



LASAC Meeting Notes

Meeting called by: Cheri Davis **Type of meeting:** Legal Advisory Services Advisory Council
Facilitator: Cheri Davis **Note taker:** Cheri

Attendees: LASAC members/Kirk Neuroth/Mandy Turner (Absent: Mark McMullen, Janelle Paccione)
Please read: Agenda
Please bring: All prep materials sent in email before meeting

Notes

Agenda item: 1. Welcome & Introductions **Presenter:** Mathew

Discussion: Everyone has met at the last meeting.

Conclusions: No introductions necessary 😊

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
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Agenda item: 2. Potential Update to LAS Statute **Presenter:** Cheri

Discussion 1: “Technical clean-up” to LAS statute ([C.R.S. 13-90-201 TO 210](#)) to change the name of the Commission and add DeafBlind to the name to reflect new programs recently added. The proposed changes would also clarify and differentiate between the responsibilities of CCDHH-LAS and other appointing authorities.

Conclusions: Cleaning up the LAS statute will keep it consistent with the changes that will be made to the Commission Statute and clear up confusion about the scope of CCDHH-LAS’s responsibility for the provision of services. These changes should be done first as the rule update will also reflect some of those changes to maintain consistency.

Discussion 2: In section 13-90-207, add a #2 after (c) to differentiate CCDHH-LAS’s responsibility for the provision of services and the responsibility of other appointing authorities to provide services. Currently it looks like CCDHH-LAS provides for law enforcement agencies, etc. and which was not the original intent of the law. Adding #2 would still make it clear that other “appointing authorities” are still responsible to provide legally qualified interpreters for those legal situations that do not fall under the purview of CCDHH-LAS. The Colo Department of Human Services (CDHS) must support the proposal to clean up both the Commission and LAS statutes before any next steps.

Conclusions: More information to come when/if process moved forward and discussion at the next meeting if necessary.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Keep LASAC updated as to the progress in CDHS	Cheri	ongoing
✓ If approved by CDHS, send proposed revisions to members	Cheri	ongoing
✓ Put on agenda and discuss at next meeting	Cheri	Fall 2017



Agenda item: 3. Update on Progress of SOPs

Presenter: Cheri

Discussion 1: The “Scheduling Process” section is finished. “Jury Duty” and “Supervised Experience” have been sent out for feedback from service providers.

Conclusions: Feedback will be incorporated before finalizing.

Discussion 2: How to handle the solicitation of feedback for the sections of rule which could be “hot topics”. One example is Section 230, which defines the statuses. Due to the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (RID) moratorium on the Specialist Certificate: Legal, (SC:L) it is not currently possible for interpreters to move up to the Status I category, etc. Revising this section will be controversial as there will be strong feelings about not only the definition of the statuses but the number of training hours required, etc. It was brought up that the section which defines the CART certifications will need to be revised as well.

Conclusions: Discussions around these topics would be more productive in person than via email. Forming focus groups, which include various stakeholder groups, not just interpreters, was suggested. Those focus groups could decide how they would like to communicate and meet. Representatives from the LASAC could also be in the focus groups. Suggestions were made to about how to spread the word and start to “recruit” at the upcoming Colorado Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (CRID) conference in June that Cheri and Mandy will be attending in Colorado Springs.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Finalize “Jury Duty” and “Supervised Experience” sections	Cheri	June 2017
✓ Attend June CRID conference and recruit for potential focus groups	Cheri & Mandy	June 2017
✓ Create flyers and/or sign-up sheets for focus groups	Cheri & Mandy	June 2017

Agenda item: 4. Status of LASAC Member Terms

Presenter: Cheri

Discussion: The 2nd terms of Mathew Ruggles (Deaf Rep.) and Mark McMullen (Disability Law Rep.) expire on 6/30/17.

Conclusions: Two vacancies on the LASAC for Deaf Rep. and Disability Law Rep. Vacancies will need to be filled for terms to begin 7/1/17.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Advertise for 2 positions for terms starting 7/1/17	Cheri	June 1, 2017
✓ Help recruit/advertise for vacant positions	LASAC Members	ongoing

Agenda item: 5. New CDHS Procures for Committees & Councils

Presenter: Cheri

Discussion 1: CDHS is implementing new procedures for all boards, commissions, committees and councils to standardize the way they do business and to ensure they are all following the law which requires all meetings to be open to the public. The Boards and Commissions Liaison met with Cheri to discuss the new requirements for applying and being selected. From now on, all prospective candidates for the LASAC will have to apply online and the recommendation for selection must be approved by the Director of the Office of Community Access and Independence, Mark Wester. All members will also be required to take an online training which explains the structure and purpose of the Department of Human Services as well as the roles and responsibilities of members who serve. The question was posed about the need for the requirement of the LASAC to stay written in rule or taken out when the rules are updated. There was a mix of feelings within the group. Some of the “pros” to keep the LASAC in rule were: community “voice” will not be



lost, especially if there is turn-over in CCDHH staff; community oversight and involvement will remain. Some “cons” were: less independence and flexibility to serve community needs quickly; more levels of Department oversight; inability to interact directly with legislature. It was clarified that if removed from rule the LASAC would not be disbanded and could continue to meet on an ad hoc or informal basis as needed.

Conclusions:

The next 2 vacancies, for terms beginning July 1, 2017, will have to be filled following this new procedure. More discussion required regarding whether or not to keep the LASAC in rule when the rule revisions are done.

Discussion 2: The need for a “Chair” position within the LASAC

Conclusions: More discussion needed at the next meeting which will include new members.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Advertise for vacant positions with link to online application	Cheri	Early June
✓ Have all current LASAC members take online CDHS training	Cheri	Fall 2017
✓ LASAC in rule? and need for Chair ? on agenda for next meeting	Cheri	Fall meeting

Other Information

Observers: None

Resources: all attachments sent before meeting

Special notes:

- Invite Boards & Commissions Liaison to the next meeting?
- Next CCDHH Board Meeting June 1, 2017, Alamosa, CO