**WSSSC Report: Disability Support Services Council**

**Winter meeting 2017**

Respectfully submitted by Kim Thompson – Shoreline Community College

**DSSC meeting was held February 2nd & 3rd at South Puget Sound College (Lacy Campus)**

**Thursday 2/2/17**

Task Force & Committee Updates

* **SB 6466 Workgroup**

This workgroup was legislatively mandated and culminated in a report. It is not known if further work will be required.

* **Accessible Technology**

Jess Thompson, Karen Fusco and Kim Thompson reported out on the Committee for Oversight of Accessible Technology (CATO).

* **Statewide Captioning Services**

Jess Thompson talked about the statewide captioning services grant that is about to end, and the negotiated rate with 3play media**.** There was also discussion about how to order captioning in terms of highest impact.

* **CtcLink & Accessibility**  There is concern about the accessibility of CTC link and the Council discussed writing a letter to the Commission and the Stateboard requesting that the access features be turned on.

**State Report Outs**

* SBCTC Report – Ruben Flores
* WSSSC Report – Kim Thompson

**Presentations**

1. **Accessibility Tool(s) Training/Review**

Jess Thompson reviewed simple tools for providing accessibility to technology on campus.

1. **DVR Presentation**

Amanda Kipfer, Tacoma Supervisor and Lynn Odom, Statewide Coordinator for Deaf Services provided a presentation that focused on educating the group on the pathway and purpose of DVR, and how educational institutions can work most effectively with DVR.

1. **Interagency Agreement**

Information about the current status of the Interagency Agreement, and how to use it was presented by Tami Jacobs. There was discussion about ways the agreement might change in the future. Tami will keep the group updated as necessary.

**Friday 2/3/17**

1. **Veterans Presentation Series 2 (Timm Lovitt& Jerimiah Meyer)**

This was the second in a three-part series the DSSC is providing its membership this year. This session focused on the veterans transition experience as relates to disability, and how that might impact a veterans ability to provide documentation when requesting reasonable accommodation.

1. **Panel Discussion: Serving Veterans**

Best practices panel. On the panel were the two veteran presenters, three disability service providers, and one Dean of Students. The panelists spoke about best practices for reducing barriers for veteran students with disabilities.

**Hot Topics** - Council members requested professional support on difficult issues.