

MEETING MINUTES NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF

Opening:

The regular board meeting of NCAD duly called and held on Saturday, January 14, 2023 via ZOOM (online streaming) at 9:04 AM.

Present were:

President – Craig Blevins
Vice President – Mike Lupo
Treasurer – Martina Moore-Reid
Secretary – Jaime Marshall

Western Regional Representative – Vacant
Central Regional Representative – Linda Nelson
Eastern Regional Representative - Vacant
Social Media Coordinator – Theresa Moss

Invited Guests:

- Alicia Griffin of Greensboro, NCAD Representative on the North Carolina Interpreter & Transliterators Licensing Board
- Mark Lineberger, Chairperson of North Carolina Interpreter & Transliterators Licensing Board
- Meredith DeNaples, Manager of Wilson Regional Center, Division of Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing under NC DHHS

AGENDA TOPIC: Appointed NCAD Representative for NCITLB



North Carolina Association of the Deaf

Caitlin Schwab-Falzone
Board Administrator
NC Interpreter and Transliterators Licensing Board
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May 10, 2022

Dear Mrs. Schwab-Falzone:

As the President of the NC Association of the Deaf (NCAD), I am writing to inform you that Alicia Griffin, NCAD's representative on the North Carolina Interpreter Transliterator Licensure Board, will be serve her term in 2022-2026. She has been appointed to represent NCAD on the North Carolina Interpreter Transliterator Licensure Board refer to 90D-5(b)(1) which cites the Governor as the appointing authority for this position.

Please feel free to contact me if you need any further information.

Sincerely,

Craig Blevins, President
North Carolina Association of the Deaf
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Cary, NC 27512-1385

AGENDA TOPIC: Provisional Licensees

Mark Lineberger, chairperson of NCITLB, explains that people can obtain a provisional license with just a two-year degree from an interpreting program along with no other 8 assessment. NCITLB is considering a proposal to the existing 90-D statute for those who are applying with a two year degree to also have an assessment. The goal of this proposed statute is to raise the minimum standard for provisional licensees. NCRID and NCAD are in favor.

AGENDA TOPIC: Latest updates from NC DSDHH

Shared by Meredith DeNaples from NC DSDHH:

1. Taste of Technology – April 1 in Raleigh
 - a. We will have an event called Taste of Technology which is on April 1st in Raleigh. This is open to individuals who are DeafBlind and professionals who are interested in about the telecommunication access and latest equipment available for DeafBlind. There will be products hand-on, short presentations from vendors, and meet with experts to ask questions. It will be at McKimmon Conference and Training Center. Address is on the flyer. For more information – please contact Bola Desalu who is an Associate Accessibility Relationship Manager of Relay NC.
 - b. We are asking the community members or any of you for sighted volunteers to help with driving and/or as SSPs. If anyone is willing, please contact your local Deaf Services Specialist.
2. Deaf Nation Expo
 - a. There will be a Deaf Nation Expo on April 15th in Greensboro.
 - b. DSDHH will have 30-minute presentation focusing on communication access and self-advocacy. We are looking for a community member or any of you to share personal experiences by struggling/frustration with any type of services such as

medical, school, etc. with communication access then DSDHH comes in to help out. We want to hear the experience from negative to positive. It won't have to be a presentation – it can be role play, or just talk about experience up to 15 minutes.

- c. DSDHH will have a large booth and lots of information – especially on the Medicaid Communication Access Service.
3. Affordable Connectivity Program
 - c. Jan worked with the director of the Office of Digital Equity and Literacy, under the NC Dept of Information Technology, to submit an application for grant funding for outreach about the ACP
 - d. Affordable Connectivity Program is a Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Program that provides a discount on monthly broadband bills for qualifying low-income households. Eligible is for who has food stamp SNAP, Medicaid, WIC, Public Housing assistive program, SSI, Veteran pension, and who receive federal Pell grant during the current year, meets criteria of income which is at or below 200% of the federal poverty guideline. Eligible household can receive:
 1. Up to \$30 month discount for internet service and equipment rentals
 2. Up to \$75 month discount for who lives on Indian/Tribal territories
 3. One time-discount up to \$100 for a laptop, desktop, or tablet purchase through a provider who is partnering in this program. There is a co-pay which is between \$10-50.
 4. Partnership with AOC
 - b. North Carolina Administrative Office of Court (AOC)
 - c. Hearing loss/Deaf community was struggling to understand how they can do accommodations request for their hearing, trials, clerk's office, etc. AOC contacted and partnered with us. DSDHH developed a breakout video of ASL to sign ASL of each question on the accommodation request form. We also have Deaf Interpreter pip in the block of Chief Justice Paul Newby's video on the disability page to explain elaborate about what kind of disability that AOC can accommodate with them.
 - d. Success story! Kelle Owen from Communication of Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing sent us an email including to AOC DAC (Disability Access Coordinators) to praise/accomplish us for the big improvement on disability accommodation request form. She said in her email, "I used this form to assist a client and I found it very well organized and easy to use. The ASL videos benefitted the client in understanding the process and independently providing the necessary information. We were pleased to receive email responses from multiple people quickly after submitting the request. I have worked in the field for many years, and this is the easiest process I have experienced with requesting interpreters for court.

Meeting Adjourned, 10:41 AM