



Idaho State Independent Living Council

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## Minutes

### STATE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING HOLIDAY INN, BOISE IDAHO JULY 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2019

#### Attendees

**Council:** Roger Howard, Melva Heinrich, Candy Harris, Sean Burlile, Eric Bjork, Ray Lockary, Denise Myler, Angela MacDonald, Molly Pollastrini, Shiloh Blackburn, Max Hudson

**Ex-Officio:** Jane Donnellan, Steve Achabal, Beth Kreite

**SILC Staff:** Megan Bates, Jami Davis, Mel Leviton, Jeremy Maxand

**Interpreters:** Sheila Robertson, Fran Bennett

**Guests:** Kevin Bittner

**Absent:** Judy Taylor

<b>Call to Order</b>	The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m., July 11th, 2019 by Eric Bjork, Chair
<b>Introductions</b>	Introduce members, staff and visitors
<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	Motion was made and carried to approve the April 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2019 council meeting minutes
<b>Perfection of the Agenda</b>	Motion was made and carried to adjust agenda which moved the Membership/Outreach Committee Report to 2:45 p.m. and the Planning Committee Report to 11:30 a.m.
<b>April Meeting Evaluation</b>	Facilitator: Angela MacDonald, Vice-Chair Angela presented an overview of the July Meeting Evaluation.
<b>Executive Director</b>	Facilitator: Mel Leviton, Executive Director

<p><b>Report</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SILC Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Staff changes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Megan Bates, Financial Specialist <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Started June 3<sup>rd</sup> as a transfer from Fish &amp; Game</li> <li>❖ Was able to jump right in and do what was needed</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Jeremy Maxand, Program Specialist <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Started July 8<sup>th</sup></li> <li>❖ Brings a lot of knowledge and willing to do what is needed at the SILC</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• NCIL talking points <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Talking points will be provided for advocacy – how a particular bill or funding formula supports PWD – If you ask them to support or oppose, you do it as an individual, not a SILC or CIL representative. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ National Housing Trust (Housing Finance Reform) Senator Crapo specific Chairman of the Senate Banking Committee</li> <li>▪ Value of Community Living vs. institutional placement</li> <li>▪ Continue Medicaid under current funding formula (FMAP) NOT block grants</li> <li>▪ Disability Integration Act</li> <li>▪ ABLE Age Adjustment Act</li> <li>▪ SB260 – Transformation to Competitive Employment Act</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• State Plan for Independent Living <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Submitted to ACL July 10, 2019</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Executive/Finance Committee Report</b></p>	<p>Facilitator: Eric Bjork, SILC Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review Budget, Megan Bates, SILC Financial Specialist <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Title 1</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ As of 05/31/19 there is a balance of \$39,316.26</li> <li>▪ Federal fiscal year ends September 30, 2019</li> <li>○ Title VII <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ As of 05/31/19 there is a balance of \$83,172.55</li> <li>▪ Federal fiscal year ends September 30, 2019</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ General Funds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ As of 05/31/2019 there is a balance of \$20,970.00</li> <li>▪ State fiscal year ends June 30, 2019</li> </ul> </li> <li>● APRIL attendance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ October 26 – 28, Grand Rapids, MI</li> <li>○ Amount budgeted <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ \$10,000 - \$15,000</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Additional day for youth</li> <li>○ All applications must be submitted by noon, July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 so a decision can be made.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Committee Sessions</b>	Facilitator: Committee Chairs
<b>Membership/Outreach Committee Report</b>	Facilitator: Angela MacDonald, Membership Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Open positions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Youth seat</li> <li>○ Region III</li> <li>○ Region II</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Outreach discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Design a flyer to place in CILs and other partner agency offices</li> <li>○ Reach out to contacts in other agencies to explore recruitment possibilities</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Policy Committee Report</b>	Facilitator: Denise Myler, Policy Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Disability Integration Act has 139 House cosponsors and 26 Senate cosponsors,</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ House needs 91 or more Democrats to get DIA on the floor.</li> <li>○ Goal for the House Floor Vote is during week on July 22-26 to correspond with 29th Anniversary of the ADA</li> <li>● President Trump signed the Pandemic &amp; All-Hazards Preparedness &amp; Advancing Innovation Act <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Focus on the federal government coordination of emergencies and disabled.</li> <li>○ Established a National Advisory Committee on Individuals with Disabilities and Disasters</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Money Follows the Person has passed the House and is extended until 2024.</li> <li>● Legislation Seeing Some Movement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ HR 3208/S1755 Real Emergency Access for Aging and Disability Inclusion for Disasters</li> <li>○ HR 3215/S1754 Disaster Relief Medicaid Act <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Result of 2018 hurricane season</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ HR873/S260 Transformation Competitive Employment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ends Fair Labor Standard Act 14 (C) subminimum wage for the disabled and segregate employment</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ HR1814/S651 ABLE Age Adjustment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Trying to raise the age for setting up an account from 26 to 46</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Disability History and SILC Member Training</b>	Facilitator: Mel Leviton, Executive Director <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Council training</li> </ul>
<b>Planning Committee Report</b>	Facilitator: Melva Heinrich, Planning Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Q2 full report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Data will be complete</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Q3 brief report</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Partial report, data is still being collected and entered up to the month following the new quarter</li> <li>● Brainstorm reporting methods for future SPIL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Looking at a Survey Monkey or other reporting method for the new SPIL</li> <li>○ Blank form to hand out at the meeting for people to complete and turn in to Planning Committee members</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>2020 Meetings</b>	<p>Facilitator: Jami Davis, SILC Staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Suggested 2020 meeting dates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ January 16<sup>th</sup> &amp; 17<sup>th</sup></li> <li>○ April 16<sup>th</sup> &amp; 17<sup>th</sup></li> <li>○ July 16<sup>th</sup> &amp; 17<sup>th</sup></li> <li>○ October 15<sup>th</sup> &amp; 16<sup>th</sup></li> </ul> </li> <li>● Explore possibility of making all meetings two-day meetings</li> <li>● Preference of having all 2020 meetings at the Holiday Inn Express</li> </ul>

