



ACDHH Position Paper

Issue: Shortage of Qualified CART providers in Arizona

Background:

This recommendation is presented by the Hard of Hearing Task Force to the ACDHH board in response to the shortage of qualified CART providers in the state of Arizona.

History:

The Hard of Hearing Task Force has determined that it is in the best interest of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Arizonans to increase the amount of qualified CART providers in the state of Arizona. The Task Force recommends financial assistance to court reporting students and/or transitioning court reporters for training to become qualified CART providers. The Task Force also recommends financial compensation for qualified CART providers who mentor court reporting students and/or transitioning court reporters for the purpose of becoming qualified CART providers in the state of Arizona.

HOH Task Force Recommendation:

The Hard of Hearing Task Force recommends that ACDHH issue this Position Paper to Pima Community College Chancellor Dr. Roy Flores publicly supporting the creation of a court reporting program at Pima Community College. If Pima Community College is unable to create a court reporting program, the Hard of Hearing Task Force recommends that ACDHH encourage Pima Community College to collaborate with an existing National Court Reporters Association-approved online program with a CART/captioning program.

This position paper was unanimously adopted by the ACDHH Board of Commissioners as ACDHH's formal opinion on this issue at the Board of Commissioners bi-monthly meeting on Thursday, January 15, 2009.