**Louisiana Commission for the Deaf**

**SFY 19 Regular Commission Meeting**

**Meeting Minutes of Aug 24th, 2018**

**I. Call to Order –** Meeting was called to order at 9:04 am by Pauline Wood, Chairperson.

**II. Invocation/Silent Prayer**

**III. Pledge of Allegiance** – Led by Melodie Sparks

**IV. Roll Call** – Ashley Poche – a quorum of Commissioners was present (9).

**Commissioners Present:**

Jay Isch Darlene Austin Pauline Wood

Kevin Monk Dr. Lee Mendoza Melodie Sparks

Rep. Pat Smith Jimmy Gore Lisa Potter

**Commissioners Not Present:**

Sen. Yvonne Colomb Donna Alleman Jamie Wong

Mark Martin Rana Ottallah Jeri Pilk

Candice LeBlanc Chris Gorder

**LCD Staff:**

Ariel Bumbala Ashley Poche Nathan Vitale

**Interpreters:**

Michelle Simoneaux Brandon Vice Nicky Gillies Melissa Hines

**Captionist:**

**V. Public Comment**

 **I. Paul Winfree** – 5th Anniversary of Deaf Services at Lighthouse. Sept. 7th, 2018 at 9:00 pm

**VI. Approval of Aug. 24, 2018 Meeting Agenda** – D. Austin/L. Potter

* Correct spelling in Reports, D. Austin

**VII. Approval of April 21, 2017 Meeting Minutes** –

**VIII. Director’s Report**

**I. Budget**

**IX. Business Requiring Commission Action**

**A. Old Business**

**1. Vote: Blind-Late Deaf request for SSP services – Cathy Miller**

Motion: defer vote and have the service centers who provided blind services do research and present at the next meeting. M. Sparks/J. Gore, motion voted and carried

**B. New Business**

 **I. Nomination forms – four vacant seats**

Motion: Nomination Iva Tullier and Norma Zirange, Parent of a Deaf Child and David Imme, Hard of Hearing Rep.

Motion: defer to next meeting. D. Austin/P. Smith, motion voted and carried

 **X. Business for Information Purpose/Reports**

**A. Officer’ Reports**

**Chair, Pauline Wood** – No Report

**Vice Chair, Jimmy Gore** – No report

**Secretary** – N/A

**B. Director’s Report** – N/A

**C. Relay Administration Board Report, Pauline Wood** – NASRA, Sept. 9-13, 2019.

Director of Hamilton Relay resigned and they are looking for a new Director

**D. Legislators Reports, Rep. P. Smith/Sen. Y. Colomb** – Session February to June

**E. Commissioners’ Reports** –

**Jay Isch** – Deaf Focus Events: Golf Tournament at BREC Park on Sept. 15th, Eat Drink Sign at Driftwood Cask and Barrel on Sept. 27th, and Ben Bayham performing his story on Sept. 29th

**Rana Ottalah** – N/A

**Jimmy Gore –** No Report

**Jeri Pilk** – N/A

**Chris Gorder** – N/A

**Vacant (LRS)** – N/A

**Jamie Wong** – N/A

**Darlin Austin** – LARID annual fall conference at Lafayette Association for the Deaf on Oct. 11th, 12th, and 13th.

**Melodie Sparks** – No Report

**Pauline Wood –** No Report

**Lisa Potter** – N/A

**Dr. D. Alleman** – N/A

**Candice LeBlanc** – N/A

**Dr. L. Mendoza** – Uninsured Children are down less than 3% and a significate drop in insured adult from 22% to 11%

**K. Monk** – More funding from Louisiana Legislature, LRS is serving category one and two. Mark Martin has retired and has been replaced by Melissa Bayham.

**XI. Announcements** – LSD and LCD are collaborating with Jeff to provide a workshop on leadership. After today’s meeting at LSD

**XII. Date, Time, and Place of Next Commission Meeting** –

November 16th,2018 from 9 am – 12 pm

**X.II Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 12:10 pm.

Draft of minutes prepared 04/17/2019. Minutes corrected on .

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 Recorder Date Secretary Date