

**Disability Services Council
Meeting Minutes**

August 19, 2004

Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired

Members Present:

Anthony Lineberry, Chairperson
James Rothrock, DRS
Ronald Lanier, DDHH
Jim Taylor, Chief Deputy Commissioner- DBVI (for Joseph Bowman)
William C. Chase, Jr., Local Government
Bonnie Ryan, Consumer

Others Present:

Mary-Margaret Cash, Chief Deputy Commissioner-DRS
Shirley S. Ferguson, DRS
Sheila Williams, DRS
Sean E. Gleason, Vice Chair, Crater DSB
Elizabeth Leitch, Interpreter
Shirley Hedeem, Interpreter
Kim Adderley, Cavalier Reporting, Inc. (CART)

Call to Order/Welcome/Introduction of Members and Guests

Anthony Lineberry, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 1:00PM. Mr. Lineberry welcomed the members and guests to the meeting. The meeting agenda was approved as proposed.

Approval of December 8, 2003 Minutes

There was a motion to amend due to some clarifications from Bonnie Ryan (Page 1- and insert by the census and may not be taken into consideration). (Page 2 Paragraph 3- Federal funds should be explored-moved to add emergency preparedness). After further discussion about access to government services, William Chase moved to accept with amendments/ Commissioner Rothrock seconded.

Public Comments

No public comments.

Use of Staff Support and Administrative Funds

William Chase explained that local government should be accountable for proper expenditure. Funds should go for support of DSB. Commissioner Rothrock stated that DSBs will continue to receive \$500.00 for Administrative purposes and staff support money should be used for staff support only. If any staff support money has not been spent at the end of the fiscal year, the money will be returned to DRS. It was decided

that DSBs should document how these funds are used to support the work of the Board/direct support of DSB business. A letter will be sent to DSBs to this effect.

FY05 RSIF Grants and Needs Assessment

There was discussion by Jim Rothrock relating to the Code of Virginia describing what DSBs are responsible for. Any RSIF grants awarded to DSBs are in direct support of the DSBs Needs Assessment. Last year's RSIF Grants were Competitive Grants. William Chase motioned to approve Competitive Grants for FY05. The competitive grant awards will not exceed \$15,000. Anthony Lineberry seconded. Motion passed.

FY05 Revised Timeline

Anthony Lineberry motioned to approve FY05 Revised Guidelines. William Chase seconded. Motion passed.

New Business

Shirley Ferguson read a letter from Rappahannock Regional DSB in reference to their RSIF FY-2004 competitive grant application which was denied. Mr. Rothrock read Code of Virginia and there was a discussion about the use of RSIF funds for serving individual's unmet needs in the community as apposed to using the funds for more public awareness of disabilities if that is the need in the community. Ms. Ferguson will prepare a response to this letter.

There was a discussion to bring back a plan for a Statewide DSB Meeting or develop a Web Site for DSBs to share information.

Bonnie Ryan mentioned that disabled people in the Arlington area need more services and funding for transportation.

Next Meeting Date/Adjournment

The next meeting will be November 16, 2004 at a location to be announced later. The meeting was adjourned at 2:45PM.