

**Statutory Council on Blindness Meeting
Tuesday, June 5, 2012, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Teleconference**

**MINUTES
Revised 2012-0726**

Present: Linda Huffer, Eleanor Loomans Chair, Bill Gallik Vice Chair, John D. Hartman, Roberto Torrez, Edward H Weiss,

Absent: Joseph Leonard, Mary Gorman, Jimmy Davison

2:00 PM A. Call Meeting to order

Call to order by Eleanor, second by Ed.

B. Approve Council Meeting Minutes of March 9, 2012

Moved by Ed, Second Roberto,

C. Approve Executive Committee Minutes of May 15, 2012

Moved by Hartman, second Ed approved motion passed

D. Status of Council Recruitment – E. Loomans

Joe, Ed, Bill, and Eleanor comprise the Nominating Committee, There were four applicants, Recommendations for the following were made:

Roberto to serve a second term

Joan Schehl, retired Rehab Specialist Associate

Lee Young, vendor

Linda will forward these names to Sec. Smith for confirmation. There remains one open position,

Ex-officio membership discussed, Bill discussed suggestion of Eleanor continue as Ex-officio member recommended, Moved by Ed, second Roberto, motion passed unanimously,

2:30 PM E. Public Comment

No comment

2:45 PM F. DVR Report – Kim Pomeroy

DVR Kim, not present, see attached report

G. Legislative Study Committee Update - E. Loomans

Eleanor stated our proposal not selected for Study Committee, Bill recommends continuing to work on Legislative Council. There continues to be a need for adult summer school. Linda recommends getting ideas together for Bill regarding rehab for the blind, Consortium of Vision

Forward WCFB SCOB NFB, AFB, to ID needs develop plan for rehab model, SCOB members will submit survey questions to Bill in next two weeks, Questions will be sent to councils to rate top ten, Survey will be narrowed to top questions for final review. Bill will begin his work after July 4 to place survey on the web site,

H. Sub-committees

1. Transportation – R. Torrez no report
2. Employment – J. Leonard no report
3. Public Relations & Information Access – E. Loomans

web site update, to include purpose of council, recruitment letter, current roster, resources lists: advocacy and Service with links to resources, also agenda and minutes from council meetings, goals and initiatives for each council sub-committees,

I. White Cane Safety Day to be discussed at the r September meeting. October 15 is White Cane Safety Day. Start making your plans for white cane activities now.

J. Office for the Blind and Visually Impaired Report – L. Huffer, Director
Held all staff in May, included three trainings, technology training, Hispanic culture awareness RE Blind and VI, Hmong culture RE blindness, October next staff meeting, Budget fiscal July 1, consumer update, past 8 months: 926 served, most clients were Caucasian 861, 25 African American, 17 Hispanic, 10 Asian, 3 don't know. OBVI is gathering statistice on the causes of blindness and is providing lcommunity service outreach,

K. New Business

1. Upcoming events:
 - Lions Camp, June 10-15, 2012
 - W Center BVI, July 22-27, 2012
2. Future Directions of the Council: Developing survey to identify needs and vision of WI consumers to guide future goals and council direction.

L. Next Meeting: To schedule September date

1. September 10-11, Monday 4:00-6:00 pm Tuesday 8:00-12:00 a.m.,

Ed moved to adjourn, Roberto second, Meeting adjourned 3:37 pm

Respectfully Submitted by: John D. Hartman