**Disability Advisory Committee (DAC)**

**Meeting Minutes**

**February 26, 2019**

*Certified by Co-Chair Brian Scarpelli – March 24, 2020*

On February 26, 2020, the third meeting of the third term of the DAC was opened by DAC Co-Chair Isidore Niyongabo of National Black Deaf Advocates. Welcoming remarks were given by Patrick Webre, Chief of the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau (CGB). Mr. Webre recognized the hard work performed by the two working groups of the DAC. Diane Burstein, Deputy Bureau Chief of CGB also provided welcoming remarks and acknowledged the efforts of the DAC members, including the working group chairs and the co-chairs of the DAC. Next, Will Schell, DAC Designated Federal Officer (DFO), followed up with welcoming remarks of his own. Mr. Schell also thanked ACT | The App Association for its sponsorship of refreshments and lunch.

Roll call was taken and followed by updates from Suzy Rosen Singleton, Chief of the Disability Rights Office (DRO) and Eliot Greenwald, Deputy Chief of DRO, on DRO’s recent activities. Some of the DRO updates discussed included proposed rulemakings for a new technical standard for determining whether a wireless handset is hearing aid-compatible and for the establishment of a new 3-digit dialing code for a national suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline, the issuance of a limited waiver of the Commission’s audio description rules for USA Network, a report to Congress on audio description, an order to make permanent the video relay service (VRS) at-home call handling pilot program, an order modifying the cost recovery rules for IP CTS, among other announcements.

Next, the DAC heard from Lise Hamlin of Hearing Loss Association of America and Mike Strecker of ClearCaptions, Co-Chairs of one of the two the working groups, on a report and recommendation regarding best practices for the IP CTS user registration database, the recommendation was voted upon and passed as amended.

Next, the DAC heard from Heather York of VITAC, a Co-Chair of the other working group, on a report on best practices for access to live programming in smaller markets.

Next, Paul Schroeder of Aira presented and lead a discussion on artificial intelligence and the impact for people with disabilities.

The meeting was opened for public comment, and one person commented about difficulties using TTYs in prisons.

Closing remarks were made by the Co-Chairs, Mr. Niyongabo and Mr. Scarpelli, and Mr. Schell, DFO.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:00 PM.

Disability Advisory Committee Members in Attendance

September 24, 2019

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| **Last Name** | **First Name** | **Organization Represented** |
| Alkebsi | Zainab | National Association of the Deaf |
| Bacon | Everette | National Federation of the Blind |
| Burger | Brianne | U.S. Department of Education  |
| Creagan | Tim | U.S. Access Board  |
| Davis | Townsend | ABC, Inc./The Walt Disney Company  |
| Diaz | Maria | Dicapta |
| Dillner  | Ian | Verizon Communications, Inc.  |
| Garrow  | Rochelle | National Association for State Relay Administration  |
| Hamlin | Lise | Hearing Loss Association of America |
| Hlibok | Gregory | CSDVRS, LLC |
| Joehl | Samuel | Level Access |
| Jones | Gay | U.S. Department of Homeland Security |
| Kirby | Maria | Apple, Inc.  |
| Kozma-Spytek | Linda | Gallaudet Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center |
| Leggin | Sarah | CTIA - the Wireless Association |
| Maddix | Michael | Sorenson Communications, LLC |
| Malaier | Sarah | American Foundation for the Blind |
| Nemeth | Rachel | CTA |
| Niyongabo | Isidore | National Black Deaf Advocates |
| Parker | Darlene | National Captioning Institute, Inc. |
| Pila | Josh | National Association of Broadcasters |
| Richardson | Carl | City of Boston |
| Rosen | Jeff | Convo Communications, LLC |
| Scarpelli | Brian | ACT - the App Association |
| Schroeder | Paul | Aira Tech Corporation  |
| Selznick | Dennis | Sprint Corporation |
| Slough | Beth | Hamilton Relay, Inc.  |
| Snyder | Joel | Audio Description Associates, LLC |
| Stephens | Anthony | American Council of the Blind |
| Stout | Claude | Telecommunications for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Inc. |
| Strecker | Michael | ClearCaptions |
| Trager | Brian | Rochester Institute of Technology, NTID Center on Access Technology  |
| Vandeloop | Linda | AT&T Services, Inc. |
| York | Heather | VITAC |

CGB Staff

Patrick Webre

Diane Burstein

Suzy Rosen Singleton

Eliot Greenwald

Debra Patkin

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