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AGENDA  
Advisory Council Quarterly Meeting  
July 28, 2023

9:30 a.m. Welcome

Virtual Zoom Meeting:

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Communications Check and Acceptance of Minutes

10:00 a.m – 11:00 a.m. **Presenter:** Heather Osowski

**Presentation Title:** Project Coordinator, The Campaign for Language & Literacy Excellence



**Bio:** Heather Osowski has worked in the field of Deaf Education for 17+ years. She has a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology and a Masters of Arts in Teaching degree, both from The College of New Jersey. Heather holds New Jersey teaching certifications in Elementary Education and Teacher of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing as well as a New Jersey Supervisory Certification. Previous to her role as the Project Coordinator for CLLE, she was the Project Director for the New Jersey Center on Deafblindness and continues her involvement in this project as a DeafBlind Specialist. During her tenure at the Marie Katzenbach School for the Deaf in West Trenton, New Jersey, Heather was a high school teacher and the Transition Coordinator. She led programs such as Community-based Instruction and Person Centered Approaches in Schools and Transition. Through her role as transition coordinator, Heather collaborated with various state and national agencies and organizations supporting individuals in the Deaf, hard of hearing and deafblind community.

deafblind community. She was recognized as New Jersey Governor's Teacher of the Year (school level recognition) in 2016 and held various leadership roles at Katzenbach. Heather is fluent in American Sign Language and continues her involvement with the Katzenbach Parent and Staff Education Foundation as an executive board member. Heather is dedicated and passionate about supporting the individual needs of students and families in the Deaf, hard of hearing and deafblind community.

**Presenter:** Dr. Matthew L. Hall, PhD in Psychology, UC San Diego

**Presentation Title:** Assistant Professor of Communication Sciences & Disorders in the College of Public Health at Temple University



**Bio:** Dr. Matthew L. Hall (PhD in Psychology, UC San Diego) is an Assistant Professor of Communication Sciences & Disorders in the College of Public Health at Temple University. He applies knowledge from cognitive/developmental psychology and linguistics to questions that concern DHH children. He is committed to increasing the quality of the empirical evidence so that clinicians and families can make better-informed decisions toward the shared goal of promoting the long-term and holistic well-being of DHH children. He originated the concept of Language Access Profiles, created the Language Access Profile Tool (LAPT), and co-created the DHH Language Exposure Assessment Tool (D-LEAT) with Dr. Stephanie De Anda, Ph.D. (University of Oregon).

**DDHH Update – Elizabeth Hill, Executive Director**

**Agency Reports**

- Deaf and Hard of Hearing Team – Jaclyne Pallies
- Language Instruction Services – Carrie Pogue
- Communication Access Team – Cathy Grehlinger

**Committee Updates**

- Communications
- Legislative
- Education

**BOARD OPEN FORUM**

**Community Input**

**New Business**

**Announcements/Adjournment**

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