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# **LEGISLATIVE AWARENESS DAY**

## **TWO-EVENING SPECIAL**



**Theme: Ways to Protect & Serve Users of Sign Language Interpreting Services (SLIS) in Maryland**

**YOUTUBE LIVE!**

### **1 TUESDAY NOVEMBER 17, 6:30PM**

- LEGISLATIVE GUEST SPEAKER
- 2020 JCR RESPONSE - SLIS TOWN HALL WITH DIRECTOR KELBY BRICK

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### **2 WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 18, 6:30PM**

- SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETING LICENSURE (SLIL) PANEL DISCUSSION
- GODHH AWARDS CEREMONY

**[BIT.LY/2020LAD2](https://bit.ly/2020LAD2)**

To learn more about GODHH's Response to 2020 Joint Chairmen's Report (JCR), visit [odhh.maryland.gov/jcr2020](https://odhh.maryland.gov/jcr2020).



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**LAD 2020?!**

Join us in discussing ways to protect & serve users of sign language interpreting services (SLIS) in Maryland at our two-evening virtual events on YouTube with:

### **GUEST SPEAKER**

- Senator Guzzone

### **TOWN HALL**

- Director Kelby Brick

### **PANELISTS**

- Ritchie Bryant, CDI
- Sheryl D. Emery, M.A.
- Shane H. Feldman
- Bobbie Beth Scoggins, Ed.D.

### **AWARDEES**

- Tiffany Farias
- Chanel Gleicher Bonheyo
- Kamri Gooding
- Elizabeth Ann Monn, Ph.D.
- Frances B. Phillips RN, MHA
- Elke Pieters
- Vikki Porter
- Kirsten Poston
- Nancylynn Ward, Ph.D.
- Hand Waves Birth Services
- Latino Deaf and Hard of Hearing Association of the Metropolitan DC Area

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**PANELISTS**

**Learn more about our panelists discussing sign language interpreting licensure on Wednesday November 18 at 6:30pm!**

### **Ritchie Bryant, CDI**

Bryant is a dynamic, native American Sign Language (ASL) user and a culturally Deaf Texan. Currently working as a staff interpreter at Gallaudet university in Washington, DC. Ritchie has been presenting ASL/Deaf-related workshops for the past twenty years. Trained as an ASL mentor and ASLPI/SLPI evaluator, he used to train Deaf people to become ASL mentors for signers in the Rochester community under the Community Interpreter Grant. Ritchie obtained a bachelor's degree in ASL degree from Gallaudet University and a master's degree in Deaf education from McDaniel College. He is also a certified Deaf interpreter who has been interpreting in the Deaf community since 2000. He served on RID board as Deaf Member at Large from 2015-2017 and provided a consultant to various organizations and agencies such as development of Deaf interpreter evaluation to remote ASL mentor program. His interests include developing African-American storytelling within the Deaf community, and video editing on his computer.

### **Shane H. Feldman**

Feldman is the CEO of Innivee Strategies. He has over fifteen years of exceptional and invigorating leadership that has impacted many national and local organizations along with their stakeholders. His experience in the American Sign Language interpreting field includes several years of advocacy on ASL interpreters including in VRS at the National Association of the Deaf (NAD), two years as the CEO of the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (RID) and as the Director of Vineya (an ASL interpreter platform) at the Communication Service of the Deaf (CSD). As a nonprofit executive, he aligned associations to the expectations of their boards and members. These achievements came through systemic changes to policies, processes, and practices that resulted in significant increases in visibility, efficiency, revenues, accountability, and influence. Shane received his Master's in Management and Certificate in Nonprofit Financial Management from the University of Maryland University College and was selected to the Diversity Executive Leadership Program in the American Society of Association Executives.

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### **Sheryl D. Emery, M.A.**

Emery, at the age of 22, served as the founding President of the National Black Deaf Advocates organization. This is the leading advocacy organization addressing the needs of Black Deaf Community. She is responsible for setting up chapters, bylaws and procedures for the organization function and structure. She later moved to Chicago where she served with the Chicago Hearing Society as the Director of Social Services and Advocacy. She has a reputation of being strong and outspoken advocate in the community fighting for communication access, employment, and community support services. She has established such programs as Macomb School to Work and the Deaf HEAL and Shield program at Deaf C.A.N! Sheryl has worked extensively on interpreter issues. This includes serving as a content expert for the NIC examination. She was responsible for implementing the BEI interpreter evaluation in Michigan. Sheryl served as the State Director for the Division on Deaf and Hard of Hearing with the State of Michigan. She is the first known Black Deaf female to head a statewide government agency. She is the primary author of the regulations that govern Sign Language interpreting in Michigan. Sheryl graduated from Gallaudet University majoring in Social Work and minor in government. She also holds a Master's Degree from New York University in Rehabilitation Counseling. She currently resides in Colorado.

### **Bobbie Beth Scoggins, Ed.D.**

Scoggins' career has been primarily in education and the nonprofit sector. Soon after earning her doctorate degree, she became executive director of the Kentucky Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing with a 14-year tenure with KCDHH. She brought national recognition to Kentucky for being one of the most progressive states in deaf and hard of hearing services. She was credited with establishing a state law for licensing interpreters, an educational resource center on deafness, universal newborn hearing screening, insurance coverage for hearing aids, mental health programs for deaf and hard of hearing people, TV captioning, and a statewide videoconferencing network. In 2007, she became chief operations officer of Communication Service for the Deaf, responsible for all aspects of CSD's human services divisions, including community interpreting, and national programs and services. She is currently the director of the Educational Statewide Resource Center on Deafness for her alma mater, Texas School for the Deaf.

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