

AT Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

June 15, 2022

10:30 a.m. -11:50 a.m.

Online - Zoom

In Attendance: Phil Seiler, Darren McIntryre, Peter Jonke, Ana Kolbach, Ben Wimett, Tracy Roux, Bill Hudson, Heather Berg,
Interpreters: Janet Datillio, Patrick Galasso

10:35-10:40 Welcomes and Introductions

10:40-11:00 AT Demonstration: Ben Wimett

Ben spoke about new developments in the upcoming fall [iOS 16 updates](#). Live captioning is coming to the iPhone. We don't know if it requires Wifi or cell signal yet. Currently it works well on Android. There will be a built-in medication reminder, and you can import your medication list as well.

Another new feature is to be able to hang up on phone calls using "Hey Siri".

For users of AirPods or Beats headphones, the user will be alerted to a call or text, through the earbuds.

[Door detect](#) for users who are blind or low vision. This feature can tell you if the door handle is a knob or lever and if the door is open or closed.

11:00-11:15 Summer & Fall Staffing

Our Burlington tryout center staff member will be taking maternity leave soon. WSOC and CSOC staff will cover this region, during the summer and fall, and we may experience some delays in service time.

We have a job approved for a Money Follows the Person grant AT Access Specialist. The role will be to provide information and presentations to Area Agencies on Aging to increase their awareness on how AT can help their clients live more independently.

Peter reports VCIL got an MFP grant and is using the additional funding for Home Modification and Sue Williams Freedom Fund.

11:15-11:25 New Member application; Joel Klug

Phil reviewed the references, and they are all very good.

Heather Berg stated that she has had very positive experience working with Joel in the past. Joel was voted in as a new AT Advisory Council Member.

11:25-11:40 General Program Updates

We are still receiving a steady demand for core services, and an increase in loan requests.

HireAbility referrals have been very steady as well. We expect more since their rebranding effort.

NH AT is hosting their annual [AT Makers Fair](#) this September for anyone who would like to attend.

11:40-11:50 Members open time

Peter said the new pilot project Community Rides, (name subject to change) is under current planning. The purpose is to expand the availability of existing public transit to rural areas that aren't served now, and to provide transit after hours, including rides when transit provider cannot provide them. There will be paid drivers using electric vehicles and one van will be accessible.

Bill said the hearing aid bill has passed, resulting in an insurance reimbursement of \$1,500 per hearing aid. This will take effect in January of 2023.

We will keep the possibility open for future in person/hybrid AT Advisory Council meetings.

11:50 Adjourn