

§ 9-2404. Maryland Advisory Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (October 1, 2011)

June 8, 2016
Fourth Quarterly Meeting

Present:

Council Members: Erin Buck-Skees, Dakota Burgess, Janet Cornick, Jason Corning, Lisalee Egbert, Lance Fischer, Tanya Green, Marny Helfrich, Greg James, Nancy Jenkins, Charm L. Smith, and Stephanie Summers
ODHH Staff: Kelby Brick, Allysa Dittmar, Deborah Nathanson, and Amy Speer

Meeting Minutes:

MACDHH Chair Corning: None

ODHH Director Brick:

- ODHH relocated to Crownsville, MD
- Governor Hogan signed into the law the Maryland Seal of Biliteracy Act (SB 781)
 - MSDE will determine criteria and requirements for the Deaf and work with local school systems (LSS). While it is a statewide initiative, but LSS are free to choose whether or not to participate.
 - Bill will take effect July 2016 with Seals being awarded to the graduating class of 2017
- Governor Hogan approved a pilot program on closed captioning for video streaming (HB 0413)
 - Office of Information Systems/Department of Legislative Services to establish the pilot program to determine an efficient and cost effective process for providing the public with closed captioning for live and archived video streaming on Maryland General Assembly Web site. OIS/DLS to report results on or before October 1, 2017.
- Gallaudet University Academic Bowl Winner: Rockville High School D/HH Program
- Replied to member's inquiry about language deprivation bill and added a bit about making a motion with MD EHDI to draft a letter to parents sharing about dangers of language deprivation
- Replied to member's inquiry about recent survey on deaf business and not ready to report the data yet

Council's Reports:

- ADA 25th Anniversary celebrations across the State
- Recognized Director Brick's one-year anniversary
- Governor Hogan signed into the law the expanded Maryland Hearing Aid Loan Bank (HALB) (HB 596)
 - Children under 18 to participate in the HALB

Elections:

- Chair: Nominees: Corning & Summers. ELECTED: Summers
- Vice-Chair: Nominees: Buck-Skees. ELECTED: Buck-Skees
- Secretary: Nominees: Smith. ELECTED: Smith

Old Business: NONE

New Business: NONE

Meeting Adjourned at 4:10pm