



Idaho State Independent Living Council

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**Minutes
(Draft)
State Independent Living Council (SILC)
Quarterly Business Meeting
Teleconference
Zoom Call
April 17, 2020**

Attendees

Council: Christina Cernansky, Angela MacDonald, Melva Heinrich, Eric Bjork, Denise Myler, Max Hudson, Molly Pollastrini, Raymond Lockary, Candy Harris, Shiloh Blackburn, Mandy Greaser

Ex-Officio: Beth Kreite, Steve Achabal

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

Interpreters: Sheila Robertson, Fran Bennett

Guests: Russ Salyards, Leanne Naillon, Dana Gover, Mark Leeper

Absent: Jane Donnellan, Sean Burlile

A Captioner with ACS Captions was present.

Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 9:05 am, April 17 th , 2020 by Eric Bjork, Chair-Quorum present.
Introductions & Explanations	Introduce members, staff & visitors
Approval of Minutes	Motion was made and carried to approve the January 2020 council meeting minutes after correcting Christina's name which was misspelled.
Perfection of the Agenda	Change requested to move SPIL discussion after Executive Director report due to council members needing to leave meeting early. Change to agenda approved.
	Ray's last meeting as council member

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Executive/Finance Committee Report	Facilitator: Eric Bjork SILC Financial information from Megan Bates Budget reduction information -Per HR 557, SILC reduced our General Fund appropriation by \$2,300 and our sick leave payment by \$800. -Governor’s request has been made to hold back another 1% due to Coronavirus affecting budget. SILC is prepared to holdback another \$2,300. -Title 1 -\$69,943.53 remaining through September 30, 2020 -Title 7 -\$74,541.22 remaining through September 30, 2020.
Executive Director Report	Facilitator: Mel Leviton, Executive Director -Review SILC operations due to COVID-19 January – mid-March legislative & systemic work <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Extended Employment Support – S1330<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Hearings and meetings with legislators and partners. We initially supported and testified in support of S1330 – After changes, we did not support or oppose. An amended (1330a) version was eventually passed that we did not support. Signed 03/26 – goes into effect, 07/01/2020• Review with partners from DRI, ICDD regarding the RFI on the Idaho Behavioral Health Plan. Comments submitted the end of January.• Submitted comments A&D, 1915(c) waiver amendments in support of automatically enrolling dual eligible

