Minutes

Florida Coordinating Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (FCCDHH), EMO-Te Committee Meeting

OpenVoice Teleconference Meeting

Call-In # 888-585-9008

Conference Room# 828-532-954

Thursday, September 19, 2019 | Meeting called to order by Cindy Simon

# Call to Order – Thursday, September 19, 2019, 6:03 p.m.

Cindy Simon called the EMO-Te Committee Meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

*Council Members Present*: Cindy Simon, Gina Halliburton, Darlene Laibl-Crow

*Council Members Absent:* Debra Knox

*Staff Present*: Tiffany Baylor, FCCDHH Coordinator,

**Introduction of Service Providers**:

Cindy Simon introduced the providers for the day: Lisa Johnson, CART Provider

# Approval of Agenda

The agenda prepared by Cindy Simon and distributed to Council Members was accepted. The motion was made by Gina Halliburton and seconded by Darlene Laibl-Crowe.

Committee Discussion

Cindy Simon queried the Council regarding plans of creating a newsletter format. The options discussed were printed quarterly newsletter, Eblasts, or Brochures.

Gina Halliburton suggested Video blogs on the DOH FCCDHH website and/or YouTube. Cindy Simon suggested using a Vlog as a compilation with the newsletter and asked what the State’s position on that. Tiffany Baylor shared that the DOH websites don’t not include pictures and will need to be put on the FCCDHH Facebook page instead. The suggested brochure/newsletter would be a two-page publication that would contain:

* Summary of the Quarterly Meeting
* Information about the presenters at the Quarterly Meeting
* Any public comments from the meeting
* ‘Tips’ section regarding season-specific issues, such as Hurricane Preparedness and Health Alerts, Parent’s rights during the Fall.
* Standard list of resources/agencies (Check with John Jackson at next meeting)
* Various organization Highlights
* Advocacy/Tips section that provides the reader of what to do if they feel that their rights have been violated.

Cindy Simon reminded the Committee that the vlogs will need to be presented in multiple modalities, (i.e. signed for Deaf or Hard of Hearing and Deaf-Blind)

Gina Halliburton suggested that an electronic format, and that the suggestion be brought to the entire council for vote at the upcoming November Quarterly Council Meeting.

Darlene Laibl-Crowe reported that she has contacted Disability Rights Florida to get contact information for each department to address the concerns that come up during public comment. Darlene Laibl-Crowe reported that Disability Rights Florida stated that they would be interested in being a part of that.

Darlene Laibl-Crowe reported that she is in the editing phase of the letter to agencies requesting a point of contact for any concerns that are addressed during public comments.

Cindy Simon suggested that a call to the list of agencies would be more impactful and represent the Council well. Cindy Simon requested that Tiffany Baylor be responsible for calling the 15 or so agencies.

Darlene Laibl-Crowe agreed that it would be more personal and encourage the agencies to work with us.

Gina Halliburton concurred with Cindy’s suggestion.

Cindy Simon suggested that the letter that Darlene Laibl-Crowe is presently editing would benefit more as a follow-up letter that summarizes the points that were addressed in the phone call from Tiffany Baylor to the listed agencies.

Gina Halliburton suggested that a section of the newsletter/Vlog/Eblast include an Advocacy/Tips section that provides the reader of what to do if they feel that their rights have been violated.

Cindy Simon reminded the Council that they are not permitted to include a suggestion or directions for ‘going after’ anyone who violated their rights. They are permitted to only recommend and refer them to read the information and/or call the resource numbers to find out what they can do if they feel that their rights have been violated.

Cindy Simon introduced the discussion regarding the PSA. The Council agreed to put the PSA on the backburner at this time and focus on brochures that could be handed out during Rally to Tally and other events. The brochure would have specific topics, such as issues related to Deaf-Blind.

# Committee Updates Wrap-Up/Updates

 The final decision regarding the format of the brochure/Vblog/Newsletter was tabled until the decision and report from the Website Committee. Darlene Laibl-Crow reported that she would report the findings back to the Council and the Council can vote on the final decision.

# Review of Upcoming Meeting Dates and Locations

Tiffany Baylor reminded the Council Members who may also be on the Website Committee to notate their meeting availability, which was emailed earlier this week. Simply access the spreadsheet and click on the dates that you are available from the dates offered.

# Adjournment

Cindy Simon Adjourned the meeting at 6:42 p.m. Gina Halliburton and Darlene Laibl-Crowe seconded the motion in unison.

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