

CDCI personnel present: Audrey Homan, Rachel Cronin, Winnie Looby, Jesse Suter

Members of the public: John Pirone and Bradley Brown
American Sign Language program.

Members chose meeting roles:

- Facilitator: David & Jesse
- Recorder: CDCI Staff
- Timekeeper: Meagan / Valerie
- Jargon buster: Valerie
- Keeper of the rudder:
- Equalizer: Nicole
- Processor: Mary Alice

Discussion about quorum

- There were not enough members present for quorum at the beginning of the meeting (6 were present).
- The number of members present changed during the meeting.
- Some had to join late and others had to leave early.
- We had to check if we had enough people to meet and to vote.
- 9 members were present for at least part of the meeting. This was more than half, so we had quorum.
- More than half of members present were self-advocates and family members.

Discussion about representing groups

- Disability Rights Vermont (DRVT) is a required group for the CAC.

- Lindsey Owen is the director but could not attend today.
- Nicole Chicoine works at DRVT and came to the meeting today to represent.
- CAC members discussed whether this counted as a member attending from DRVT. They decided she did. Nicole C. said she did not feel comfortable voting and abstained from all votes today.

Members voted on draft minutes:

- Persephone made a motion to approve minutes from the last meeting. Liliane seconded the motion.

CAC Member	Roll Call Vote
Karen Price (Co-chair)	Not present
David Frye (Co-chair)	Yes
June Bascom	Not present
Mary Alice Favro	Yes
Kristofor Medina	Not present
Kirsten Murphy	Not present
Nicole Chicoine	Abstain
Persephone Ringgenberg	Yes
Meagan Roy	Yes
Liliane Savard	Yes
Michael Shor	Not present
Arline Seiler	Yes
Randy Lizotte	Not present
Nicole Villemaire	Yes

- **VOTE to approve meeting minutes passed with 7 Yes votes, 0 No votes, and 1 abstain.**

0 Membership Committee

1. Discuss new applications.
2. **VOTE: New members.**
3. **VOTE: Members who want a 2nd term.**

Discussion:

New applicant to CAC: Melissa Houser

- Liliane shared membership committee interview with Melissa Houser.
- Identifies as an Autistic person, parent of young Autistic child, and doctor. Shared concerns that very difficult to get services.
- Kirsten and Liliane strongly recommend voting to allow her to join CAC.
- Members discussed the application, agreeing there are serious concerns about getting services in Vermont.

VOTE: Do you vote to invite Melissa Houser to join the CAC?

- Mary Alice made motion to invite Melissa to CAC.
- Discussion no further discussion

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Persephone Ringgenberg	Yes

- Priorities are similar to last year. More emphasis on internship and career development.
- Working with Vermont Center for Independent Living and State Independent Living Council. Working on courses that could be available for free online.
- Members asked for more details about online courses.

Core function 2: We support

- Jesse Suter shared 3 annual priorities.
- Also shared that Darren McIntyre is no longer core function coordinator for community service. This is because he started a new project on Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and DeafBlind consulting (see later in agenda).
- Members shared we are serving.

Core function 3: We study

- Valerie Wood shared 4 annual priorities.
- Now with Audrey as new dissemination coordinator, able to work on sharing research in plain language.
- Request to share how to improve accessibility of research with Liliane.
- Members asked for more details about the research that would be summarized. Valerie said one was for on the Think College peer mentor program.

ASL. Why? He is concerned students and families are not given a choice to learn ASL, so they do not.

- John also shared concerns about how the Agency of Education created this grant. Concerned that members of the Deaf community were not part of writing the grant, reviewing applications, or choosing who got the money.
- John said it is important for program to know:
 - Deaf people have lived experience in educational settings. Need to hear their stories.
 - Need to examine system and its ableism and audism.
 - Focus on Deaf children and their future. Importance of communication and educational access.
 - CDCI now has a big role in their futures.
 - Like to have an open and transparent discussion about this. Looking for mutual respect.
 - Students should learn ASL as first language.
- Several members thanked John for his public comment. They asked for updates from CDCI on this work.
- Liliane invited John or other members of Deaf community to participate on CAC.
- Margaret thanked John and said she would like to partner with John more.
- Mary Alice opportunity to engage meaningfully with Deaf community and start with a good relationship. An advisory council can be part of that, and also reaching out to people to get a wide range of opinions. Recognize that many parents are