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	<p>(Medicaid/Medicare) passive enrollment coupled with outreach and education to. Cost would only be incurred should beneficiaries opt out of the plan, using traditional Medicaid fee for service cost associated. Additionally, health care providers are limited in many of these areas. Enrollment in the IMPlus Program will likely provide better reimbursement to providers and greater likelihood that those providers will see patients who rely on Medicaid.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Our 2021 budget - JFAC presentation – February 4 – S1375 - signed 03/16/2020. As most are aware, our budget has been significantly reduced for this year and into next year.• HB 458 Battery of health care workers - mental health exemption to felony battery charges on health care workers during a mental health crisis. Died in Judiciary 02/11• HB 594 - Fair Warning Act (amended with new bill number) - Initially testified in favor. Timeframes were reduced from 90 to 30 days for landlords to provide notice of rent increases > 10% for properties under a 12-month lease. I didn't provide further testimony beyond the first hearing. Passed and signed 03/24/2020.• Pre-COVID-19 2nd quarter workgroups & committees (January – mid-March)<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Electronic Visit Verification, CID, CID board and sub committees (housing and EES), housing groups (IBAN
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	<p>hand off to Jami), IFHC, City and County ADA committees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• SILC Congress<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ February 24-27 – Great event. I learned good things and had good conversations with Regina Blye, our ACL program officer.○ COVID-19 entered on a larger scale, February 26 - Jeremy called me while in San Diego. Jeremy sent me draft language for the first SILC Situational Report regarding Access and functional needs.• We (me, Mandy, Dana & Christine) drafted a second situational report dealing with recruitment of volunteers from education. The SpEd office at SDE (Dr. Silva through help with Kendrick Lester) Several Para-pros did volunteer and were referred to the CILs. This project jumped soon for us to use it effectively, though reportedly others have taken it and adapted it to their states.• ITS – for the most part going well for remote working. We had full access to state systems for about 10 days prior to going to work at home status. It provided us with great experience for the current situation. <p>COVID-19 work since the end of February</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Medicaid A&D waiver meetings – mostly related to how services will be delivered and communicating
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	<p>that out to participants and providers. Very well done.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Medicaid DD waiver meetings to get communication to participants – providers aren't the focus. This has been very slow. I suggested that they follow Ali's model from the A&D waiver. There will be a question and answer session from Art Evans on the 18th – the ICDD is primarily running that process now. Disappointing when we know they could do better. There are also Medicaid meetings that are monopolized by providers – these aren't helpful to participants. Largely driven by DDA small business concerns.• AFN – which I've personally worked on for more than 8 years and now Jeremy is running as the coordinator.• We've done lots of work on transportation, food resources, medical supplies (DME) with local emergency managers, exploring FEMA Cat B funds, VOAD, IOEM (Chris Volmer), CILs, ICBVI, ICDHH, ICDD, IPUL, including PSAs with the CILs and other CID partners – Jeremy has led much of this work.• Crisis Standards of Care – Governor appointed strike team dealing with strategies for limited medical resources, including ventilators, medications and medical staff. I gained an appointment April 7th after several email exchanges with Department personnel and Sara Stover at the
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	<p>Governor's office. It had been my intention to get someone from DRI or the Idaho ACLU appointment. Confused about why it's just being done now – On-going concerns about civil rights for PWD during COVID-19. I was able to secure language (written into the plan) that says hospitals won't take the vents of people who come in with their own ventilator. We have ongoing concerns about congregate living – SNFs, RALPHs, ResHab, Mental Health facilities, Group homes, CFH, etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The CIL Directors and I have been working on amendments to the current SPIL.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Omit IDYLF 2020, omit 2020 IL annual conference, redirect that funding toward COVID-19 response at LIFE and LINC, increase LIFE funding with a reduction from DAC-NW, get it signed and submitted for approval so that MOUs can be revised between the CILs and the DSE.• Need to complete the 2021-24 SPIL, get it approved by the Council and signatories by May 15, hold a public hearing, get it out for 30-day public comment period, signed and turned in by June 30, 2020. <p>Special thanks and recognition to the SILC staff – we couldn't do all this great work without the resilience, flexibility, good humor and work ethic of Jami, Megan and Jeremy.</p>
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SPIL Discussion	<p>Facilitators: Eric Bjork & Mel Leviton</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review amendments to current SPIL.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 2.3 Community Connections - Replace annual IL conference with web-based and telephone technologies○ 2.3.a. How Centers will provide IL connections○ Benchmark adjustments due to shifting needs and venues○ 3.1.a. Adjustment to visit OR connect with rural communities○ 3.1.d. Outreach and listening opportunities may be met through web-based community activities○ 3.2.a. Omit Idaho Youth Leadership Forum (IDYLF) due to health and safety concerns during pandemic○ 3.2.a. Continue omission of IDYLF○ 3.2.b. Suspend development of SILC Youth Advisory Committee (YAC)○ 3.2.a. will replace 3.2.e.○ Include underserved youth not in school○ Revise benchmark language to match current situation and include underserved youth○ Renumbering 3.2.a. – 3.2.d.○ Numbering correction 3.2.g.○ 3.5.b. including web-based events○ 1.3B(1) Revise Chapter 1 Part B funding for DAC-NW and LIFE○ 1.3B(2) Revise down Part B funding from DAC-NW from 10% to 5%. Increase Part B funding for LIFE from 10% to 15%.○ 1.3B(4) Revise percentages as indicated above
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2.2A Revise Part B award amounts for DAC-NW and LIFE ○ 2.2B Revise Part B award amounts for DAC-NW and LIFE ○ 3.1 SPIL Signatory – Corrections for counties served by LINC and delete shared resources <p>Vote to approve: SPIL changes approved 4/17/2020</p>
<p>COVID-19 Organizational Updates</p>	<p>Facilitator: Mel Leviton</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Disability Action Center Northwest (DAC-NW)- Created state plans for both Idaho and Washington. Working on online training and resources being available. ● Idaho Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired (ICBVI)- Most staff working from home. Biggest issue for clients is isolation, especially in assisted living facilities. ● Living Independently for Everyone (LIFE)- Everyone is home and only essential staff at the office. Mandy reaching out and working with a lot of community members. Trying to get money to cover things that they can't use grant money on (like food, assisted technology.) ● Living Independence Network Corporation (LINC)- Pre Covid-working on legislation on employment issues. Actively working on Idaho Gives. Working remotely, upgrading systems to cloud based system. Working with other CIL's for a PSA to run statewide. ● NW-ADA-Trying to be support, working with SILC. Attending FEMA

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	<p>calls and collaborating with local and regional resources.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family and Community Services Crisis Team -Phone calls to department are within normal call volumes. Initial difficulty securing PPE for face to face meetings with clients but are now able to do that. SWITC taking precautions- no visitations and screening staff every shift. • H&W Medicaid-People who have questions regarding providers, you can find on the Medicaid website. Working to enhance telehealth and flexible participant eligibility. Policy, program, and finance group working to solve all the problems. • SILC- Jeremy weekly calls across local and regional from federal to county. Working on transportation and food access issues.
Quarterly Update	Facilitator: Melva Heinrich, Planning Chair -Survey sent through survey monkey Results: more information than ever received. 31 pages of response.
Next SPIL Meeting Date	Date to review and approve 2021-2024 SPIL-Final report is due by June 30 th . 3 hour meeting. May 15th 9am.
Adjourn	12:00 adjourned