



TASK FORCE MEETING AGENDA-Draft
Friday, May 3, 2019
North Carolina Institute of Medicine, Morrisville, NC
10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Call In & Zoom Meeting Instructions:

Please join our Zoom Meeting at: <https://unc.zoom.us/j/322788476>
Zoom Meeting ID: 322788476
Conference Number: 877-951-6965 | Participant Code: 77582088
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Timeline:

10:00 – 10:25 AM

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- Welcome
- Recap TF Meeting 2
- Layout Timeline for remaining meetings
- Terms List

10:25 - 10:45AM

Communication Access in Healthcare Study

Kathleen C Thomas, PhD, MPH

Senior Research Fellow Mental Health Services Research

UNC Cecil G. Sheps Center for Health Services Research

10:45 - 10:55AM

Challenges in Advocating for Communication Access

Jan Withers, MA

Director

Division of Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing



10:55 - 11:25AM

Litigation and Legal Advocacy

Corye Dunn

Director of Public Policy
Disability Rights NC

11:25 - 12:10PM

Communication Access Fund Questions and Discussion

David Rosenthal (Co-Chair)

Retired
Minnesota Department of Human Services

Mark Benton (Co-Chair)

Deputy Secretary
NC Department of Health and Human Services

12:10 – 12:50 PM

Lunch (Provided)

12:50 – 1:20 AM

Qualifications and Availability of Sign Language Interpreters in NC

Lee Williamson

Communication Access Manager
NC Department of Health and Human Services
Division of Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

1:20– 2:00 PM

Interpreter Education and Pipeline Challenge

Kelle Owens, MPA

Executive Director
Communication Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

2:00 – 2:45 PM

Discussion

2:45 – 3:00 PM

VRI Guidelines + Closing Thoughts

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Recap: Task Force Meeting 2 (Friday, April 5th 2019)

Our second Task Force meeting began by debriefing the first meeting where every Task Force member shared a personal take-away/highlight from the first meeting. Following the debrief, a short video was shown about a deaf couple in North Carolina, Deb and Ray, and their struggles attaining an in-person interpreter for Ray when he was hospitalized for a major medical condition. Before lunch, we had two presentations concerning compliance with the ADA: One was on the litigation landscape relating to noncompliance with the ADA from the legal advocacy perspective. The other was about guidance for ADA compliance from a malpractice insurance perspective. After lunch, we were given an overview of the sign-language interpreting business practices in North Carolina, and how the establishment of communication access fund in North Carolina could be used to pay for interpreting services in medical settings.

Looking Forward: Task Force Meeting 4 (Monday, June 17th 2019)

At our next meeting we are going to shift our agenda will begin to focus on older adults with hearing loss in CCRCs and long-term care. We hope to begin with a panel of Hard of Hearing adults/adult children of nursing home residents. Additionally we plan to we plan to explore the link between hearing loss and physical/cognitive ailments/conditions, including an overview from the HLAA. Finally additional topics will include hearing loss and diabetes, hearing loss and falls, cochlear implants and an overview on a DSDHH White Paper on older adults with hearing loss.