

27D1 Vision Committee Report
January 22, 2023 Cabinet Meeting

Cabinet Members,

We are entering a new calendar year with a new outlook for vision screening training in Wisconsin. The WLF is working to set up guideline manuals for their "Train the Trainer program". When I inquired about the manual availability this month, I was informed that they are not ready for publication and distribution yet.

So, with our March 10-11 D1 convention approaching, we are moving ahead with our best efforts. PID Peter Cerniglia and I have been working on our program for certification training. Our effort is to focus on Lions having a proficiency with the Mobile Binocular Autorefractor (cameras). Many have questions related to conducting a screening and how to address problems like "how do we screen kids with glasses" and "what form do we use to report our screenings"?

WLF is making some changes in the reporting format to more closely match up with the camera software and how they need to make their reports to Kids Sight USA. There is a change to be age-based instead of grade-based reporting of the kids.

We have had delays on the delivery of some Plusoptix cameras as they have been slowed down by the low supply of memory chips available.

To my knowledge:

- Stoughton Lions has received their Plusoptix S12C equipment.
- Dodgeville is working with Plusoptix on the delivery of their order.
- D1 is working with Plusoptix on the delivery of the replacement of the S09 that is housed in Deforest.
 - Plusoptix has stated that if we change our order to a Plusoptix S12R, the delivery time would be sooner because of the difference in the chips used. The main difference is the S12R will not have wifi in that device. The S12R's should be delivered soon. (Cost for the Plusoptix S12R is less than the S12C.)

We are doing well with our scheduled vision screenings and January and February look to be busy.

It appears that Prevent Blindness is making a strong effort to recruit students and business employees to sign up to help schools do the chart screenings taught through Prevent Blindness. There are nurses moving to different schools and new nurses at some of our regularly scheduled screenings. This brings the issue of how should students be screened above 6 years old. Nurses make reference to the Prevent Blindness guidelines of needing to screen these students with charts. This does affect where we are invited to do our Mobile Binocular Autorefractor (camera) screening.

We are working to address this issue and WLF needs to be part of this discussion.

Please continue to schedule your screening events in schools and daycares and we will be ready to have our screening tent available for outdoor screenings this spring. We are looking for events to train Lions how the tent should be used to be successful.

Thank you for all of your service, and families have shared their gratitude for your efforts as well.

Respectfully submitted,
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