

CSC Advisory Council Meeting Minutes – December 2023

Meeting Date: 12/9/23

Meeting Time: 9 am - 11 am

Meeting Location: Zoom

- A. Welcome and Opening Remarks
 - a. Call to order by the Facilitator
 - b. Welcome and introduction of attendees
 - i. Galinda Goss Kuehn
 - ii. Linda Lambrecht
 - iii. Linda Eriksson
 - iv. Roz Kia
 - v. Interpreters - Keri and Michele
- B. Review of the meeting objectives
 - a. Maintain an Advisory Council
 - i. The Advisory Council shall be maintained and comprised of members representing the various constituent groups that the PROVIDER serves.
 - ii. Members shall convene quarterly to offer advice and counsel to the PROVIDER's leaders and to discuss potential opportunities and challenges.
 - iii. Members of the Advisory Council may share their professional expertise, diverse knowledge of constituent perspectives, connections to local, national, or international resources, and philanthropic support.
 - iv. The Advisory Council shall function strictly as an advisory board with no governing mandate.
 - v. Board agenda, minutes, meeting dates, and meetings shall be available to the public and posted on PROVIDER's website.
- C. Review of Previous Meeting Notes
 - a. Review and approval of notes from the last meeting - [10/14/23](#)
 - b. Action items from the previous meeting - none
- D. Updates and Reports
 - a. CSC Report
 - i. Accessibility and Inclusive Environment
 - 1. Participants discussed the inclusive environment at the CSC, where individuals with various sensory abilities can socialize and participate in activities together.
 - 2. Modifications were made for blind and hard of hearing individuals to enable their engagement in activities like playing games together - Battleship and Connect Four.
 - 3. Donation from CATT NW APH National Grant including Pixblaster for picture and graphics embossing
 - ii. Understanding and Addressing Challenges
 - 1. Floor plan changes were implemented at the CSC to ensure safety and accessibility for individuals with different needs.
 - 2. Personal experiences regarding communication methods and interactions at the CSC were shared by Galinda

- iii. Social Interaction and Engagement:
 - 1. Participants expressed enjoyment in engaging in scheduled activities at the CSC, but concern is parking. Add look for additional parking to action items.
 - 2. Ideas were proposed for social interaction, such as having pen pals through video calls focusing on conversation rather than addressing problems. Flexibility in scheduling one-on-one video calls for isolated individuals, preferably during daytime sessions, was discussed.
- iv. Challenges and Solutions on the Big Island:
 - 1. Concerns were raised about the limited availability of interpreters on the Big Island, with suggestions for addressing this issue such as updating the CSC interpreter photos and educating businesses about VRI
 - 2. Past workshops were conducted to train law enforcement on interacting with deaf individuals, including scenarios and hands-on activities. Again?
 - 3. Challenges faced by deaf children in elementary schools on the Big Island due to a lack of dedicated support and resources were highlighted.
- b. Member Reports
 - i. Galinda - Kupuna Klub has changed their name several times trying to find the right balance. Settled on Kupuna and Friends so that anyone of any age can join.
 - ii. Linda L. - CSC should attend SILC meetings. Roz waiting for an invite.
 - iii. Linda E. - Big Island needs workshops and events. Kids need to know about VR options.
- E. Announcements and Upcoming Events
 - a. Deaf Santa 12/14 at Pearlridge
 - b. Tmobile event (need more details)
- F. Action Items and Next Steps
 - a. Complete hiring of Big Island provider so that more can be done there.
 - b. Plan trip for Galinda to visit Big Island and provide services
 - c. There's NHSP money to fly families to Oahu. Plan activity for March.
- G. Date of Next Meeting 2/10/24 9-11 am on Zoom