

ADVOCACY COALITION FOR EQUALITY SUMMIT

DATE: September 10, 2015 TIME: 10:30 AM

LOCATION: Goodwill Industries of Denver, 6850 Federal Blvd., Denver

ATTENDANCE: Mary Sterritt, Colorado Daylight Partnership (CDP); Cliff Moers, Colorado Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (CCDHH); Angie Tenorio, The Independence Center Colorado Springs; Matthew Ruggles, The Independence Center Colorado Springs; Candice Alder, CCDHH; Megan Thomas, Mental Health Center of Denver (MHCD); Cindy Wright, Goodwill Industries of Denver; Kiley Peterson, Deaf Overcoming Violence through Empowerment (DOVE); Sara Kennedy, Hands & Voices; Paul Simmons, Rocky Mountain ADA Center; Timothy Chevalier, CCDHH; Cheri Davis, CCDHH.

NOT IN ATTENDANCE: Joseph Ryan, Colorado School for the Deaf and the Blind (CSDB)

Minutes Recorded By: Paul Simmons & Timothy Chevalier

Ground Rules: Facilitated by Paul Simmons & Timothy Chevalier

Agenda Items	Discussion	Follow-up/Actions
<p>Cross-Training: by ACE organizations – current and near future (3 mo.) projects</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Colorado Families for Hands and Voices: none – DOVE & Goodwill Industries Denver (collaboration) – Topics: Sexual Harassment & Racism – The Independence Center Colorado Springs: CSDB Students Transition Program – Colorado Daylight Partnership: Deaf Cultural Experience – Rocky Mountain ADA Center: none – CSDB: none – DOVE – Training: Youth Advocacy Program (YAP), a parents workshop that is designed to teach parents how to discuss sex – CCDHH: 1) Police—guidelines for interactions with CCDHH stakeholders & 2) Vocational Rehabilitation Clients – Self Advocacy for employment. 	<p>Develop Trainings on Advocacy. For ACE members only (phase one).</p>

ACE members share an example of training from your own agency and/or their agency's collaboration with other ACE members.	Share a training model from your agency to demonstrate your format for educating/advocating to other ACE members. <ul style="list-style-type: none">- CCDHH: Self-Advocacy Booklet- DOVE: Training model primarily for Law Enforcement and DA offices – training on medical vs. cultural model, differences in culture, and how barriers to communication lead to revictimization.	
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Workgroup Reports

- 1) Information Sharing: Membership screening form.
 - i) Need to identify ways that ACE members may collaborate with each other.
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- 2) One-on-One Advocacy: ADARA & ADA Symposium
 - i) ACE sponsor its own statewide conference on Advocacy in 2017 for service providers (discussion only).
 - ii)
- 3) Equal Access to the Justice System (EAJS): Develop Training Modules
 - i) Avi and Candice have been doing outreach for additional police and sheriff's offices. Avi has already begun trainings for the DA office.

- 1) Members voted unanimously in favor of requiring professional staff.

Members also vote unanimously in favor of accepting the logo, but modifying it to be more accessible to deaf-blind individuals—especially the font.

Work group complete the membership application and logo prior to the next Summit. Send applications to Jenny Miller of the Disabled Resource Service; Barb Bryant of Vocational Rehabilitation (if accepted ask for one representative from the different VR offices); and Ryan Odland, Helen Keller National Center.

Future Summit: invite a presenter from Together All in Solidarity (TAS) or community to gauge community perceptions of terms used to describe stakeholders.

Add members' expectations. Delegate to the Information Sharing workgroup to develop a cover letter for membership application.

- 2) ACE members are encouraged to submit presenter proposals for the ADARA Breakout 2016 National Conference promoting well-being in the Deaf Community, which will be held in the Cheyenne Mountain Resort in Colorado Springs, and the National ADA Symposium, July 19-22, 2016, Denver, CO.

<p>Next Summit's Agenda</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workgroup updates/progress on action plan reports. • Develop workshop for training on advocacy for ACE members. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Identify what should be included in a workshop for training on advocacy. • Evaluate how CCDHH's Communication Access Assessment may be used as a tool to educate stakeholders. • Discuss the practical application of action plans to solve community problems. • Discuss how to Collaborate with Community Organizations. • Each organizational representative present one of their organization's success stories. Especially as it relates to applications of their affiliated work group action plan from the past four months. • Introduce new members screened by the Information Sharing workgroup. 	
<p>Future Summit Agenda</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invite presenter from TAS or community members/stakeholders/consumers to gauge community perceptions of ACE's use of terms, work, and training/workshop plans. 	

Summit was adjourned at 2:30 PM