



**Colorado Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
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VISION

Colorado Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, in concurrence with the Colorado Department of Human Service vision, seeks to become the nation’s leader in empowering Deaf and Hard of Hearing individuals, families, and communities to become safe and independent.

MISSION

To promote the interests of our constituents and to work to ensure the quality of communication access for individuals who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing living in the state of Colorado.

Appointed Commissioners

It is with pleasure that the following candidates for the open commissioner positions with the Colorado Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing board were appointed by the Governor’s office:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>City</u>
Lisa Weiss	Parent	Denver
Elizabeth Konkel	Professional	Lakewood
Amy Jo Beckett	Public	Grand Junction
Leslie Ralphe	Late Deafened	Colorado Springs
Mary Pat Graham-Kelly	Deaf	Lakewood

The appointed commissioners will serve the term of July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2016, with the exception of Mary Pat Graham-Kelly, who will finish out the term, ending June 30, 2014, of Nicki Runge who resigned in June 2011. Commissioner Ralphe was re-appointed for the second term.

To learn more about them, go to <http://www.ccdhh.com/commission/commissionerbio.aspx>.

Hands up and flashing to these appointed commissioners!

Video Log: FAQs on the Interpreter Title under the Colorado Consumer Protection Act

Click this URL (video screen) to learn about your right as a deaf or non-deaf consumer of sign language interpreting services according to the Colorado Consumer Protection Act: Use of title or degree – deceptive trade:

<http://www.ccdhh.com/services/Statutes.aspx>

This law's objective is to protect consumers of sign language interpreting services – both non-deaf and deaf – by mandating that sign language interpreters who claim to be interpreters have achieved minimum qualification standards as set by the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf.

For a printed FAQs on the Act, go to
<http://www.ccdhh.com/pdf/Statutes/Interpreter%20Title%20Protection%20FAQs%208.24.11.pdf>.

Please don't hesitate to contact us should you have questions or need additional information about this Act.

Commission Meeting

The next Commission meeting and community forum will be held from **4 p.m. to 7 p.m.** on **Thursday, March 7, 2013**. Location of the meeting will be announced.

Our meeting notice and agenda are also posted at
<http://www.coloradodeafcommission.com/commission/agenda.aspx>.

The CCDHH meetings and forums are always open to the public. You are more than welcome to come and be part of the informative and interactive sessions.



**Happy Holidays and have a prosperous new year from the CCDHH commissioners, staff,
and the Department of Human Services!**

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