

# LTC Advisory Committee Meeting

## 03/21/2016

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### Introductions

- Name, who you represent, and favorite spring event/tradition

### Subcommittee Reports

- Languages of Lesser Diffusion Subcommittee
  - Two weeks of special for testing 22 individuals for written and oral. Working with Gonzaga volunteer group,
    - Suggestion to add session regarding small business aspect.
  - Academy of languages would like to partner.
  - Dr. in New Zealand Samoan language contact.
  - Create groups for listserv.
- Decertification Review Request Subcommittee
  - Renamed from Discipline and Decertification Subcommittee to reflect functions
  - Charter is completed
  - Revocation Request Form completed
  - New website will be up to display policies/procedures/forms to the public

### Sarah

- Based on research done by the Union, there is an overabundance of Spanish and Russian interpreters. A problem is being created by allowing Spanish and Russian speakers to keep taking tests in order to certify; experienced interpreters are leaving the field because there is too much competition for Spanish/Russian appointments.
- Video interpreter should be an option for rural areas with languages of lesser diffusion.
- Testing frequency: save spots for needed languages and move the location for testing to areas that have the demand
- Create map to show what languages are needed and where they are needed.
- Make testing schedule available ONLY for languages of limited diffusion.
- Base testing by language on data collected of from 2015 and first part of 2016

### LTC Updates

- Fircrest
  - We are currently looking to buy furniture for the location.

- Schedules will be released for July sometime within the next three months AFTER we secure proctors and furniture for the location.
- Contracts
  - We are working on releasing Request For Proposals (RFPs) by the end of this week. We will have:
    - 3 openings in Olympia
    - 2 openings in Yakima/Spokane
    - 3 openings in Seattle
- Spokane Testing
  - We have 2 weeks, three days each for testing booked for June and September.
  - This will allow for 22 people to take both the oral/written tests
  - We are working to mimic the same program in Western Washington.
- Complaints
  - Spokane candidate who has been unhappy with the testing process
- Digital Testing
  - We are doing pilot testing to see if it is viable to move from tape/recorder testing to fully digital, using laptops
  - Thinking about using SharePoint as a drop center for tests so that graders do not have to come into the office.
- Database
  - Still in progress.

## **Housekeeping**

- Request agenda Items
- Having potential public call in and listen to meetings

*Next Meeting:*

*May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 10:00am*