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### Advisory Board

### Meeting Minutes

May 9, 2006

**\* Approved by Board August 8, 2006\***

**Board Members Present:** Juliana Janson (Vice-Chairperson), Susan Zimmermann (Secretary/Treasurer), Mary Burgess, Gregg Collar, John Sutphen, James Kittleman (PSC), and Charles Brennan.

**Others Present:** Lou Piazza (TAF Manager), Angelo Rella (Asst-TAF Manager), John Flack (TAF Administrator).

- I. Juliana Janson, vice-chairperson, called the meeting to order and took role call. A quorum was present and the meeting proceeded.
- II. The Board reviewed the minutes of the February 14, 2006 Board Meeting. Charlie Brennan made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by John Sutphen, and was unanimously approved by the Board.
- III. Lou Piazza reported on the expense reports for January through March 2006. Lou said he went over more detailed financial reports with Susan Zimmermann, TAF's Treasurer, prior to the meeting and she was satisfied with that review. Lou provided some additional highlights of the monthly reports as well and answered some questions concerning the approval of the 2006 TAF Budget at a prior meeting. Lou informed the Board that TAF has hired a part-time clerk to help with some of the TAF administrative duties. Susan Zimmermann made a motion that the expense reports to be accepted. Gregg Collar seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved the motion.
- IV. Lou Piazza provided a review of the Monthly Summary Status Reports for the months of January through March 2006 and answered a few questions. Susan Zimmermann made a motion that the reports be accepted and Mary Burgess seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the motion.
- V. Lou Piazza provided a status update on the Telephone Relay Service (TRS). Lou informed the Board that the PSC issued a Notice, dated May 5, 2006, Case number 06-C-0524 soliciting comments from interested parties concerning making caption telephone service available in New York. Lou also provided the Board with a copy of that Notice and said comments were due to the PSC no later than June 2, 2006. Lou encouraged the member organizations to consider filing comments and directed them to the comments filed by various organizations with the FCC in a similar proceeding in Docket 03-123. Several questions were asked about CapTel including does the service work over VOIP lines and does the Provider of CapTel have a secondary call center location other than the one

located in Madison, WI. Lou said he would get answers to those questions and send them along to each Board member. Lou did inform the Board that Bill Darcy (TAF Consultant) was very close to having a prototype VCO phone ready for testing to mirror, with almost the same results, this type of caption telephone service without the use of a propriety technology.

- VI. Lou researched the TAF By-Laws on the requirements of replacing MCI (who represents CLEC industry segment) as a Board member and passed that information along to the TAF Board Ad Hoc group. The AdHoc group will meet before the next Board meeting. In addition, a News Notice was posted on the TAF website soliciting any interested CLEC to contact Lou. Lou will search the web to see if he can find any state association representing CLEC's and get some input, but in the mean time he will put a list together of current TAF CLECs, in good standing, and will do some calling around.
- VII. The next scheduled Board meeting is Tuesday August 8<sup>th</sup> in Syracuse, at the Relay Call Center conference room, starting at 10:30 A.M. Lou will get details such as directions, motels and the like and send them to the Board members.
- VIII. Juliana Janson made a motion to adjourn, Charlie Brennan seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved the motion.