For: Virginia Association of the Deaf
From: Rachel Bavister, VAD’s Representative to the Community Access Collaboration (CAC) (Shelter for Help in Emergency)

This is my second report (see my report from June 30, 2020)
The CAC is now working on Needs Assessment and is asking VAD to:

• Think of those who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing whom we know, or think, are victims/survivors who would be willing to work with CAC on our Needs Assessment.

• Think of some agencies, professionals, and interpreters (Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and hearing) we think are doing some great work in the community with Deaf advocacy and/or sexual and domestic violence advocacy with Deaf and Hard of Hearing individuals that we think would be beneficial for us to learn and gather data from during a focus group or interview.

• Think of some questions we want answers to about sexual and domestic violence against the Deaf and Hard of Hearing so we can start brainstorming questions to ask during our focus groups and interviews with Deaf and Hard of hearing victims/survivors and Deaf and Hard of Hearing non-victims/survivors, agency staff and leadership, hearing victims/survivors of sexual and domestic violence.

So, help, please. Thanks, Rachel