

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Budget



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Lincoln D. Chafee, Governor

Agency

Commission On The Deaf & Hard Of Hearing

Agency Mission

To promote greater accessibility to services for the deaf and hard of hearing by developing awareness, communication access, and training programs to agencies, organizations, and businesses.

To conduct an ongoing needs assessment to identify gaps and recommend improvements to improve the quality of living for the deaf and hard of hearing populations in Rhode Island.

To provide statewide centralized sign language interpreter referral services, including emergency referrals.

To advocate for the enactment of legislation that will promote accessibility of services.

To develop a statewide coordinating council to implement the comprehensive statewide strategic plan for children who are deaf or have hearing loss.

To oversee state agency compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act regulations related to deaf and hard of hearing access issues through monitoring, training, and advocating.

To work with federal, state, and local organizations and agencies to improve the quality of life for deaf and hard of hearing persons in Rhode Island. To coordinate sign language and equipment interpreter services between agencies and organizations with the goal of centralizing services.

Agency Description

The Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing advocates and coordinates the promotion of an accessible environment in which deaf and hard of hearing persons in Rhode Island are afforded equal opportunity in all aspects of their lives. The commission develops policy and recommends appropriate programs and legislation to enhance cooperation and coordination among agencies and organizations now serving, or having the potential to serve, the deaf and hard of hearing. The CDHH reports to the Board of Commissioners which is composed of 13 members, of whom nine are deaf and hard of hearing consumers. The remaining four members are one (1) state senator, one (1) state representative, and two (2) hearing consumers/providers.

Statutory History

R.I.G.L. 23-1.8 includes provisions relating to the Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. The current commission results from the 1992 restructure of the former Commission on the Deaf and Hearing Impaired, originally established in 1977.

