MEETING MINUTES

NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF

Opening:

The regular board meeting of NCAD duly called and held on Saturday, June 9, 2018 at the Division of Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Raleigh Regional Center, 4900 Water Edge Drive, Raleigh, NC at 9:46 AM.

Present were:

President – Craig Blevins
Vice President – Donnie Dove
Treasurer – Martina Moore-Reid
Secretary – Jaime Marshall Staley
Northeast Regional Representative – Linda Nelson
Western Regional Representative – Laura Herman

Guests:

Jan Withers, NC DSDHHS Director
Ashley Benton, NC DSDHHS
Brad Trotter, NC DHHS

Not Present:

Southeast Regional Representative – Sharon Lott
Central Regional Representative – Christa Butner

With the approval of the board members present, President Blevins acted as Chairman of the meeting and Secretary Jaime Marshall Staley recorded the minutes.

Meeting Minutes from the last board meeting (3/3/18) was reviewed:

Motion: We, the NCAD Board Members, accept the previous meeting minutes from 3/3/18

Motion By: Treasurer Moore-Reid

Seconded By: Rep. L. Herman **Vote Count:** Majority

Presidents Report:

President Blevins gives a summary on how Medicaid funding might be used to cover American Sign Language Interpreters' fee in medical settings. Specific criteria for ASL Interpreters covered by Medicaid would be "Full-Licensed" rather than "qualified" or "licensed".

Southeast Regional Representative, Sharon Lott, has accepted a job upstate. The position for Southeast Regional Representative board member is now available for a possible replacement during this presidency term.

Vice-Presidents Report:

Vice-President Dove has asked NCITLB Administrator, Caitlin Schwab, for a five-year bar graph, showing all full, grandfathered, and provisional licensees from 2013-2018. In addition, the idea of mediation between the consumer and the interpreter before filing a complaint has been proposed before the NCITLBoard which is an ongoing discussion.

Vice-President Dove lists individuals who will be repeating their terms on the NC Interpreters & Transliterators Licensing Board:

Jeff Trader, Representing NC Deaf-Blind Association
Kim Calabretta, Representing NC Hearing Loss Association
Note: NCITLB Chairperson, Bethany Hamm-Winfield from NCRID, will be replaced and Vice-President Dove's term on NCITLBoard is up as well.

Type of License	Current Number of Licensees	Percentage
Full	341	61%
Grandfathered	51	9%
Provisional	168	30%
Total Number of Current Licensees	560	100%

NC DSDHH Report:

Jan Withers, Director of NC DHHS, explains about an ongoing pilot program where NC DHHS has partnered up with NC Department of Instruction (DPI): Interpreting Services Specialists from DHHS Regional Centers across the state have been mentoring K-12 interpreters in various counties. Purpose: to help the K-12 interpreters increase their score on the EIPA (Educational Interpreters Performance Assessment). This "Language Mentoring Program" focuses on professional development and coaching and mentoring in the educational setting.

More NC DSDHH Report:

Ashley Benton, representing NC DSDHH, shares:

• Monitoring H 974, which proposes to amend language in the statute governing occupational licensing boards, specifically addressing the requirements for financial reporting. At this time, the previous proposal to sunset a number of licensing boards, including the NCITLB, is off the table. However, we continue to monitor legislative activity in the event this changes.

• The Medicaid budget that is now on the Governor's desk includes the $800,000 set aside for sign language interpreting services, effective January – June 2019.

• The entire agenda of the August 3 meeting of the NC Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing will focus on the state of Deaf education in NC, including early intervention, schools for the deaf, public schools, and an update on HB317 (Act to Improve Educational Outcomes for NC Children who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing)

• DeafBlind Awareness Month events in June: 6 events sponsored by DSDHH across the state.

• Self-Advocacy Training partnership DRNC and DSDHH: Ashley and Holly have met to discuss this project briefly and agreed to co-present a 1-day training. The next step is for Laura Herman and Linda Nelson to reach out to us to schedule the trainings.

