

Agenda

Council and WATAP Staff Happenings, Updates, and Upcoming Events

Move to ACL

- Will be getting training on new rules from the ACL
- So far things are going smoothly
- Data collection conversation will be happening tomorrow.
 - Dept. of Ed had agreed AT Programs could use collection form this year but they didn't make plans to update the system this year.

National Deaf-Blind Equipment Distribution Program

- We have been moving forward in getting the program straighten up and fixing some equipment matches
- Unfortunately will not be able use all the money this year
- We have begun to be able to do some assessments after the program had a 9 month lag.
- Have saturated marketing to the deaf community for whom ASL is their primary language
 - Still need to do more work on outreach to blind/vision community.
- Applications go through the Office of Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

AgrAbility

- Have a contact at WSU who is willing to help us submit a the grant to the USDA
- This would provide extra funding to do outreach about AT to agricultural workers.

Community First Choice (CFC)

- New waiver program being implemented in WA.
- Will include an option for individual's to purchase \$500 of AT per year.
- We are looking to

Anniversary Event Planning Update

- We are using the Husky Deli for food – we'll get a server/bartender from them.
- We will buy beer and wine
- Sam sent out invites on Monday through Event Brite. Concerned that they will end up in people' junk mail.
 - Kimberly suggested sending follow up email to non-respondents from my email letting them know they received an invite on Monday.
- The invite list is the same as it was left at the end of the last AC meeting except we added a few people we had forgotten.

- Maria suggested inviting consumers we have served repeatedly over the years. Everyone seemed to think this was a good idea.

Website Update and Launch

- Website should be live next week – whoohoo!
- There will be an updated online lending library which will make browsing and requesting easier.
 - Sam is doing a live run through with partners on Thursday.
- There will be a tab called “Admin Backdoor”
 - Advisory Council members will have a login under that tab. There will be a forum where people can chat, Sam will post meeting minutes, advisory council contact list, by-laws, and the recruitment letter.

Council Member Recruitment Update and Next Steps

- We have some people we have had contact with and will be following up and hopefully have people on by June.
- Kamran has someone in mind to recruit
- We need a consumer member immediately
- We also need to replace three other consumers at the end of the year.

Dates for the next Council meetings

- Wednesday, June 10 (in person 10am-2pm)
- Wednesday, August 12 (teleconference 10-11am)
- Wednesday, October 14 (in-person 10am-2pm)
- Wednesday, December 9th (teleconference 10-11am)