



Virginia Supplemental Early Language and Literacy Resources for Deafness/Hard of Hearing (VA SELLR-DHH) Project

Advisory Subcommittee Meeting

December 13, 2022

Virginia Department for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
1602 Rolling Hills Drive, Suite 203
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Minutes of Meeting

Members Present: Wanda Council, Virginia Department of Education; Eric Raff, Virginia Department for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing; and Terri Nelligan, Department for Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, Infant and Toddler Connection of Virginia.

Others in Attendance: Dr. Brenda Seal, Educational Consultant; Elaine Hernandez, American Sign Language Interpreter; and Elizabeth Leitch, American Sign Language Interpreter

Ms. Council welcomed the members and guest to the work session at approximately 1:10 p.m. She facilitated the group's review and discussion of the proposed content for a list of tools and resources pertaining to language developmental milestones for the parents of young children who are deaf or hard of hearing. A compiled list of the suggested tools and resources will be provided to the advisory committee members by January 1, 2023. Ms. Council recommended further review and discussion of the list of tools and resources by the advisory committee members. This action will be included as an agenda item for the upcoming advisory committee meeting that is tentatively planned in January or February 2023. Ms. Council, Ms. Nelligan, Mr. Raff and Dr. Seal also supported the need to solicit further input from the advisory committee members for suggested tools and resources for educators and professionals to use to assess the acquisition of receptive and expressive language skills in American Sign Language and English for young children who are deaf or hard of hearing. Dr. Seal is also currently assisting with further research in this area.

Ms. Council adjourned the meeting at approximately 3:50 p.m.