

FCCDHH Strategic Planning Committee Meeting
April 30, 2008
1:30 – 2:30

Present: Joan Haber, John Jackson, Julie Church, Julie Shaw, Karen Anderson, Chris Wagner

Strategic planning discussions at the May meeting will be difficult because we have so many members whose terms are ending.

Chris focused the committee on the FCCDHH February 2008 strategic planning discussion.

- No funding line items for D/HH/LD/DB
- Existing legislative barrier
- Need for methods to reach out to legislators
- Separation within the larger group by communication modality and the need to pull together as one voice

Effort into planning top priorities is needed:

- Recommend policy changes for increased funding for services – need to rewrite statute; develop proviso language
- Need to collaborate within all groups of D/HH/LD/DB for support by getting the groups together and involved
- Websites need to become more of a resource for all persons with hearing loss
- When we identify barriers we also need to identify solutions

Have now condensed all goals into only 3 long term goals:

- Dissemination and education of medical accessibility information
- Partner with existing groups to further employment issues
- Completing the work with the medical and legal task forces.

Julie raised the question about where interpreter licensure would fall in the priorities if the bill did not pass. Chris indicated that it continues to be an important activity but FCCDHH has done its part and it is now up to FRID and FAD to further this issue. Julie Shaw said that she assumed that there would be a change in strategy to move the bill as the current strategy has not been successful. Chris stated that FRID has taken the lead for the last couple of years with the support of the council.

Chris asked Joan where we stand with strategic planning with so many members going off the council. She stated that 6 seats are turning over and 5 members are clearly not applying for renewal. It is possible that there will be 8 new people starting in August. So the majority of people who would be on the Council to see the goals through may not even be appointed yet. Julie Church said that she

decided to try to renew her seat on the council so that she can offer some continuity.

John and Julie both stated that they thought that there should be a vote in May and would have this blueprint to follow. In August the new council could review and responsibilities could be assigned to accomplish the priorities.

Any new member coming into this kind of position would come in with the understanding that they are entering into the middle of existing activities. New members will need to attend an orientation session. Chris offered to pull together some tasks under each priority so that there is more to provide to the Council to vote on than the one page summary from the February meeting.

Julie Shaw suggested a Legislative Committee task force that includes stakeholders. The possibility even having only one Council member on the Task Force so that Sunshine constraints will not be an impediment to the creative process was suggested. She also suggested that an Executive Director position be added. Council restructuring and obtaining a line item for services is needed, but a Division is needed, not an enhanced Council. Maybe it is time to reconsider positions that the Council now funds (i.e. outreach as a priority, use of 2nd outreach position).

Chris will work with Julie Shaw and will get the priorities and tasks developed and he will send it to the committee members by Monday.

Furthermore, it is important for separation between members by modality and personality also be addressed by the Council.

Julie inquired if the LSATF has had communication with the Supreme Court Accessibility committee. This information will be shared with the LSATF committee chairs.

Adjourned call at 2:39