

## From our Deaf and HoH (Hard of Hearing) community

*Our Area is looking for ways to make online meetings available to our deaf and hard of hearing members.*

*ASL is an option that is available but it was pointed out that many members who are hard of hearing don't know sign language. Closed captioning is available through Zoom but it is expensive*

*We would like to hear from any Area that has experience with ASL or closed captioning for online meetings.*

### **FYI – Explanation of terms**

**Deaf** - to describe people who identify as culturally deaf, actively engaged with the Deaf community, often born deaf and sometimes have other family members who are deaf. Deaf people often prefer to use ASL and it may be their first language.

**deaf** - refers to the medical condition of having hearing loss. People typically do not have a strong connection to the Deaf community and do not use sign language.

**HoH** - someone with mild/moderate hearing loss. Person who does not use ASL as their 1st language or preferred language. Can prefer to be identified as Deaf.

**Hearing Impaired** - commonly used term to identify someone with hearing loss however Deaf community finds it **offensive**.

**There are other options as well, but they also cost such as-**  
<https://otter.ai/login>

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