

**FLORIDA COORDINATING COUNCIL
FOR THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING**
Virtual Quarterly Meeting
Thursday, May 9th, 2024
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Glenna Ashton (Florida Association of the Deaf), Cory Parker (Department of Education, Vocational Rehabilitation, Gina Halliburton (Florida Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf), Jenny Rojas (Department of Elder Affairs), John Jackson (Department of Children and Families), Chris Littlewood (Association of Late Deafened Adults), and Cindy Simon.

Department of Health:

Gabby O’Sullivan and Anna Simmons

Service Providers:

Kelly Gagain, Carrie Moore, Natasha Moreno, Elijah Griffen, Clint Solomon, and Brenda Howe (Interpreters), Lisa Johnston (CART), and Josh Rumschlag (AV).

Cindy Simon made a motion to accept the minutes from the February meeting with corrections and it was seconded by Chris Littlewood. The minutes were voted on and accepted with corrections being made.

Presentation:

David Volper from the Hellen Keller National Center for DeafBlind Youths and Adults presented to the Council.

Biennial Report:

The Council focused on reviewing the 2025 Biennial Report Draft.

Public Comments:

Cecil Bradley provided a public comment to update the Council on the ongoing work being done at Florida Telecommunications Relay, Inc. (FTRI).

Debbe Hagner provided a public comment updating the Council on her work with HLAA and her sponsorship for ALDACon.

Diana Sharp provided a public comment which opened a discussion about what sort of data is being collected about interpreters in Florida.

Friday, May 10th, 2024
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Glenna Ashton (Florida Association of the Deaf), Cory Parker (Department of Education, Vocational Rehabilitation, Gina Halliburton (Florida Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf), John Jackson (Department of Children and Families), and Cindy Simon.

Department of Health:

Gabby O'Sullivan and Anna Simmons

Service Providers:

Kelly Gagain, Carrie Moore, Clint Solomon, and Christopher Costa (Interpreters), Lisa Johnston (CART), and Josh Rumschlag (AV).

Staff Updates:

Gabby O'Sullivan provided the following.

Organization Updates:

- Audiologist Representative: Cindy had no updates for the council.
- Vocational Rehabilitation: Cory had no updates for the council.
- Florida Association of the Deaf (FAD): Glenna provided an update. FAD had elections and there is a new president.
- Department of Children and Families (DCF): John Jackson had no updates for the council.

Committee Updates:

- EMOT: No update.
- Ad Hoc – Bylaws: No update.
- Budget: No update.
- Legislative: No update.

Cindy Simon made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Cory Parker seconded. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:54 am.