# June 13, 2018 Advisory Council Meeting Notes

Council Members Present: Kamran Rasul, Krista Bulger, Lee Olsen, and Tyler Schrenk

WATAP Staff and Partners Present: Scott Canaan, Alan Knue, Naomi Namekata, and Emerson Sekins

Council Members Absent: Mario Eiland, Sandra Goodwick, John Bresko, Francisco Felan, DJ (Daniel) Lindberg, Andrew Pettersson, and Kimberly Meck

## WATAP Activity and Partnership Updates

Alan reported that WATAP finally received the remainder of the FY 2018 award with the passage of an omnibus package that included an increase of 2 million for the Assistive Technology (AT) Act Programs. WATAP’s full award for FY 2018 is $521,111 and is an increase of about 7.412% over the FY 2017 award. WATAP plans to use the additional funds to continue its statewide outreach and demonstration efforts and to provide more support to community partners.

The national Association of Assistive technology Act Programs (ATAP) is continuing to advocate for full funding for the AT Act in the FY 2019 budget.

## We have a new contact at DVR (Dan Kay) with the retirement of Andres Aguirre and Esther Bennett. The 2018-2020 contract which will have a start date of July 1, 2018 is being drafted and will provide funds for training, equipment for the WATAP Lending Library, and quarterly device lending fees. We have 1 more training in Vancouver June 19-20 under the current contract ending on June 30th.

## iCanConnect WA (the FCC funded program that provides telecommunication equipment and training to deaf-blind individuals) is wrapping up by mid-June for the fiscal year. WATAP provided over $19,000 in services for this program in May and overall exceeded the state allotment for July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018.

## We have 1 more training (Bellingham, September 13th) for the ALTSA (Aging & Long-term Support Administration) network in our current agreement. We continue to explore with ALTSA collaboration options after this agreement ends.

Washington State University Skagit County Extension submitted a proposal for the AgrAbility grant and we feel well positioned to get funded. If funded, WSU and its major partners, the Northwest Access Fund and WATAP, will be able to expand their combined reach through education, networking and assistance, and marketing activities to better serve the AT needs of agricultural workers.

Emerson Sekins reported that the NW Access Fund applied for an Alternative Financing Program grant funded through the Administration on Community Living to both expand the Fund’s affordable loan fund with a new home modification loan product that has market equivalent terms of up to $35,000 loaned and maximum term to ten years, and to develop and launch an AT Funding Navigator Program in Washington state, which will provide up-to-date funding resources and information to help inform and target guidance and referral to other statewide programs. The latter program will involve deep collaborations not only with WATAP, but also DVR, DSB, NW ADA Center, ALTSA/Home and Community Services/No Wrong Door, Education entities, and others. This effort will be supported long term with an increased contract amount form WATAP to the NW Access Fund.

WATAP met with and provided feedback around cognition/reading disabilities and low-vision to Democracy Live, who are developing an electronic ballet on a tablet for voting. We will continue to provide accessibility and usability feedback for this and other products they are offering to states around voting.

We are also working with the City of Seattle to provide training to staff later this summer around creation of accessible documents and overall information and communication technology accessibility.

With FY 2018 finally fully funded, we have purchased new technologies for our demonstration and device lending library. New equipment includes:

* Computer Anti Glare Glasses (like <https://www.amazon.com/Computer-Glasses-Glare-Reflective-Coating/dp/B00ARJLA6W> )
* OrCam (<https://www.orcam.com/en/> )
* Eschenbach Visolux Digital XL FHD (<https://www.eschenbach.com/products/video-magnifiers-hand-held-visolux-digital-xl.asp> )
* Apple HomePod (<https://www.apple.com/homepod/> )
* Logitech Circle 2 (<https://www.logitech.com/en-us/product/circle-2-home-security-camera> )
* Budgee Robot (<http://5elementsrobotics.com/budgee-main/> )
* Scan Jig (<http://www.scanjig.com/>)
* GlassOuse with Bite Switch (<http://glassouse.com/> )
* Muse Brain Sensing headband (<https://www.amazon.com/Muse-Brain-Sensing-Headband-Black/dp/B00LOQR37C/ref=sr_1_3?ie=UTF8&qid=1528919483&sr=8-3&keywords=the+brain+sensing+headband>)
* Harmony Hub (<https://www.bestbuy.com/site/logitech-harmony-smart-control-black/8574049.p?skuId=8574049&ref=212&loc=1&gclid=CjwKCAjw2dvWBRBvEiwADllhn6JI5jB6J1ncLwuVQzhIib3P-ktJYPqNoWFF8MCoBjaC-nK-NWEJzhoCBnsQAvD_BwE&gclsrc=aw.ds>)
* Knocki (<https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/knocki/knocki-make-any-surface-smart>)
* Orbit Reader (<https://www.aph.org/orbit-reader-20/> )
* QuietOn Earbuds (<https://quieton.com/> )
* HERO e-pill Automatic Dispenser (<https://herohealth.com/> )
* C-Pen Reader Pen 2 (<https://cpen.shop/product/reader-pen-2/>)
* Google Home (<https://store.google.com/us/product/google_home?hl=en-US> )
* Flic (<https://flic.io/> )
* Kasa Smart Wi-Fi LED Light Bulb by TP-Link (<https://www.amazon.com/dp/B01HXM8XE2/ref=twister_B073WM36DW?_encoding=UTF8&psc=1>)
* Kasa Smart Wi-Fi Plug Mini by TP-Link (2-Pack) (<https://www.amazon.com/Kasa-Smart-Wi-Fi-Plug-TP-Link/dp/B06WD6Q8K9/ref=sr_1_4?s=hi&ie=UTF8&qid=1524085278&sr=1-4&keywords=tp%2Blink%2Bmini%2Bsmart%2Bplug&th=1> )
* Spire Stone Activity Tracker Calming Device (<https://spire.io/products/stone> )

## Council Member Updates and Upcoming Events

None reported at the meeting.

## Next Advisory Council Meeting:

August 8, 2018: via Zoom 11am-noon; Meeting ID: 867 421 200