



**Louisiana Commission for the Deaf
SFY 2013 Regular Commission Meeting
Meeting Minutes of February 22, 2013 - Approved**

I. Call To Order - Meeting was called to order at 10:05 AM by Brandi Berkeley, Chairperson.

A. Silent Prayer - B. Berkeley

B. Pledge of Allegiance - B. Berkeley

C. Roll Call - Diane Anticich - A quorum of Commissioners was present.

Commissioners present:

Dr. Nancy Benham

Brandi Berkeley

Dr. Bonnie Boulton

Brandon Burriss

Deanna Hardy

Carolyn Jarrels

Leslie Knowles

Dr. Lee Mendoza

Secretary Suzy Sonnier

Commissioners not present:

Rep. Regina Barrow

Thelma Covello

John K. Davis

Sen. Yvonne Dorsey-Colomb

Gary Montgomery

Non-voting Commission Member present: Naomi DeDual, Executive Director

Commission Staff present:

Diane Anticich, Program Manager

Elaine Scivicque, Admin. Program Specialist A

Jairus Methvin, Program Monitor

Interpreters: Shirley Delahoussaye and Peggy Gray

II Approval of February 22, 2013 Meeting Agenda - Motion: Dr. L. Mendoza/Dr. B. Boulton motioned to accept February 22, 2013 agenda as presented. Motion passed.

III Approval of November 2, 2012 Meeting Minutes - Motion: Dr. L. Mendoza/ Dr. N. Benham motioned to accept November 2, 2012 minutes as presented. Motion passed.

IV Reports:

A. Officer Reports:

B. Berkeley, Chairperson - none

T. Covello, Vice-Chairperson - n/a

J. K. Davis, Secretary - n/a

B. Executive Director's Report - N. DeDual: Reiterated the purpose, authority and responsibility of LCD staff and board for coordination, facilitation and/or provision of accessibility services; provided the balance of the LCD Trust Fund as of February 22, 2013, as well as the revenue and interest collected to date in SFY 2013; and the balance of the Trust Fund after SFY 13 budget.



Also provided listing of SFY 2013 payments for administration, telecommunication equipment, hearing aids, payments to contractors for professional services including equipment distribution; hearing aid administration; ASL interpreting services; and SSP services. Provided SFY 2013 performance reports of consumers served statewide through mid-year. Provided SFY 2013 report for state-interpreter certification, the process by which interpreters provide notice of their national certification and pay a \$26 money order to LA State Police for a background check, which certifies them as a state interpreter for four years. Provided resources for consumers with hearing loss; LCD RSCs contact info; meetings with/by LCD staff; and information on ADA, and HIPAA.

C. Relay Administration Board Report: N. DeDual – provided update about court hearings at 19th JDC for class-action lawsuit - Stephen Leon and Hilda Jarreau vs. LPSC/RAB - in which plaintiffs contend they represent the class of persons who paid \$.11/month fee on landline phone service ten years ago; and contend LPSC/RAB did not have authority to apply the fee to provide for statewide public relay services. Once Judge Clark rules on the matter, counsel will advise.

D. Commissioner Reports:

LRID – L. Knowles – Gary Morgan has resigned as LRID President so Peggy Gray is acting President. Representation to LCD will remain same – L. Knowles. LRID wants interpreter training information included as a statewide resource: DAC –LA (online ASL) and Delgado Community College (associate degree). LRID is preparing training workshops for interpreters; and requests interested persons contact them at: <http://www.lrid.org>

Parent – D. Hardy –none.

GODA – B. Burris – the GODA office has responded to over 1,000 constituent cases in the past year, which is 3x the number of open cases in previous years. The Governor’s Advisory Council on Disability Affairs is seeking nominations for a person with deafness to serve on that council which works to develop public policy in relation to disability services. The legislative session begins in early April and GODA will track legislation which pertains to the disability community.

E. State Agency Reports:

DHH – Dr. L. Mendoza –The Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) program with DHH Office of Public Health <http://www.dhh.la.gov/EHDI> works with LA hospitals to ensure newborns are screened for hearing loss and receive appropriate diagnostics and early intervention services. The DHH website at <http://www.dhh.la.gov> has information on health, wellness, prevention, and various services. Recently, DHH Secretary Greenstein was appointed to the U.S. Commission on Long-Term Health Care to make recommendations for long-term supports and services.

LSD – Dr. N. Benham –A few LSD students participated in an academic competition in Salt Lake City, Utah. LSD enrollment continues to increase. LSD was selected to host the 2014 Mason-Dixon basketball tournament. LSD also dedicated the Dr. Monita G. Hara Pro-Start Kitchen in honor of the former Director who initiated development of this culinary vocational program at LSD; and Dr. Hara’s family participated in the ceremony. Starkey Foundation has fitted several LSD students with hearing aids. The drama club recently performed a rendition of Beauty and the Beast which was enjoyed by many.



LWC- C. Jarrels – no report

DCFS – Sec. S. Sonnier – the DCFS is working to ensure support services are available for children and families in need; and for sheltering in state-declared emergencies. I look forward to working together with everyone to build on resources and services to persons with hearing loss.

LDOE – Dr. B. Boulton – the LDOE is reorganizing and staff are taking new roles and responsibilities. In this new role, I look forward to working with the other commission members.

F. Legislator Reports: None

V. Business Requiring Commission Action:

A. Old Business: Reduction in LCD revenue from landline telephones – review LCD trust balance; and discuss options for additional revenue sources to prevent reduction in SFY 2014 services

B. New Business:

1. RFI – Regional Service Center – Alexandria Region

2. RFI – Regional Service Center – Monroe Region

Motion: D. Hardy/Dr. N. Benham –to approve New Horizons as the new contractor for Alexandria and Monroe regions for remainder of SFY 13 and SFY 14. Motion passed – one abstention.

3. SFY 2014 Budget – Motion: Dr. L. Mendoza/B. Burris - to accept the SFY 2014 LCD budget as presented. Motion passed.

4. Dates Proposed for 2013 Commission Meetings: February 22, May 10, August 2, Nov. 1

VI Date, Time, Place of Next Commission Meeting – May 10, 2013 – 10 AM – Rm. 118

E. Persons Requesting to Address the Board: Gary Morgan Michelle LeFors Maria Annis

VII Adjournment – Dr. L. Mendoza/Sec. S. Sonnier motioned to adjourn at 11:12 AM. Motion passed.

Draft of minutes prepared 03/05/13

Minutes corrected on _____.

Recorder

Date

Secretary

Date

c. LCD master file; LCD Board Members; LCD Staff