Capital District Mental Health Consortium

11/2/15

Meeting Minutes

Start Time: 4:40

End Time: 6:00

In Attendance: Ino, Suzette , Ben, Russ, Joanne, Anna

The group talked about some ways and direction that they hope the group would take. These suggestions include:

* Add information about the American Psychiatric Association to the website.
* Engaging local agencies and services providers to create services and make available services more accessible to the deaf and hard of hearing population.
* Identify what counseling services are available to those who are deaf and hard of hearing. If no services are available, identify how that need can be fulfilled.
* Identify and address issues with interpreters
  + Presentation at the Deaf Club:
    - Roles of an interpreter
    - Issues individuals may have with interpreters
    - An awareness that the individuals have rights in regards to their interpreters
* Education:
  + How to ask for an interpreter- asking the right questions to the right people.
* Addressing the needs of the population
  + Deaf Club
    - What is it that you need and how can the Mental Health Consortium help you?

Ino mentioned that he will no longer be attending the group because he and his family will be returning to Mozambique. He hopes to implement a similar program within his new community.

**Next Meeting: Monday January 11th 2016**