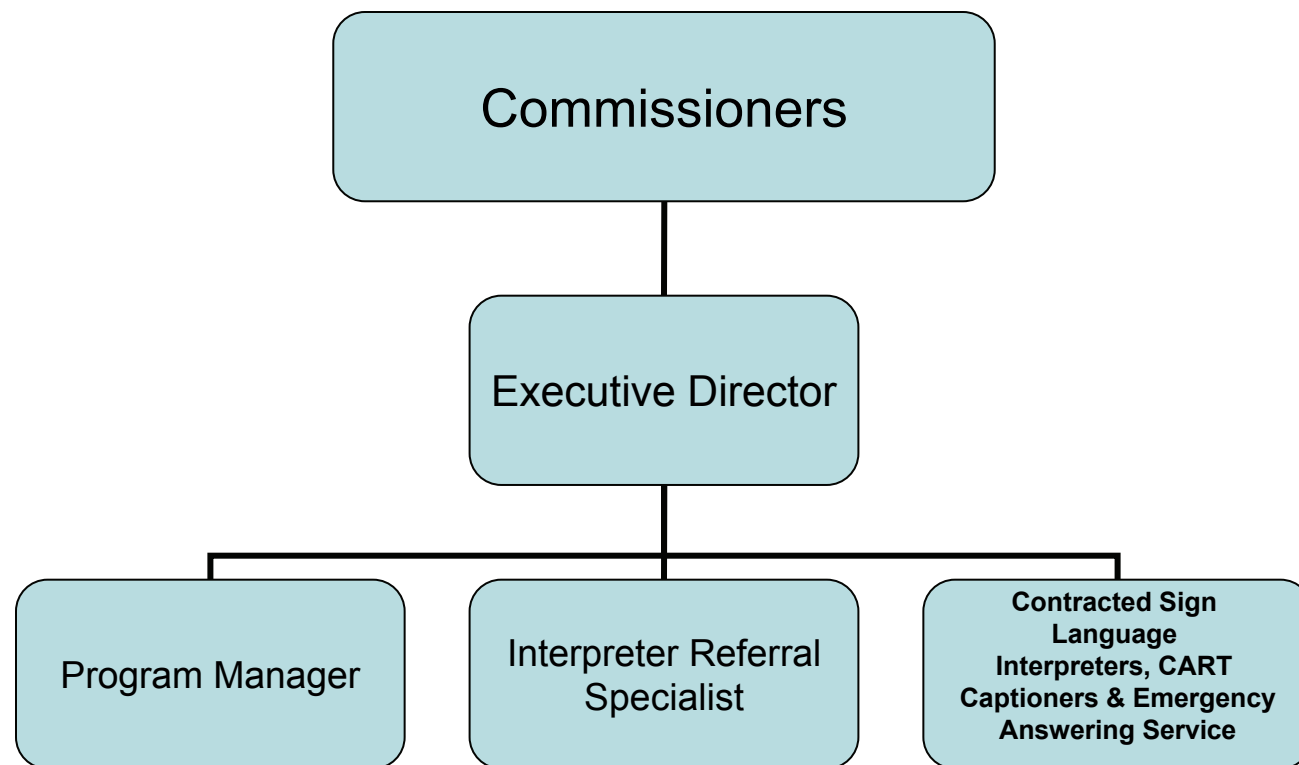
Budget

Commission On The Deaf & Hard Of Hearing

	FY 2010 Audited	FY 2011 Audited	FY 2012 Enacted	FY 2012 Revised	FY 2013 Recommend
Expenditures By Program					
Central Management	339,304	358,036	387,985	386,286	390,251
Total Expenditures	\$339,304	\$358,036	\$387,985	\$386,286	\$390,251
Expenditures By Object					
Personnel	331,079	349,985	379,805	372,833	380,646
Operating Supplies and Expenses	7,069	7,453	8,180	10,336	9,605
Subtotal: Operating Expenditures	338,148	357,438	387,985	383,169	390,251
Capital Purchases and Equipment	1,156	598	-	3,117	-
Total Expenditures	\$339,304	\$358,036	\$387,985	\$386,286	\$390,251
Expenditures By Funds					
General Revenue	339,304	358,036	387,985	386,286	390,251
Total Expenditures	\$339,304	\$358,036	\$387,985	\$386,286	\$390,251
FTE Authorization	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
Agency Measures					
Minorities as a Percentage of the Workforce	-	-	-	-	-
Females as a percentage of the Workforce	33.0%	33.0%	33.0%	33.0%	33.0%
Persons with Disabilities as a Percentage of the Workforce	67.0%	67.0%	67.0%	67.0%	67.0%
Percentage of Interpreter Requests Filled with at Least 72 Hours Notice	92.0%	94.0%	90.0%	90.0%	90.0%
Objective	95.0%	95.0%		95.0%	95.0%
Percentage of Information Requests Responded to With Relevant Information Requests Responded to With Relevant Informatin or Referral Within One Week	92.0%	92.0%	92.0%	92.0%	92.0%
Objective	100.0%	100.0%		100.0%	100.0%
Percentage of Legislation Affecting Deaf and Hard of Hearing Citizens Favorably Disposed	15.0%	75.0%	75.0%	75.0%	75.0%
Objective	80.0%	80.0%		80.0%	80.0%

The Agency

Commission on Deaf and Hard of Hearing



Personnel

Commission On The Deaf & Hard Of Hearing Agency Summary

	FY 2012		FY 2013	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Distribution by Category				
Unclassified	3.0	196,994	3.0	197,265
Total Salaries	3.0	\$196,994	3.0	\$197,265
Benefits				
Defined Contribution Plan	-	-	-	1,973
FICA	-	15,070	-	15,091
Medical	-	45,199	-	50,809
Payroll Accrual	-	-	-	1,166
Retiree Health	-	13,514	-	13,532
Retirement	-	45,269	-	41,779
Total Salaries and Benefits	3.0	\$316,046	3.0	\$321,615
Cost Per FTE Position		\$105,349		\$107,205
Statewide Benefit Assessment	-	7,387	-	7,397
Payroll Costs	3.0	\$323,433	3.0	\$329,012
Purchased Services				
Other Contract Services	-	49,400	-	51,634
Total Personnel	3.0	\$372,833	3.0	\$380,646
Distribution by Source of Funds				
General Revenue	3.0	372,833	3.0	380,646
Total All Funds	3.0	\$372,833	3.0	\$380,646

Commission On The Deaf & Hard Of Hearing Performance Measure Narratives

Central Management

Percentage of Information Requests Responded to With Relevant Information Requests Responded to With Relevant Informatin or Referral Within One Week

The response rate to requests for information within one week is one indicator of the commission's success in promoting awareness and understanding of the issues relating to the deaf and hard of hearing. The commission maintains a detailed log of request

Percentage of Legislation Affecting Deaf and Hard of Hearing Citizens Favorably Disposed

Measuring the percentage of bills affecting deaf and hard of hearing citizens that are favorably disposed is an indicator of the commission's success in monitoring pertinent legislation, initiating legislation, and lobbying effectively for relevant bills

Percentage of Interpreter Requests Filled with at Least 72 Hours Notice

The annual percentage of requests filled for interpreters/CART and assistive listening equipment referrals is an indicator of the commission's success in promoting accessible and effective communications between deaf/heard of hearing consumers and the gen
