

Sign Language Interpreter & Transliterators State Registration Act Stakeholder Meeting Summary from June 29th, 2017

Location: 1521 N 6th Street, Harrisburg, Pa 17102; OVR Central Office; 1st floor Conference Room

Time: 10:00am to 3:00pm

Members in Attendance:

Jen Perring (ERCHL); Jessica Bentley-Sassaman (IEPs); Jeanne Bonnes (IRS); Jerry Penna (PSAD); LaTanya Jones (PARID); Shatarupa Podder (PDE); Benjamin Moonan (ODHH); Denise Brown (ODHH); Corrin Zimmerman (Prov. Interpreters); Deleda Keiser (ODHH); John Nice (CDIs); Osvaldo Aviles (AOPC)

Interpreters: Cindi Brown and Nichole Wade

CART: Lorraine Herman

Visitors: Harry Barnum; Melissa Hawkins; Sharon Nicarry; Matthew Seeley

Meeting Summary:

Mentorship Survey

PARID Mentorship Committee was tasked to survey different mentorship programs across the United States to find out what credentials were required for individuals who want to become mentors of interpreters. The committee continues to gather more information as this report is being shared to the stakeholder group. For more information on the survey, please click on the link below –

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1GhJmHneJk0llyv8dQb64ekmymbKMkuCNQekCUsTYj8/edit?usp=sharing>

Exception #5 Request to use a non-registered interpreter Survey development

Since the July meeting was cancelled, the group decided it would be a great opportunity to work on developing survey questions for the deaf/hard of hearing population and the interpreting community to gather information on the Request to use a non-registered interpreter form (Exception #5).

The goal of the group is to gather information from stakeholders during the Certified Deaf Interpreter (CDI) Conference being held in Philadelphia and the Pennsylvania Society of the Advancement of the Deaf (PSAD) conference in the Poconos while the rest will be surveyed via survey monkey. The outcomes should give the group a better understanding of what Pennsylvania knows and understands about the use of the form. Also to garner perspective on how often it is being used, if correctly or incorrectly, with the deaf community.

During the last few hours, the group discussed appropriate questions to ask towards specific groups (deaf/hard of hearing, Registered Interpreters, Certified Deaf Interpreters, Provisionally Registered interpreters, agencies, and interpreter educators). It is agreed that for the deaf community, the survey should be either by video and face to face questioning to gather information. PSAD plans to meet with individuals during their respective conference on August 10th to the 13th to ask them of their experiences uses the exception #5 form as well as asking the agreed upon survey questions.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 25th, 2017.

