



HEARING, SPEECH & DEAF CENTER SIGNON INTERPRETING SERVICES AND ASL INTERPRETER NETWORK MERGE **Soon All Deaf Interpreting Services Will Be Under One Roof**

Seattle – March 1, 2017. Two of the leading Deaf interpreting services in the Puget Sound, SignOn Interpreting Services at Hearing Speech & Deaf Center (HSDC) and ASL Interpreter Network (ASLIN) have joined forces.

For years, these organizations have provided an array of services for the Deaf, DeafBlind, and hard of hearing communities, each growing specialties in different areas such as legal and health services. By becoming the same entity, the process of finding and booking an interpreter is streamlined. All jobs at both agencies will be retained and all staff will be located at the growing HSDC Seattle office under the Interpreting Services department.

“We have worked side by side with the ASLIN team for many years, and we are honored to have them join us,” said HSDC Executive Director Lindsay Klarman. “This move will help to provide ease of accessibility for the Deaf community which has been operating in crisis mode because of the shortage of interpreters.”

ASLIN Founder Robbi Crockett will work with HSDC through the end of 2017 to ensure a smooth transition.

“This change is one that I am extremely proud of because it will help to better serve the Deaf community,” said Crockett. “Our team has worked hard to grow ASLIN for nearly two decades, but we have reached a point where the greatest impact we can have can only be met by working with HSDC to ensure that our shared mission of being an advocate for the Deaf is met.”

HSDC Interpreting Services will continue to provide the same services, which include:

- American Sign Language (ASL) interpretation
- Signed English (PSE) transliteration
- Signed Exact English
- Tactile and close visual interpretation for DeafBlind consumers
- Oral Translation for deaf consumers who rely on speechreading
- Lip-reading Translation (LRT) for individuals who are unable to express vocally due to tracheotomy or other physical disability

HSDC will roll out the new streamlined services for our customers, Deaf clients, and interpreters over the next several months.

For more information about HSDC, please visit: hfdc.org/asl-interpreting-services/.