

# **Open Meeting Notice**

## **Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (CDHH) Executive Meeting**

May 7, 2025  
3–4 P.M.

### **Minutes**

#### **1. Call to Order: 3:08 P.M.**

##### **MOTIONS:**

**Review and Approve May Executive Council Meeting Agenda: Leia Sparks motions to approve. Jonathan Petermon seconds. PASSED**

**Review and Approve March Executive Council Meeting Minutes: Leia Sparks motions to approve. Jonathan Petermon seconds. PASSED**

**Jonathan Petermon motions to have the executive committee recommend the two liaison positions; Senior Citizen liaison and Deaf/Blind liaison, be added at the upcoming Quarterly Meeting. Leia Sparks seconds. PASSED**

**Leia Sparks motions to table the topic of development of captioning requests and reference guidelines until the next executive meeting. Jonathan Petermon seconds. PASSED**

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#### **4. Public Comments on Issues Affecting the Deaf, Deaf-Blind, or Hard of Hearing (3:15 P.M.–3:30 P.M.)**

**Terri Matenaer concerned about services for seniors for D/HH. We are looking for caretakers and the seniors are not sure of their rights. Who do the seniors need to report their concerns to? We have collected resources and have those available but they don't know how to navigate the system. Leia Sparks will be attending the fireside chat for the seniors. I will be talking with them to gather information to be able to provide a brunch/workshop for them later this summer.**

**Greta Surprenant from Deaf Unity is bringing up serious concerns about the bill AB 148 2 months ago and now SB 147 is on the floor regarding VRI in the court system. The deadline for SB 147 review of the bill is 5.7.25. Leia will work to send an email by May 7, 2025 5 pm to encourage emailing their legislators.**

**5. Discuss CDHH's Workgroup Priorities: All groups have met and will be working on the 3 priorities from each work group in the next quarterly meeting.**

**6. Discuss potential additional of Organizational Liaison**

The Center for DeafBlind Persons (CDBP). This is the gap we don't have liaison serving on our committee. We would like to see Senior Citizen liaison and Deaf/Blind liaison. The executive committee will recommend these two liaison positions be added at the upcoming Quarterly Meeting.

**7. Discuss on Development of Captioning Request & Reference Guidelines (see motions)**

**8. ODHH Updates**

a. **Wellness Day—VERY successful. Will be going into the 5th year. This will be on the full quarterly meeting agenda coming up.**

**9. Program and Policy Updates**

- **DHS news release. Federal cutting Medicare—\$880 billion cut.**
- **WI state plan on aging. 2026–2028 plan is released and can be reviewed. Public comment for this release is May 28th, 2025**
- **DHS recruiting members for Medicaid council. How can Medicaid be improved? If you know of anyone that would be a good fit, let Zachary know.**
- **JFC beginning to vote on the state budget 5.8.25—make your comment heard.**

**10. Discuss Council Agenda Structure for Next Year of Quarterly Meetings**

**We need an agenda ASAP for June 6th.**

**11. Draft Council's Quarterly Meeting Agenda—speakers? Add BJ's request for captioning request and reference guide. The Oregon Library near Madison, WI will be the location for the next quarterly meeting on June 6th, 2025.**

**12. Adjournment: 3:54 P.M.**