

Advisory Committee to the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Disabled

**Meeting Minutes
March 14, 2014**

Members Present: Jason Weiland, Lauren Willis, Renee Davidson and Julie Doerrmann, Nancy Yarosh, Lauren Casey, and Carol Uckar

DMHAS Representative Present: Lily Britton

Members Unexcused: Kevin Sullivan

Visitor: Beverly Burns (Advancing Opportunities, Rutgers University Behavioral Health) did not call or show.
Julie Doerrmann (Center for Family Services)

Interpreters: Lori Adams, Dena Hazen, Jeanette Voight (CART)

Provider's Reports

Rutgers: Did not show. The website still has incorrect information.

Advancing Opportunities: Beverly Burns presented on activities and future activities.

Center for Family Services: Julie Doerrmann reported that a new person was being hired for the south of Jersey to provide services and that Julie would be the northern counselor as well as the mobile counselor. An update on services will be reported at the next meeting.

December minutes were read aloud and approved with minor changes or corrections.

Chairperson Report

Jason Weiland reported that the Division of Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DDHH). The self-advocacy training that DDHH scheduled with Northeastern University's Regional Interpretation Education Center to assist NJ in providing self-advocacy training and teaching. The training will provide education for those individuals who are Deaf about resources that are available. The training takes place this weekend and has a few open spots.

Jason discussed that the Department of Treasury released a Request for Proposal (RFP) for foreign language and American Sign Language (ASL) services in late 2012 that would have one agency servicing the state for any request for these types of services. Since that time, the RFP was put on hold and no re-release date is known at his time.

Jason also announced that the Monthly communicator will now be electronically only and that one needs to visit the webpage in order to join the list serve.

Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) Report: Lily Britton

Lily reported that DMHAS continues its work toward implementing an ASO/MBHO which would move most current treatment services to a fee for service structure. DMHAS is currently working on an RFP for the ASO. A projected date for implementation of ASO would not be earlier than July 1, 2014.

Advertising for DMHAS services Available for Deaf, HOH and Disabled

A full report will be at the June meeting. Three members are needed.

The CAC, (Citizens Advisory Committee) and update was given and more information will be given in June when the committee will do a short presentation at the Coalition meeting.

Announcement of the Statewide Coalition meeting / sub- committee meeting will begin in June 2014. Arrangements for interpreters will be provided.

Meeting adjourned with the next meeting on June 11th at the same time and location.