



**Annual Meeting & Consortium Meeting Agenda**  
**October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019**  
**Noon – 1:30 pm**  
**@ Bridges**

- EARS Annual Meeting, *EARS President, Donicé Kaufman*
- Consortium Meeting, *EARS Consortium Chair, Heidi Mariscal*
  - Question:
 

*What is most important to the deaf and hoh community when faced with an emergency situation?*
  - Consortium Programming
    - Needs
    - Solutions/Programs

Identified Need	Solution/Program	Targeted Audience	Notes
Accessible Smoke Alarms in more homes	<u><i>Accessible Alarms</i></u> <i>Install alarms and train consumers on fire safety</i>	Consumers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consortium committee needed</li> <li>• Need interpreters to assist with installations at homes</li> <li>• Need script written for video</li> <li>• Need video for installations and fire safety education</li> </ul>
Getting services to more deaf and hoh	<u><i>Outreach</i></u> <i>Committee to reach more consumers</i>	Consumers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consortium committee needed</li> <li>• Determine ways to reach more consumers</li> </ul>

- Survey update: *TN Dept. of Health, Jennifer Johnson*
- Open Discussion

**EARS Board of Directors:**

**President** – Donicé Kaufman  
**Vice President** – John Walsh  
**Secretary** – Sandy Cohen  
**Treasurer** – Phil Yater  
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**Consortium Chair** – Heidi Mariscal

**Everyone must register for each meeting via the EARS website to account for lunch!**

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**2020 EARS Meeting dates:**

- January 23<sup>rd</sup>
- April 23<sup>rd</sup>
- July 23<sup>rd</sup>
- October 22<sup>nd</sup> (Annual Mtg.)

All meetings will be from 12/noon – 1:30pm (unless told otherwise.)

All meetings will be held at Bridges, 935 Edgehill Avenue, Nashville (unless told otherwise.)

## **EARS Consortium**

The EARS Consortium is comprised of interested individuals, organizations, and agencies interested in promoting the mission of EARS.

The Consortium provides the mechanism for collaboration and partnership between deaf, hard of hearing, and deaf-blind consumers and emergency responders in conjunction with the mission and goals of EARS.

The Consortium works to:

- Bring community members and emergency responders together to learn from one another
- Identify education opportunities for consumers and emergency responders
- Pool resources for achieving a common goal
- Plan and conduct workshops (in collaboration with the Program Committee)
- Collaboratively identify funding opportunities that can be useful to the EARS programs and mission
- Help recruit volunteers to actively serve on EARS committees and in leadership positions.

## **EARS Mission**

To provide emergency preparedness training, appropriate early warning equipment, and the coordination of emergency services for the benefit of person who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Deaf-Blind.