

2015 02 03 Advocacy call

Spread the word!

We are in advocacy mode again. Medical interpreting advocacy has hit in rush mode. Please check this blog post, published just now.

<http://ostiweb.org/public-hearing-on-health-care-interpreting-hb-2419-in-salem-on-friday-february-6-2015-at-1-pm-in-hr-e/>

You may please make it go viral. Send it to your medical interpreting friends, and to other interpreting stakeholders.

Lois Feuerle and I have been involved in the Legal Review Committee of the Oregon Council for Healthcare Interpreting as Subject Matter Experts for at least a year, as OSTI members. Actually, April Johnson, the current staff member for OHA who coordinates this, didn't know I was a trainer until a month and a half ago! That's just FYI.

Erin Neff chairs the Legal Review committee and is a member of the Oregon Council. Melanie DeLeon is also on the Council and is a member of the Legal Review Committee.

Our voices have been heard at the Council level, but the Council is advisory. The OHA makes the final decisions.

I'm trying to coordinate work and "Play" (i.e. lobbying) and lobbying is winning, due to the urgency.

Next dates for participation:

Tonight at 7:

Anyone who wants to can come to my home to talk about this. 7710 SW 184th Ave., Aloha, OR 97007. I have invited some key medical interpreters. They have been trying very hard to move things forward, and they have been strong champions. I wanted them to be recognized and have the first chance to participate.

Wednesday (tomorrow) at 1 pm: meet by 1 pm at the lobby of the OHA building, and go out for lunch.

At 3 pm Lois and I go up for the legislative review committee meeting and discuss the issues we have been hashing out with you all and see what the temperature is, and what happens there.

Friday: 11 am, if possible: meet in Salem for lunch. Place, I'll announce that later, probably on the blog.

12:40 be at the room where the meeting is held, so we can find a seat. The goal is to pack the room, and to have a few speakers. We want a variety of stakeholders.

I am connecting with a variety of stakeholders, and getting positive responses:

One agency has been reaching out to me consistently looking for solutions. I reached out to them saying we need their support on this one. What's good for interpreters is good for them.

Another large medical organization may come on board. I had a great conversation with them on the phone and there's a good chance we may work together. More on that later (actually, you may just see that happen and it may not be official). Just watch.

ASL and spoken language need to work together. We are doing that.

That kind of unity speaks volumes.

If we can get some court interpreters to show up in support of the medical interpreters, that would be awesome. Of course, we need medical interpreters to show up too.

OK, I better get some paid work done... or I won't be able to afford to do this!

Make the blog post go viral, folks! And this will depend on everyone's support not just this week, but for the next few months! Until the final vote!

Helen Eby

Aloha, Oregon

H: 503-642-5879

C: 503-929-8476

Fax: 503-828-9027

My business website: www.gauchati.com<<http://www.gauchati.com/>>

New to interpreting or translation? Check

www.atasavvynewcomer.org<<http://www.atasavvynewcomer.org/>>

More resources for interpreting and translation in Oregon at

www.ostiweb.org<<http://www.ostiweb.org/>>, the site for the Oregon Society of Translators and Interpreters.