

Kansas Association of the Deaf Board Meeting
Leavenworth, Kansas
August 13, 2017

1. Call to Order

President Lorrie Shank called the meeting in order at 1:45 pm.

2. Roll Call

President Lorrie Shank
Vice President LaDonna Snyder
Secretary Jennifer Carlino
Treasurer Amy Thompson
Youth Coordinator Jean Scammey
Appointed Board Member Kim Anderson
Appointed Board Member Pamela Siebert
K-CAP Chair Scott Plummer
2019 Conference Chairperson (Vacant)

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: None

4. Communications

- KSDAA's invitation for KSD's Grand Opening of Jackrabbits Basketball Court
 - Saturday, September 23, 2017 at 1:00 pm to 1:30 pm

5. Reports of KAD Officers:

A. President's Report:

1. I have been corresponding with Robert Cooper, KCDHH Executive Director, about setting up a meeting with Johnson County Sheriff's office for the purpose of strengthening the relationship between law enforcement and the deaf community. Tim Anderson who represents MidAmerica Alliances for Access will also be involved.
2. I have been corresponding with Robert Cooper for VRI issues. Scott Plummer will explain more in his report.
3. Touch Signals (DeafBlind) are still in the process of setting up workshops with KSD (Joan Macy, Outreach Services), Helen Keller National Center at KSD (Beth Jordan), KCDHH, KAI-RID, and KAD. The workshops were to be provided in the fall; however, it was decided that it was postponed to a later date in the spring, so it'll give us more time in planning and obtaining sponsorships. Presenters will be Beth Jordan and Maricar

Marquez (an assistant program coordinator for independent living at the Helen Keller National Center in Sands Point, N.Y.).

4. Luanne Barron, KSD interim Superintendent, and Joan Macy invited KAD, KCDHH, Kim Anderson, Scott Plummer, and a few other people to meet and work collaboratively as well as strengthening their relationship. They would like to learn more about our perspectives and thoughts on Outreach services and their roles for serving Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing students all across the state of Kansas.
5. Johnson County Mental Health - Elijah Buchholz and Mary Van Bavel - Shared concerns about flyers not being developed and advertised in time. An article was supposed to be shared via the KAD newsletter. The JoCo Mental Health staff has been notified several times, but no answer.
6. Monthly NAD Region II - Richard McCowen and Lindsay Darnall, Jr. who are regional representatives. The state associations from Region II will meet monthly via ZOOM to discuss any issues or updates with their state or NAD.
7. Veronica Framers resigned from her position as a president of KAI due to unresolved issues and a conflict of interest.

B. Vice President's Report:

1. I would like to share a discussion about Junior National Association of the Deaf (Jr NAD) with Polly Rolofson who is a sponsor of Jr. NAD at Kansas School for the Deaf. Polly and I came to a decision that we chose two students, Tiadra Vang and Jayman Washington, to go to Jr. NAD conference in Nebraska. I am hoping that KSD can help contribute financial assistance from its KSD endowment for the students going to the conference. I had a meeting with Mary Hughes who is the Dean of Students at KSD. She is responsible with KSD's Handbook which has been revised for KSD Endowment. The newer policy is much stricter than expected. I'm asking the board members to be familiar with this process.
2. I would like to mention that, since the Deaf Youth Leadership Retreat is typically hosted by KSD, we have discussed that KSD has many sport events on almost every weekend in the fall season. I highly recommend to have the retreat hosted in the spring. The topic will be discussed further, so please keep this in mind.

3. Finally, I will still help assist Jean Scammy as Youth Program Coordinator in order to accomplish our goal this year. I will keep following up with KSD on the Jr. NAD conference and Youth Leadership Retreat.

C. Secretary

No Report

D. Treasurer's Report:

KAD Budget as of August 12, 2016

Checking Account: \$44,142.53

ZVRS-Special Fund: \$6,683.09

KAD's General Fund: \$37,459.44

\$37,459.44 - General Fund

\$19,145.00 - Budget Fund (As of July 31, 2017)

\$18,314.44

LaRosh (Merrill Lynch): \$86,583.31 (as of June 2017)

Merrill Lynch: \$48,762.90 (as of June 2017)

Total of Merrill Lynch accounts: \$135,346.21

Grand total: \$179,488.74

In addition to this report, the KAD president, Lorrie, contacted State Farm and requested name changes - from the previous KAD president, Ann Cooper, to the current treasurer, Amy Thompson. The form for requesting a name change was filled out by Amy Thompson. Lorrie will then send it to State Farm on Monday, August 14, 2017.

