

February 12th, 2013 DCARA Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order: 6:09 PM

Present: Sharif Rashedi, Steve Longo, Kenton Twidt, and Chris Held

Excused: Lonnie Tanenberg and James Brune

Unexcused: none

Staff Present: Abhishek Dasgupta, Brian Martinez and Assistant to ED Rebecca Chow

Visitors: Alison Amable, Vadim Milman

MO021213-1 - Held (Twidt) – approve November, 2012 finance report –
MSPASSED

MO021213-2 - Held (Twidt) – approve December, 2012 finance report – MSPASSED

MO021213-3 - Twidt (Longo) – approve bylaws as presented (all changes came
from past motions) – MSPASSED.

Staff Spotlight: Abhishek Dasgupta gave a presentation about his role at Client Support Services San Jose.

Officers' Reports

President: Please welcome Alison and Vadim as our visitors tonight. Alison and Vadim, please let me know if you would like to make a comment during our meeting and will grant you the floor. We will have a short meeting tonight due to the absence of Jim Brune and Lonnie Tanenberg. Hope to be done by 830 tonight.

Vice President: Lonnie Tanenberg – No report

Secretary: Vacant – No Report

Treasurer: Interim Treasurer Longo - No Report

Recruitment Committee:

Recruitment

President Rashedi reported selling points to be worked on with ED Brune, Sharif Rashedi and Steve Longo. Some people in the community assume DCARA is doing fine

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without their help since it's been around so long, but don't realize we need their help to continue going strong

Chris Held gave new vlog about recruitment to Bradley today – hoping to get it up within a week

Need to move forward with San Leandro house! Huge unused asset

Reports from DCARA

Executive Director: Jim Brune

Photos: We have pictures from the Freedom Train/MLK Parade event on Monday, January 21st as well as photos from the Personal Wellness Symposium event on Saturday, January 5th.

Staff Spotlight: Today, I'm pleased to have Abishek "Avi" Dasgupta provide a presentation to the board about his work as a Client Support Specialist at the San Jose office.

Request for Proposals (RFPs):

- We are in the middle of RFP season and the following is an update on what I reported in my December 11, 2012 report:
 - California Department of Social Services: was submitted on January 3rd.
 - We requested funding in the amount of 1,135,887.
 - We learned on Friday February 8th that DCARA was awarded this funding once again!
 - Santa Clara County Adult and Aging Services:
 - We submitted a proposal on January 24th and requested funding in the amount of \$59,875 for the Deaf Services Program for the San Jose office.
 - As I reported to the Board via email, this proposal was rejected due to staff error in submitting the proposal 30 minutes past the deadline.
 - City of Fremont: due January 24th
 - We submitted a proposal on January 24th and requested funding in the amount of \$61,910 for the Deaf Services Program for the Fremont Family Resources Center office.
 - Communication Access Foundation
 - We submitted three proposals on January 31st:
 - Deaf Senior Program: \$37,346
 - Deaf Employment Training Program: \$100,000
 - Family Mentoring Program (formerly known as the Deaf Role Model Program): \$100,000

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- United Way Silicon Valley:
 - Our next focus is a RFP from UWSV, due March 4th. We will be focusing our proposal on the families that we serve.

Client Support Services Department:

- Multi-Cultural Program:
 - Freedom Train/MLK Day Parade in SF was held on January 21st
- Deaf Services Program:
 - ASL-English classes have started in San Jose and Fremont
 - Thanks to donations/program allocation funding, we now have a fresh coat of paint on the walls and a new carpet in the San Jose office!

Family Connections Department:

- Parent Education Program:
 - Classes began February 5, 2013
- Club Saturday at DCC on January 26th was well-attended. The theme was Dance Festival.
- Talks are under way with Deaf Youth Arts to partner with them for the Literacy Camp this summer.

Employment Services Department:

- 4 placements during the month of January!
- We attended the Kaiser job fair in Concord.
- We are moving forth with the vendorization process with the Department of Rehabilitation to establish intensive one-on-one services as a “DETC Pilot Project” in Campbell.
 - We have a certification site visit meeting on Monday, March 4th
 - This is an opportunity for DCARA to generate revenue and get the DETC program off the ground!
- We are in talks with the EDD office in Concord to expand our employment services!
 - We have noticed a declining number of foot traffic in our San Francisco EDD offices; this makes it difficult to justify having 2 full time staff in SF.
 - The numbers of Deaf/HOH are increasing in Contra Costa County so this is an opportunity for us to bring employment services to Contra Costa County!
 - We will continue to employ 2 full time staff who will staff the San Francisco office part-time and the Concord office part-time.

Community Relations Department:

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- Personal Wellness Symposium raised \$1,100.
- WCI/Ultratec has agreed to sponsor DCARA at the amount of \$3,000 for 3 events
- We met with BART to discuss the new car design and ensure that captioned messages and announcements in ASL will be part of the new features of the new car design.
- We met with Senator Feinstein's staff to discuss her support of FCC to approve new TRS technology and to increase TRS funding.
- We are in contact with Disabilities Rights Advocates in Berkeley to discuss unequal treatment of Deaf and hard of hearing inmates at Santa Rita Jail.

Personnel:

- Family Advocate: Tracy Husted began in this position on January 16th.
- Job Developer/Interpreter – Fremont EDD office: job is now posted
- Hard of Hearing/Late Deafened Specialist: job is now posted

Events attended by ED Brune:

- Fremont Family Resource Center Executive Council meeting: December 12th
- Moderated the Spoken Language Agency Panel, an event DCARA co-hosted with NorCRID, on Saturday, January 26th
- Attended the Department of Rehabilitation Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services quarterly meeting in San Francisco, February 11th
- Attended a meeting at Concord EDD office to discuss opening employment services for Deaf/HOH in Contra Costa County.

Important Dates:

- February 16th: Black Deaf History Month event at DCC
- March 9th: Murder Mystery Dinner fundraiser at DCC
- March 16th: ASL Interpreter Agency Panel at DCC; followed by a meet and greet event with RID Executive Director Shane Feldman.
- April 19th – 21st: Deaf Business Symposium fundraiser at Ed Roberts Campus in Berkeley
- May 11th: For a Cause event: Deaf Fashion Show. We will split the proceeds with Deaf Youth Arts.
- May 15th: GradFest event for graduating seniors at DCC
- June 2nd: Tilden 5K event at Golden Gate Park in San Francisco.

Miscellaneous

- ED Brune will be on vacation and out of the state Thursday February 21st through Tuesday February 26th, returning to work on Wednesday February 27th.

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ED Brune will communicate with President Rashedi about who is the designated agency representative during his absence.

Old Business

President Rashedi is working on the minutes and will have December and January minutes ready soon. It is very difficult, gave me new respect for the hard work Jane Newkirk did with the minutes.

New Business

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 23rd KENTON TWIDT throwing a birthday party – donate to DCARA instead of gifts/flowers

KENTON TWIDT surgery March 11th – VP on iPad for March 12th meeting?

Meeting Adjourned at 8:05 PM

Respectfully submitted,



Sharif Rashedi
President

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