

NEW RIVER VALLEY DISABILITY SERVICES BOARD
Called Meeting Minutes

February 11, 2004

Present: Jean Brickey, Judy Harkrader, Gary Heinline, James Hurt, Sally Quesenberry, Robert Wright, Maureen Weyer, Vanessa Thompson, Virginia Reilly, Shawn Utt and guest Maggie Wendell of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Service Center.

This meeting was a regularly scheduled quarterly meeting. The meeting was called to order in the Blacksburg Public Library at 10:00AM.

Chair Brickey asked if there were any additions to be made to the agenda. A motion was made by Ms. Quesenberry and seconded by Ms. Reilly to accept the agenda as written. The motion passed by acclamation.

Chair Brickey asked if there were any additions to be made to the minutes of the last meeting (November 12, 2003). A motion was made by Mr. Heinline and seconded by Ms. Quesenberry, to accept the minutes as distributed.

Mr. Heinline gave the DSB an update on the operations of the transportation program. He noted that usage is right in line with the previous year. He also noted that the funding requests have been submitted to each locality. Chair Brickey notified Mr. Heinline of 2 consumer complaints received by the DSB. The complaints had to do with not being able to transport scooters due to their inability to be tied down properly. Mr. Heinline stated that he had discussed the problems with each consumer and thought that each issue had been resolved.

Mr. Wright and Ms. Thompson gave the Board an update of the BRILC satellite office in Christiansburg. The satellite center is well on their way to spending the RSIF funds that were awarded in July. They noted that 3 roll-in showers, 4 ramps and 2 van lifts were complete and there were an additional 6 ramps on the waiting list. Ms. Thompson reported that she notified the DSB that she would take a leave of absence due to the impending birth of her child. This leave will last through the end of March. Mr. Wright asked that the DSB write letters to area Delegates in support of HB1400 (Budget Bill). The BRILC satellite office will be funded to become a fully independent agency if this bill is passed.

OLD BUSINESS – The following items were discussed;

NONE

NEW BUSINESS: It was announced that this year's Disability Friendly Business Award was given to Virginia Tech. Chair Brickey stated that she would write a letter to Dr. Stegger congratulating him and the university on the award.

Also, Ms. Reilly noted that VATS-SW will become the Assistive Technology Loan Fund Authority (ATLFA) site for southwest Virginia. They will work together to increase the marketing of the program.

The next meeting of the Board was scheduled for Wednesday, May 12, 2004 at 10:00 a.m., location to be in the Blacksburg Public Library.

Chair Brickey adjourned the meeting at 11:15 am.