E. Youth Coordinator

*Refer to Vice President's Report.

F. Appointed Board Member Kim Anderson

No Report

G. Appointed Board Member Pamela Siebert

No Report

H. K-CAP Chair's Report:

1. The interim superintendent of Kansas School for the Deaf is Luanne Barron. She is currently under a 6-month long evaluation by Dr. Randy Watson who is a KSDE commissioner. Her position could become permanent after the first 6-month period.

2. After the selection of an interim superintendent, the majority wants to focus on a deaf mentoring program; however, VRI issues and my concerns about the KSD outreach team are our current top priorities.
3. Robert Cooper asked the K-CAP committee, including me, to lead the VRI survey. We are already using KCDHH's survey which is over 20 questions. We, will need to modify the survey by reducing it to a few questions.
4. We will have a K-CAP meeting on August 30th at 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. We will need to work on a VRI survey and appoint an interpreting service chairperson. We will also need to arrange one or two town hall meetings.
5. I went to a KUMC "advisory" meeting on August 3rd. They no longer provide four interpreters on site. However, they want to find solutions about a patient's choice of using interpreters. Of course, they want to save their money by using VRI. We suggested them to have the front desk worker such as ASL coordinator or triage. They are considering to expand staff by hiring a CDI or deaf social workers as triage/language assessment. They will be able to filter the needs of the patient from the language assessment. We stated that they should develop an "informed consent" form to give us some options such as an on-site interpreter, VRI, and/or CDI. The informed consent is likely to help deaf clients accept VRI services at the right time and place. KUMC pointed out that they had difficulty in finding interpreters. Robert mentioned that Sorenson VRS has 106 interpreters. Sorenson is willing to free up eleven interpreters for the community-based and medicine-related interpreting services. KUMC also complained about the CDI shortage. Robert also mentioned that the demands of requesting CDIs are high whereas there is a very low number (supply) of CDIs. KUMC has an opportunity to increase the demands of full-time CDI positions in order to increase job marketing. They are putting all of those factors as stated above into consideration.
6. Luanne Barron asked us to have a collaborative meeting with the KSD Outreach team on August 18th.

I. 2019 Conference Chairperson (vacant)

6. Important Business to Decide:

- Brochures - Pamela Siebert will revise it. The planning of delivering postcards is on hold.
- Polo Shirts - KAD still has old polo shirts. We discussed about new shirts being ordered.

- Necrology - KAD prefers a list of only deceased KAD members.
- Statewide Picnic - It is on hold until the next meeting.
- 2019 Conference - We discussed about finding a conference chairperson and wanting to host our own conference rather than collaborating it with KAI-RID. That led to a proposal of a motion.
- KAI President resigned.
- Jr. NAD
- Outreach Program

7. Unfinished Business:

- Statewide Picnic

8. New Business:

KAD-BD-17-09:

Kim Anderson (Amy Thompson) moves that the 2019 Conference be a dual track 2-day conference with understanding that only the President's Reception and banquet be a shared responsibility by conference track committees. **PASSED**

KAD-BD-17-10:

Amy Thompson (LaDonna Snyder) moves that we board officers appoint Kim Anderson and Pamela Siebert as newly appointed board members for 2017-2019. **PASSED**

KAD-BD-17-11:

Scott Plummer (Pamela Siebert) moves that Lorrie Shank, Amy Thompson, Kim Anderson, and LaDonna Snyder to attend NTLC in Oklahoma City, OK on October 5-7, 2017 from line #3. **PASSED**

KAD-BD-17-12:

Amy Thompson (LaDonna Snyder) moves to correct the grand total of the Budget Plan from \$19,950.00 to \$20,250.00. **PASSED**

KAD-BD-17-13:

Jean Scammey (Scott Plummer) moves that we sponsor MDHAC Un-Gala, which is on September 30, 2017, for \$500.00 (\$250.00 from line #15 and \$250.00 from line #18). **PASSED**

9. Announcement(s) - None

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned sine die at 5:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Carlino
Secretary
Kansas Association of the Deaf