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To Marilyn Call,

It has come to our attention that the picture of Beth Ann Campbell has been taken down from the conference room because of her role and responsibilities as a “program director.” We were vaguely told that the removal decision was made by a group during a meeting. Since we are not sure which deciding group they were referring to, please share this letter with them. Whoever made the decision, we realize that many of them (probably all of them) did not know Beth Ann Campbell personally and professionally.

It is our understanding that when the Division of Services to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DSDHH) was housed at the Utah Community Center for the Deaf (UCCD) in 1988, services to the deaf grew. The administration divided responsibilities between the Division Director and the Director. Gene Stewart became the Division Director of the DSDHH in 1989. Beth Ann Campbell’s title/role as the director remained the same and she reported to Mr. Stewart.

However, before the DSDHH was housed at the UCCD, Beth Ann Campbell was indeed the director of the UCCD in Bountiful from 1985 to 1989.

According to the “Historical Highlights of Utah’s Sanderson Center,” (http://deafservices.utah.gov/newsite/?page_id=885) Beth Ann Campbell became the second director of the UCCD after Dr. Robert G. Sanderson retired in 1985 (the highlight stated “1983,” which is wrong). Upon Dr. Sanderson’s retirement, he noted in his book, “A Brief History of the Origins of the Robert G. Sanderson Community Center of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing” about Beth Ann Campbell becoming the new director shortly thereafter, as follows:

“Dr. Judy Ann Buffmire, executive director of Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services, appointed Beth Ann as director of the Utah Community Center of the Deaf. Beth Ann had worked for the Division of Rehabilitation as a professional level interpreter and aide for over 15 years,

and was closely associated with the Center for the Deaf programs. She was also a “CODA” – (child of deaf parents) – and enjoyed considerable support among the deaf community, reflecting her advocacy and activism on behalf of deaf people (Sanderson, 2004)."

This statement above indicates that Beth Ann Campbell assumed the duties and responsibilities as the director of the UCCD in Bountiful, similar to Dr. Sanderson's position before his retirement. In addition, she was authorized by Dr. Buffmire to direct the UCCD. Based on my research, I do not see anything about her position being temporary.

Again, the year of 1990-92 states, “Director of community center position changes to Program Director for the new division. Marilyn Call is hired for this position when Beth Ann Campbell retires.” Simply put, the program director position was created after Beth Ann Campbell retired in 1992. Beth Ann Campbell never held the title as program director although her job description may have fit the program director’s job duties under the DSDHH.

Our argument is that Dr. Sanderson and Beth Ann Campbell were never a director under the DSDHH and yet, they shared the same duties and responsibilities while directing the UCCD in Bountiful. Since Dr. Sanderson and Beth Ann Campbell had the same title and job description, why does Dr. Sanderson’s picture remain on the wall?

Hence, out of courtesy and respect for Beth Ann Campbell’s years of service as an interpreter assisting deaf leaders lobbying for funding for UCCD through the legislative process and directing the UCCD in Bountiful, she deserves to have her legacy being passed down from generation to generation. We ask that her picture be restored to the wall where it belongs. Otherwise, the deaf community may never appreciate the services at the Sanderson Community Center nowadays if it was not for her dedication and contribution to the community center.

The people listed below have agreed to sign this letter supporting this cause.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please let us hear from you with answers.

Sincerely,

Jodi B. Kinner
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Julie Smith
Rob & Sally Kerr
Dave & Shanna Mortensen
Norman & Diane William
Roy & Darlene Cochran
Ken & Ilene Kinner