

1 **GREATER LOS ANGELES AGENCY ON DEAFNESS, INC.**
2 **Executive Agency Board of Directors**
3 **Wednesday, January 19, 2022**
4 **MINUTES**

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6 **President Sidansky called the meeting to order at 6:35PM. A quorum was present.**

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8 **I. ROLL CALL**

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10 Board Members Present:

11 Robert Sidansky- President, D'yann Crosby, Ron Herbold, Daryl Crouse, Stacey Woods, Scott Hostetler,
12 Justin Jackerson, Mitch Kurs, Sharon Wilson, Karen Bowman, Elaine Aikins

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14 Absent:

15 Modela Kurzet

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17 Visitors:

18 None

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20 Staff Present:

21 Patricia Hughes, Ph.D.

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23 Interpreter:

24 Barbara Mathis

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26 Minutes Recorded by:

27 Samantha Nelson

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29 **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: November 3, 2021**

30 Daryl Crouse motioned to approve the minutes. Justin Jackerson seconded. M.S.C. (Motion Seconded,
31 Carried)

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33 **III. OFFICER'S REPORTS**

34 President's Report:

35 President Sidansky thanked the Board for their donations.

36 President Sidansky requested that the Board members whose photo is not yet on GLAD's website send it to
37 Dr. Hughes as soon as possible so it can be uploaded.

38 Thank you to the Bylaws Committee for revising GLAD's bylaws. Dr. Hughes requested a clean copy of the
39 bylaws so they can be posted on GLAD's website.

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41 Vice President's Report:

42 No Report

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44 Treasurer's Report:

45 Dr. Hughes gave the handout of the Controller's report, as of 11/30/2021, to the Board with the following
46 information-

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	GLAD	DAHC	Lifesigns	Total
Over Cash Position	728,801	397,847	3,405,257	4,531,905

1	Accounts Receivable			
2	Current			
3	1-30 days	31,090	269,614	300,704
4	31-60 days	100,480	42,276	142,756
5	61-90 days		13,346	13,346
6	>90 days	1,012,309	24,943	1,037,252
7	Over360		2,991	2,991
8	Totals	1,143,879	353,170	1,497,049
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10	GLAD net asset is	81,398		
11	DAHC net asset is	(5,839)		
12	Lifesigns net asset is	88,765		
13	Consolidated asset (loss) is	164,324		

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15 Accounts Receivable (AR) stands at almost \$1.5 million. Dr. Hughes contacted DSS about unpaid invoices.

16 She has a meeting with DSS and sister agencies (maybe include a list of them) tomorrow.

17 There are two open job positions in Lifesigns.

18 We are working with our CPA subcontractor on balancing Lifesigns bank statements.

19 GLAD sent a letter of intent for a joint grant (with NorCal and DCARA) to an agency in CA. Discussion

20 ensued.

21 A question was raised about DAHC’s financial standing. Dr. Hughes explained recent completed

22 renovations. After the REAC inspection, Dr. Hughes met with Genessy Management and Development to

23 discuss required DAHC apartments and renovations. Discussion ensued.

24 Dr. Hughes plans to explore options on paying off the loan on the GLAD building, or seeking loan

25 forgiveness.

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27 Secretary’s Report:

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30 **IV. CEO’s REPORT**

31 Dr. Hughes reported that staff are working remotely again until the end of January 2022 due to the Omicron

32 surge. The schedule will be reassessed in January.. The safety of our staff and consumers is of utmost

33 importance.

34 As of January 17, 2022, Los Angeles County requires all employers to provide their employees access to

35 free N95 masks. As a result, our request to CalOES for N95 masks, surgical masks and other PPE was just

36 fulfilled. We will distribute this PPE among GLAD’s subsidiaries and EDD offices.

37 All centers are meeting with consumers remotely. Although, all offices are outfitted with plexiglass shields,

38 masks and other PPE in cases when consumers must visit the office (deafblind consumers, those

39 experiencing emergencies, etc.).

