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## **Are You A Lone Ranger?**

**Presented by TAMMY FORTUNE, MBA, RID CI/CT**

*0.3 CEUs in Professional Studies Offered*

**Where:** Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind 104 VSDB Drive, Staunton, VA 24401

**When:** Friday, September 7, 2018 6:00PM - 9:00PM (.3 CEUs)

**COST:** VRID Members - \$30 / Non-Members \$40 / Student \$25 / VDOE Participants \$0

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During this workshop, participants will examine the importance of their internal struggle with being the “Lone Ranger” in their profession. Participants will learn what role their personality traits play in their “Lone Ranger” mentality. Participants will learn techniques to align themselves with non-interpreter coworkers. Participants will learn techniques that will improve their soft skills and rapport with other peers, interpreters or not. They will also evaluate the techniques that are the most effective and useful for their daily work. Participants will also come up with ideas for ways their local communities can network for a greater village.

**ABOUT THE PRESENTER:** Tammy Fortune, MBA is a CODA from Lynchburg, Virginia. She began her interpreting career at age 17, as a post-secondary educational interpreter. Upon her graduation from Liberty University in 1995 with her degree in Business Management, she was hired as a K-12 interpreter and obtained her VQAS in the same year. Her life has taken her as far as Florida, where she began working in the mental health setting as a staff interpreter at a mental health facility in Central Florida. She obtained her Florida QAS in 2001 and her RID CI/CT in 2002. During her time in Florida, she became the Interpreter Coordinator and Human Resources coordinator for the same facility, coordinating facility interpreters as well as national and international conference interpreting teams. She has presented at RID affiliate chapter conferences and served on a panel for mental health interpreters. In 2007, she graduated from Liberty University with her graduate degree in Business Administration. Since relocating back to her home state of Virginia, she has worked in various settings, both as a staff and freelance interpreter, specializing in medical, mental health, video relay interpreting, and educational settings (K-12 and post-secondary). In addition, she has discovered a passion for theater interpreting and has interpreted more than 35 plays since 2012. In 2012, she began serving as an adjunct interpreting instructor in the American Sign Language Interpreting program at Liberty University. She also mentors local interpreters to improve skills and reach career goals. She has served as the VRID District IV Representative and Vice President. Now in her 26th year of professional interpreting, she currently serves as the VRID President.

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