaf and hard of hearing arts show (mini exhibit).

Glenna mentioned a plan for the February 2023 Legislature visit as a discussion point.

Cindy mentioned a program of thespians for the deaf and hard of hearing doing a performance.

Committee Updates:

Biennial Report Committee – No comments – no updates

Executive Committee – The council needs to work on the Biennial Report. All rough drafts due by November 2022 meeting.

Presentation: N/A

Public Comments: No public comments

Bylaws discussion:

Council considered a vote by email, but the DOH Attorney, Linda McMullen, stated in an email “The council is subject to the public meetings laws and they should vote publicly in the meeting where the public can be aware of the votes.”

Biennial Report:

Cindy and Glenna suggest a bylaws/biannual committee – review every 2 years.

Glenna will reach out to *CCDHH FLA* about the November meeting.

New Business:

Glenna mentioned the council supporting Cecil about FTRI and TASA.

Debbe mentioned having a hearing dog company at the November 2022 meeting in Kissimmee.

Glenna will contact a deaf and hard of hearing performance artist for November 2022 meeting.

Sean mentioned thinking of the performers or speakers the Council would like for the Expo.

Sean will reach out to Amazon for November meeting.

Meeting adjourned 11:46 a.m.