

Advisory Committee notes of the January 19, 2008 meeting

Present:

<i>Southeast</i> Tammy Dearth	<i>Northeast</i> Lisa Petrucci Carol Black	<i>Northwest</i>	<i>Central</i> Sarah McKinney Julie Loedding	<i>Southwest</i> Mary Roark Sherry Miller
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<i>At Large</i> Pat Maille	<i>Task Force</i> Becky Costas	<i>ISLR/Outreach staff</i> Jean Parmir	Pam Brodie
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ITP Faculty

Cuyahoga Community College	Donna Liebenauer
Ohio University-Chillicothe	Lori Woods
Wright State University	Greta Knigga

Discussion: ITP Issues

EIPA performance test (PT) and written test (WT) sites: At the November ITP Collaborative meeting, Wright State University, Sinclair College, the University of Cincinnati, and Columbus State Community College indicated an interest in becoming sites for the EIPA-WT. Donna Liebenauer indicated that Cuyahoga Community College would also be interested. Greta Knigga of WSU has sent her application and is waiting to hear from Boys Town, where the EIPA is administered. *(Note: Greta was approved as an EIPA-WT LTA and has scheduled dates. She is applying to also be an EIPA-PT LTA.)* Kent State applied for EIPA-PT but had not been able to schedule the test. ISLR is hoping to have a staff member approved as an EIPA-PT LTA after we receive the results of our evaluations. *(See ISLR Updates below.)*

Committee on licensure issues: Greta Knigga of WSU, Kate O'Regan of KSU (who has since moved to Virginia), Chris Evenson of CSCC, and Jean set up a committee and have begun email discussion of issues related to interpreter licensure and interpreters working without the required licenses. We noted that interpreters who graduated from programs outside the state need to contact Jennifer Kangas at the ODE Credentials Review Board to request a license.

Writing Team for ODE Educator Preparation: ODE has set up a team to develop performance-based standards, report submission guidelines, and templates for Interpreter Training Programs requesting or continuing approval for licensure. They will meet February 28th 12:00-5:00 PM and February 29th 8:00 AM-12:00 PM in Columbus. ITP coordinators Donna Liebenauer, Leah Subak, Phyllis Adams, Chris Evenson, and Lori Woods will be serving on the writing team along with Jean, Pam, and Linda Ross.

Discussion: Other issues

Working conditions survey: All responses have been entered. We need to analyze the data and determine how to share it. Pam and Jean will look at the raw data and see what we can do on our own and will also look into getting assistance on working with the statistics. A report will be scheduled for the Deaf Educators Network (DEN) Meeting on April 18. Task force members are invited to come to the meeting to discuss the surveys and answer questions. They will also be part of the Monday morning plenary at Summer Institute.

SI planning: We are confirmed for Bern Jones, Deb Jones, and Brenda Chafin Seal. Jean has talked with Marla Berkowitz and has sent an email to confirm. David Quinto-Pozos is not available. AC members suggested additional topics and presenters. Our opening plenary session, "What Educational Interpreters Need to Know," will cover only two topics: the working conditions survey and standardized testing. Each topic will have 30 minutes for its presentation and 15 minutes for questions. We will have cards for people to write questions on, and AC members will collect and sort them. Any questions not covered during the session will be answered in the newsletter or individually if people put their phone numbers/email addresses on the cards.

Resources lists: Sara has developed a resource list with notes for Science and resource lists without notes for Language Arts and Social Studies. AC members are asked to suggest additional resources. We would welcome volunteers to work on notes for the Language Arts and Social Studies lists.

ISLR/Outreach updates

April regional workshop: Tammy has secured the East Muskingham Middle School. Margaret Murphy will be the attending staff member. Tammy will assist with registration and onsite needs. Jean is waiting for information from Sharon Bordean for the RID CEUs and the registration form, which will be available online on March 5.

Online events: The "Deaf Identity" seminar has 1 parent and 19 interpreters. Participation has been good. Margaret Murphy is assisting with facilitation of the online platform. We are continuing discussions with the Ohio Coalition on Deafblind Education about an online workshop/course on our on interpreting for deafblind students with Susanne Morgan Morrow.

Mentor program: We are full for the current session and have a few people on the list for spring. We are doing a group mentoring session with one school district. They will be working with both an interpreter mentor and a Deaf mentor, as well as doing peer mentoring.

EIPA: ISLR staff members Sara Paullin Casto, Trudy Halker, Margaret Murphy, and Jean Parmir took the performance test at OSD along with Leah Subak, who is an ISLR mentor. Jean felt that the test was challenging, especially for someone who does not work frequently in the classroom. Since Greta Knigga has applied to be an LTA for the written test, Wright State will be an option for ISLR staff members because it is closer than Beachwood.

Special Education trainings: Outreach and the ODE Office for Exceptional Children (OEC) sponsored training for administrators in programs that have students who are deaf/hard of hearing. The training, provided through the National Association of State Directors of Special Education, was "Meeting the Needs of Students Who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing: An Educational Services Guideline." Greg Maloney, the director of OEC who assisted in promoting the training, is leaving ODE. Handouts from the training are available on the OSD Outreach website. Pam Brodie attended a statewide special education conference. One issue was enforcement of the Special Education Operating Standards and the need for a range of disciplinary action for noncompliance.

New School plans: The plans are still being developed, and updates can be found at a link from the OSD website home page.

Regional reports

There were no individual reports because of lack of time.

Announcements: Columbus will be hiring an interpreter. Canton hired one interpreter but is currently in a hiring freeze. The Zanesville program has announced that they will close this year; parents need information on options. The Outreach Parent Mentor is an excellent resource. OSD will be hosting the Central States Schools for the Deaf tournament January 23-27 and a Mock Academic Bowl on January 31 from 6-8 PM. Students from OSD and Upper Arlington will compete in the bowl.

Next meeting:

April 19, 2008, Open Meeting

Jean will develop a registration form; anyone who registers in advance will receive a certificate of attendance. We will provide lunch. Staff who attend and AC members will chip in to purchase pizzas, using an OSD discount. Julie will coordinate other items for potluck. Outreach has paper products and plastic ware that we can use.