## Minutes

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QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING  
HOLIDAY INN, BOISE IDAHO  
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**Attendees**

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**Ex-Officio: Beth Kriete, Steve Achabal**

**SILC Staff: Jeremy Maxand, Mel Leviton, Jami Davis**

**Interpreters: Sheila Robertson, Fran Bennett**

**Guests: Shelly Brubaker, LINC, Kevin Bittner, ICOA**

**Absent: Jane Donnellan, Judy Taylor, Megan Bates**

<b>Call to Order</b>	The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m., July 12th, 2019 by Eric Bjork, Chair
<b>Review Bylaws</b>	Facilitator: Ray Lockary, Executive Committee
<b>Agency Reports</b>	Facilitator: Eric Bjork, SILC Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Disability Action Center Northwest (DAC-NW)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Not reaching out to rural Idaho as much as needed</li><li>○ Celebrating ADA Celebration in all offices at the end of July</li></ul></li><li>• Idaho Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired (ICBVI)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Summer filled with different youth programs</li><li>○ Nancy Wise is retiring September 26th</li></ul></li><li>• Idaho Commission on Aging (ICOA)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ JFAC gave \$50,000 for caregiving effective July 12, 2019</li><li>○ ICOA State Ombudsman retiring August 1st</li></ul></li><li>• Living Independently For Everyone (LIFE)</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Trying to reach more rural areas</li> <li>○ Internal issues are a struggle</li> <li>● Living Independence Network Corporation (LINC) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Hired new PAS Coordinator, audits were exceptional, employed 400 people as personal assistants</li> <li>○ Helping people find personal assistants is a struggle</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Idaho Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (IDVR) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Summer programs for youth are successful, listening sessions throughout the state for input on employment resources and needs</li> <li>○ Jacque Truax is retiring August 28<sup>th</sup>, Dept of Labor is closing 13 offices statewide in rural communities</li> <li>○ EES – VR expired the EES rules and will be writing statute language to define EES as a time limited program and not a long-term subminimum wage work option</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Medicaid <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Medicaid expansion is coming January 1, 2020</li> <li>○ Applications for Medicaid expansion are being accepted beginning October 1, 2019</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Public Transportation Options</b>	Facilitator: Eric Bjork, SILC Chair Valley Regional Transit and Melva Heinrich, LINC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Council training</li> </ul>
<b>Medicaid Programs: Supporting Independent Living</b>	Facilitator: Mel Leviton, Executive Director <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Council training <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Aged &amp; Disabled (A&amp;D) Waiver</li> <li>○ Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver</li> <li>○ Idaho Home Choice (IHC)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

<b>Medicaid: Today and Tomorrow</b>	<p>Facilitator: Mel Leviton, Executive Director  Medicaid Panel (A&amp;D and DD waivers, and IHC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Block Grants</li> <li>• Panel discussion</li> </ul>
<b>Other Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• APRIL Conference Decision <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 3 staff attending &amp; 1 PA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mel Leviton</li> <li>▪ Jeremy Maxand</li> <li>▪ Jami Davis</li> <li>▪ PA</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ 2 youth attending <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ KD Kertson</li> <li>▪ Jacey Davis</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Youth will be required to apply for an APRIL scholarship to possibly offset registration cost</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Travel Forms and Evaluations</b>	
<b>Adjourn</b>	Meeting adjourned at 3:57 p.m.