40 A question was raised about GLAD’s statistics in the service categories as stipulated by DSS. Dr. Hughes

41 explained that, since the pandemic, we have seen fluctuations in each individual category, but the totals

42 have evened out.

43 A question was raised about the number of Lifesigns interpreter requests. Dr. Hughes explained the impact

44 that the pandemic has had on these requests. Discussion ensued.

45 Dr. Hughes reported that she meets monthly with a new committee (name of committee) to discuss

46 resources for the early detection of hearing impairments in children.

47 Discussion ensued regarding the *Love and Literacy* event scheduled for March 4th.

48 Deaf Got Talent will take place again this year. Discussion ensued.

49 Dr. Hughes stated that there are currently three job positions available at GLAD.

50 All advocates will participate in an in-depth Medicare training this year.

1 Dr. Hughes plans to meet with a task force in Virginia (name of task force) regarding the process of getting
2 ASL Interpreters qualified for court. Discussion ensued.

4 **V. SUBSIDIARY REPORTS**

5 LifeSigns Report:

6 Stacey Woods reported that the Board met through Zoom on January 13, 2022.

7 LifeSigns decided because of the Omicron surge to suspend the process of becoming a testing center for the
8 Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment (EIPA), and National Interpreter Certification (NIC)
9 through the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (RID) on hold. This will be reassessed at a later time.

10 LifeSigns is researching software options other than Interpreter Intelligence.

11 The LifeSigns Board plans to advertise and recruit for more Board members through the LifeSigns website.

12 Sharon Wilson and Mitch Kurs are in the process of revising LifeSigns' bylaws.

13 There is no update regarding the CalOES training.

14 The next LifeSigns Board meeting is scheduled for April 27, 2022.

16 DAHC Report:

17 Dr. Hughes reported that the apartments are at full capacity. The waitlist for these apartments continues to
18 grow, so we continue checking other Section 8 housing locations.

20 CODIE Report:

21 Ron Herbold reported that the CODIE Board hosted a 'drive-through toy drive' for Holiday, providing gifts
22 to approximately 100 children. The remaining items will be donated to California School for the Deaf,
23 Riverside (CSDR)

24 The next CODIE Board meeting is January 24, 2022, via Zoom.

25 Sharon Wilson reported that she and Mitch Kurs started revising LifeSigns' bylaws. They sent Dr. Hughes a
26 list of questions for review and dialogue.

28 TRI-COUNTY Report:

29 Elaine Aikins reported that the Tri-County Board met through Zoom on January 13, 2022.

30 The Tri-County Board brainstormed on potential fundraising opportunities for this year. Discussion ensued.

32 OC-DEAF Report:

33 Scott Hostetler reported that OCDEAF Board ,met on November 15, 2021.

34 OCDEAF provided meals to five families through their Thanksgiving event.

35 OCDEAF hosted a 'drive-through toy drive' for Christmas, providing gifts to approximately 100 children.

36 OCDEAF will host several virtual tax workshops, to help people get ready for 2021 tax filing.

37 Various virtual events continue, including the coffee chat. We are still advertising for Pizza night at Shakeys
38 and open captioned movies.

39 We recently replaced the toilets at the OCDEAF office.

40 The OCDEAF Board welcomed a new member (name of new board member?). They will remain in this role
41 for 6 months, at which time their involvement will be reassessed.

42 The next OCDEAF Board meeting is January 24, 2022, via Zoom.

44 **VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

45 Finance Committee Report:

46 No Report

48 Governance Committee:

49 Meeting after the GLAD Board meeting ends

1 Nominations Committee:

2 No Report

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4 Personnel Committee:

5 Meeting after the GLAD Board meeting ends

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7 Fundraising Committee:

8 No Report

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10 **VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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13 **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

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16 **IX. PUBLIC INPUT**

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19 **X. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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22 **XI. ADJOURNMENT**

23 Meeting adjourned at 7:55PM. The next Board Meeting will be held on March 23, 2022 at 6:30PM.

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26 Board Secretary
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