

**Interstate TRS Advisory Council
Draft Meeting Minutes October 25, 2012
Orlando, FL**

Attendees:

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Kelby Brick Chair – TRS providers
Sheila Conlon-Mentkowski Vice Chair – deaf and hard of hearing community
Ron Bibler Secretary – TRS users
Jack Cassell – State regulatory-relay administration
Brenda KellyFrey - State regulatory-relay administration
Amy Ignatius - State regulatory
Tim Schram - State regulatory
Phillip Hapf – Interstate service providers
Mark Tauscher – TRS providers
Andrew Phillips – TRS users
Celia Nogales – Interstate Service Providers
David Bauer alternate for Rebecca Ladew – Hearing/Speech disability community

RLSA

David Rolka
Peter Bluhm

FCC

Greg Hlibok via video teleconference

Convene

Kelby Brick, Chair, called the meeting to order around 9:00 am. Mr. Brick asked Council members and other attendees to introduce themselves.

April 18, 2012 Minutes

It was moved, seconded and approved that the minutes of the April 18, 2012 meeting be accepted as drafted.

FCC Update and Discussion

Greg Hlibok, Chief in the Disability Rights Office was introduced as representing the FCC. Mr. Hlibok discussed the Public Notice released October 15, 2012 regarding additional comments sought on the structure and practices of the VRS program and on proposed VRS compensation rates. He also discussed the supplemental filing of the same day by the TRS administrator regarding reasonable rates for VRS service.

Mr. Hlibok then responded to questions from the Council.

RLSA Staff Reports

Dave Rolka went over several monthly Interstate TRS Fund Performance Status reports and discussed the reasoning for several blank columns listed as ‘confidential’. He mentioned the possible need for mid-course funding corrections due to the unanticipated increase in IP CTS minutes reported.

Mr. Rolka reported that 98% of the service provider auditing is completed, and that a summary will be made available to public. He said that RLSA has not been able to determine the best way to

generate state-by-state reports for originating and terminating locations. Brenda Kelly-Frey stated that NASRA has decided they no longer need this report and the request is withdrawn.

Dave brought up the pricing structure for VRS, IP CTS and IP Relay and suggested that now is a good time to consider alternative pricing structures and encouraged the Council to come up with alternatives to be discussed at the Spring meeting.

Jack Cassell then moved and Sheila Conlon-Mentkowski seconded that a working group be established to study and focus on the analysis of various rates within the TRS Fund Administrators purview. Motion passed.

Celia Nogales moved and Phillip Hupf seconded that a small working group to work be established to work with Dave on the health of the fund, and to provide suggestions or advice as needed to make sure that the fund remains healthy. Motion passed. Chair Brick then appointed Nogales to lead and coordinate the working group.

Council Member Agenda Items/New Business

The Council engaged in a discussion how to be better informed and to receive timely and pertinent information regarding FCC Public Notices, NPRMs, and Orders. Chair Brick appointed Andrew Phillips and Ron Bibler to look into the issue.

Public Comment

David Weiss: Study says people who get free devices aren't motivated to use it. About 50% of the time people who have caption phones use the service. When it's free, people let it collect dust.

John Nakahata with Sorenson: Unverified usage is not an ITRS database problem. The problem is that the FCC's rule allows unverified users. Having a database won't be a solution. Federal advisory committee act suggests that working group meetings should be open.

Connie Phelps with NASRA: Thanks to Council and RLSA in conjunction with NASRA. Members feel it is beneficial to listen to concerns, but also beneficial to Council.

Angela Ross with Gracias: Growth of IPCTS may be due to geriatric population growth. 2: Council v. Committees have different roles.

Gail Sanchez with ATT. Need to secure all call detail records is beyond rules. Call detail only to be submitted for calls where there is a request for compensation.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
By Ron Bibler, Secretary