• NC Emergency Management has established an advisory committee focused on Function and Access needs.

NC DHHS Report:

Brad Trotter, Director of NC Division of Mental Health, Development Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services, asks for recommendations (of individuals who would be willing to serve on the NC Mental Health Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing).

Mr. Trotter reports that the division has served 500+ clients and currently employs a staff of 24 individuals (in 2003, the division had only 16 staff). The budget is 1.45 million dollars. Challenges are: limited locations for polycam usage, making accessibility difficult for clients. There are 30 polycam locations statewide.

A survey is being conducted in the purpose to get a federal block grant to cover interpreting costs at AA/NA meetings.

Previous survey studies show that consumers reported 93.5% satisfaction with the services that they received.

Finance Report:

Motion: We, the NCAD Board Members, accept the financial report submitted by Treasurer Moore-Reid

Motion By: Vice-President Dove

Seconded By: Secretary Marshall Staley **Vote Count:** Majority

AGENDA TOPIC: 54th Biennial National Association of the Deaf Conference, Hartford, CT: July 3-7, 2018

Motion: We, the NCAD Board Members, allow Representatives, Linda Nelson and Martina Moore-Reid, to attend the 2018 NAD Conference and approves per diem of $65 each per day.

Motion By: Vice-President Dove

Seconded By: Rep. L. Herman **Vote Count:** Majority

AGENDA TOPIC: Updated Status Report on the Tillinghast Apartments

Motion: We, the NCAD Board Members, request an updated status report from the Tillinghast Apartments' Chairperson, sharing at the next board meeting: August 25, 2018

Motion By: Rep. L. Nelson

Seconded By: Rep. L. Herman **Vote Count:** Majority

AGENDA TOPIC: NC Black Deaf Advocates Conference, Raleigh, NC: July 13-15, 2018

Motion: We, the NCAD Board Members, cover expenses for registration (to the NCBDA Conference) and room & board.

Motion By: Vice-President Dove

Seconded By: Rep. L. Herman **Vote Count:** Majority

AGENDA TOPIC: NCAD Storage

Motion: We, the NCAD Board Members, store our belongings in a storage rented by NCBDA by paying half of the monthly storage fee. NCAD documents, files, awards, etc will be kept in boxes maintained in a storage rented by the NCBDA.

Motion By: Treasurer Moore-Reid

Seconded By: Vice-President Dove **Vote Count:** Majority

BREAK: 12:04 – 1:25 PM

Rep. L. Nelson shares that NC Early Hearing Detection & Intervention (NC EHDI) covered all traveling expenses for her to attend the 17th Annual EHDI Meeting which is organized by American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and Health Resources Administration (HRSA), National Center for Hearing Assessment & Management (NCHAM). The national EHDI meeting was held in Denver, Colorado: March 18-21, 2018.

Rep L. Nelson reports that she is on a specific subcommittee, serving on the NC EHDI committee, that focuses on what is included in the Parents' Information Packet (packets are given to parents when their infants are detected with hearing loss).

Rep L. Nelson and Marcia Fort, NC EHDI Committee Chairperson, attended the Deaf Tar Heels Festival in Atlantic Beach, NC during May 17-20, 2018. Marcia Fort had an opportunity to meet everyone on the panel: Jana Lollis, Barbara Palmento, Lawson McNally, and Pat Griffin. A training called Building Allies in Deafhood was also offered at this event which had 80+ participants.

Announcements/Reminders:

Linda Nelson and Treasurer Moore-Reid, representing NCAD, will attend the next National Association of the Deaf's 54th Biennial National Association of the Deaf Conference in Hartford, CT from July 3-7, 2018.

Rep. Herman is selected as the chairperson for the 121st NCAD Conference Committee.

Deaf Awareness Day at Western North Carolina Nature is scheduled for Sept. 18, 2018.

Meeting adjourned: 4:12 PM