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AGENDA ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING JULY 25, 2025

9:30 am – 10:00 am

Welcome:

Virtual Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMuc-iurzMtEtMxbpfRY86hKMNsxwDfn51Q>

Relay Conference Captioning:

<https://www.captionsedtext.com/client/event.aspx?EventID=5845917&Customer...>

Communications check and acceptance of minutes

10:00 am – 11:00 am

Presenter: Tanya Fowler, New Jersey State Coordinator of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services



Bio: Tanya Fowler has worked for the NJ State Department of Labor and Workforce Development, NJ Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services (NJDVRS) for almost twenty-three (23) years. She is currently the New Jersey State Coordinator for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services at the NJDVRS. Her primary role is to advocate for quality services by assessing and developing programming for the needs of DVRS deaf and hard of hearing adults and student consumers. Prior to this position, Tanya worked in the New Brunswick NJ DVRS office for fourteen (14) years as the Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor, Deaf Language Specialist (DLS) covering three (3) counties. She holds a BA degree in Deaf Education, MA Degree in Deafness Rehabilitation and completed an ASL/English Interpreter Training Program. Tanya has many deaf family members which inspired her passion to choose this career path.

DDHH Update:

- Executive Director: Elizabeth Hill

Agency Reports:

- Deaf and Hard of Hearing Specialist Team: Melissa Lamboy
- Language Instruction Program: Carrie Pogue
- Communication Access Team: Monica Ayrer

Committee Updates:

- Communications
- Legislative
- Education

Board Open Form:

- Community Input
- New Business
- Announcements

Meeting adjournment

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