

Governor's Advisory Board for Telecommunications Relay Board Meeting

Opening:

The quarterly meeting of the Governor's Advisory Board for Telecommunications Relay was called to order at *9am on Thursday April 27th at TAM Office and Zoom Video Conferencing.*

Present:

GABTR Board Members:

Darrin Smith

Allysa Dittmar

Kenneth Putkovich

Deirdre Cheek Lynch Esq.

Alex Simmons

Payal Sharmacharya

Glenn Lockhart

Steve Cooper

Michelle Lionie Morales

David Drezner

Lori Markland (Berrong)

Shannon Minnick

TAM Staff:

David Bahar

Donna Broadway-Callaman

Leslie Hannibal

Kevin Steffy

Travis Dougherty

Brandie Callender

Hamilton Staff:

Jenny Pearson

Melissa McMahon

Interpreters:

Anna Rose

Anne Leahy

Gavin Gobble Baker

Chante Wilson

Erik Olson

Absent:

Al Sonnenstrahl

Approval of Agenda

Agenda for the GABTR meeting for April 2023 was approved as distributed.

Approval of Minutes

Meeting minutes for the previous GABTR meeting held in January 2023 were approved.

Director's Report by David Bahar:**Finance Manager's Report by Leslie Hannibal:****Maryland Relay's Report by Travis Dougherty:****Maryland Accessibility Technology's Report by Kevin Steffy:**

-The MAT program has received 148 new applications this quarter, an increase from 122 last quarter.

-MAT program has distributed 270 pieces of equipment this quarter, an increase of 133 last quarter.

-CF program has provided 137 services, an increase from 107 last quarter. For FY23 the CF program is at 304, this time FY22 it was 60. CF currently has 11 DeafBlind users.

Outreach's Report by Donna Broadway:

-Outreach continues to be busy and will have a busy May. Events for May include: MCAP 2023 in Bethesda MD, Maryland Library Association (MLA) in Cambridge MD, The ARC Convention in Ellicott City MD, NASW 2023 Annual Conference in Ocean City MD.

-Maryland Relay is working closely with Yesheva Kelly to continue migrating the website from DoIT to MDoD.

-Maryland Relay is still waiting for information from the Moore-Miller administration regarding communications and publication guidelines. Until information is received, Maryland Relay is limiting the use of Hogan administration collateral.

-Maryland currently has no assigned Outreach Coordinator, in the meantime while waiting for positions to be filled Hamilton is providing coverage with out of state coordinators to assist with the Relay event calendar.

Maryland Relay will continue with the current Outreach efforts: mailings, advertising, webinars, events both in person and virtual, networking.

Business From the Previous Meeting:

Currently awaiting information from the Attorney General's office regarding by-law updates.

New Business:

All board members will have expired membership before the next board meeting. Board members are encouraged to begin the renewal process on their membership before the next board meeting.

Announcements:

No announcements at this time.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at *10:14am* by *Darrin Smith*

Minutes submitted by:

Minutes Draft approved by: