



# Arkansas Department of Health

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Advisory Board for Interpreters Between Individuals and Individuals Who Are Deaf, Deafblind,  
Hard of Hearing, or Oral Deaf  
Minutes  
February 18, 2022  
2:00 – 3:30 p.m. Quarterly Meeting

Called to order at 2:08 p.m.

In the Conference Room:

Board Members: Stephanie Ott, Daisy Dippel, Katie Becker, Arthur Babin, Carel Dunaway,  
ADH staff: Beverly Wade, Ronica Leonard, Craig Smith, Brian Nichols

Meeting ASL Interpreters: Will Gorum, Karen Owens

Meeting Tactile Interpreters: Jonathan Smith, Sydney Morriss

Other Attendees: Libby Williams, Jared Dunaway

Zoom Attendees: Debbie Pearce

Transcribers: Mary Marotto and Nathan Stratton

For nominations for Nancy Quinn's replacement. Janice sent an email to the Arkansas Association of the Deaf (AAD) and Arkansas Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (ARID) on October 7, 2021, requesting nominations by November 15, 2021. That did not happen. On January 11, 2022, Chairman Dunaway reached out to both AAD and ARID Nicholas Winchell, the president of ARID and past Nomination Committee Chair for the nomination. Mr. Winchell apologized and sent information. On February 15, 2022, Chairman Dunaway emailed Nathan Burleson to ask who to ask the new AAD president Kitsonia Hancock. Mr. Burleson agreed to try to contact Vice President LaHollis Hill to check on that. As of today, we still have no communication from AAD.

**Previous Meeting Minutes:** Review of November 2021 Minutes: Stephanie Ott stated that the minutes say she was in attendance when she wasn't. Arthur Babin moved to accept the minutes with correction. Katie Becker second. Motion passed.

**Sub-committee Updates:**

None

**Old business:**

1) **The Sign Video for Website:** Stephanie Ott stated she had reached out to find captioning services and found one for \$1 per minute and another for \$1.30 per minute. Through research, she believes she can do it herself. She would need help getting on the website. Debbie Pearce stated that if it will only cost \$10-15, we should use qualified interpreters to do it and Stephanie

has too much on her plate. The script is ready. Daisy moved to pay out of the board's fund if possible. Debbie Second. Motion passed.

2) **Letterhead:** Stephanie Ott passed out copies of the Logo

3) **'Did You Know?' Card/Brochure:** Stephanie passed out copies of the trifold brochure which is on the website. They are ready to go out once printed. Printing and to whom we should send were discussed. It was asked if it could be placed on Facebook. Yes, was the answer. We could pass some out at booths as well as conferences. ADH staff discussed getting quotes. Beverly Wade will send the vendor's information to Daisy so that she can contact them to get a quote. Art Moved to have 1,000 approved for the initial setup, Stephanie added to Art's motion to print 1,000 brochures up to \$1,500. Daisy second the motion. The motion passed.

4) **Ad Hoc Committee:** We were able to meet on March 15<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 on Zoom. It was a very productive meeting all committee members were able to attend. We had a lively discussion about the levels and several other items that needed attention. We are gathering information. We will discuss all the documents determined to be our working documents as well as information collected from Arkansas, Arizona, and Missouri to see if we can or can't use them at our next meeting. The next meeting will be a Zoom meeting on March 15, 2022, at 3:30 pm. The committee will be able to bring good changes relatively soon. We won't rush it.

5) **Facebook:** You can search for "Advisory Board of Interpreters for the Deaf" on Facebook or can do facebook.com/advisory board to get to our page you can then click "Join" and answer two questions. Once we approve your request you'll be on our page. The page will be monitored. There will be no bullying allowed! The whole board is already approved. Only people who hold an Arkansas license will be accepted. Anyone can view, but not everyone can post within it. Daisy suggested that the Tech Committee rotate turns monitoring the page.

**Swearing in of New Officers:** Item Tabled and will be the first item on the May Agenda.

**New Business:** Art requested the website list of interpreters list whether the interpreter does VRI or not. This would enable the person needing services to know whether an interpreter would be able to interpret for them. As a DeafBlind person, I can't use VRI. There was a discussion that the Tech Committee would need to work with the ADH IT Department on this matter. There is also a problem with not being to add only one attachment on the online application/renewal. This would also be a Tech Committee issue.

Meeting adjourned at 3:22 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 6, at 2:00 pm.

Signature



Date

5.6.22