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Minutes

**State Independent Living Council (SILC)
Quarterly Business Meeting
Holiday Inn Express and Suites Boise Airport
3050 S. Shoshone, Boise, ID 83705
July 15, 2022
9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (MDT)
ASL Will Be Provided**

Call to Order and Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shiloh Blackburn called the meeting to order and declared a quorum at 9:32 a.m. • Introductions were made
Call to Order and Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candy Harris moved and Eric Peterson seconded to approve the April minutes as presented. Motion carried.
April Meeting Evaluations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candy Harris reviewed the results of the April meeting evaluations.
Executive Director Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Listening Sessions have been happening across the state. Even when people didn't attend, SILC learned a lot from the staff, interpreters, and others. • SILC needs 126 more surveys to meet the benchmark of a 10% increase from the last SPIL. • Mel recognized staff for their work on the assessment along with the rest of their work. • Brittany requested a short, concise introduction to send out via email for the survey.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mel will have recommendations for the Council regarding the next statewide assessment (even though it is 3 years from now) when she provides her preliminary report in October.• Mel stated that she has reduced the number of State boards she serves on. She will be joining the Nampa St. Al's board in 2023.• Mel continues to meet one-on-one with Juliet Charon, Medicaid Administrator and Christine Pisani, IDDC Director regarding issues with the Adult DD and the A&D waiver.• Mel is working on the annual state progress report that is due the end of August. It will be submitted with SILC's budget request. Once it is accepted, Council members will receive a copy. There are no substantial changes.• Marilyn Sword and Sarah Toevs, of the Idaho Caregiver's Alliance (ICA), asked that SILC consider becoming the state administrative entity for the ICA grant. The grant is currently housed through the Commission on Aging. The Commission has decided not to continue with the grant. The project would take up about an eighth of the Director's time to administer, plus additional time from our financial specialist. SILC would be compensated financially through administrative fees. It is a worthy project, though unsure if it is a good fit within the SPIL. ICA would like to present at the October SILC meeting about what ICA does. After discussion the Council decided to ask the Idaho Caregivers Alliance to present (45-60 minutes) in October. Mell will contact them and the Executive Committee will put it on October's agenda.
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- There are opportunities to continue working with Public Health with COVID Education and vaccine funding to be directed to hiring a public health worker, similar to direct ACL funding opportunities. There is also an opportunity for grant funds directed toward general adult vaccination programs for uninsured and underinsured adults – potential funding through state public health. SILC is still exploring this opportunity as details are limited. These projects fit more closely within the State Plan and health equity work. Again, they can be resource intensive.
- The ads/videos with Idahoans with disabilities promoting COVID vaccinations were just released on July 14th. The videos were not captioned nor audio described. Mel has circled back with Public Health on it. Please send Mel a letter or email if you would like to see captioning on the videos and she will see that your emails/letters get to Public Health.
- Mel has posted one of the ads/videos on the SILC Facebook page and will get the rest posted after they are captioned.
- SILC has an opportunity to secure some FEMA Region 10 funding to support disability inclusion in all aspects of emergency management. Jami and Mel are drafting a proposal that would support goal 1, objective 1.1 (SPIL, page 6)
- Mel drafted a revised description for the Committee descriptions. Please review, comment, and let her know if you want to make any adjustments.
- The Per diem appendix in the Council manual needs to be updated to reflect current mileage and meal per diem rates. Michael Lefevor moved and Eric Peterson seconded to update the per diem appendix in the

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	<p>Council manual to state that the per diem is paid at the current state rate. Motion carried.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mel stated that as a state agency, milage rates aren't increased until they are approved by the state.
Break	
Program Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jami stated she has talked with 45 new individuals about ABLE. She has also done outreach especially during the community listening sessions and did a local presentation as well.• Jami stated that she and Mel are checking to see if FEMA funds can be used for stipends to get people with disabilities to emergency planning meetings.• The Idaho Inclusive Emergency Coalition (IIEC) meets once a month. SILC would like more people with disabilities involved. The meetings are the second Tuesday of the month at 2 p.m. MT and 1 p.m. PT for 1 hour.• Jami stated that she attended SILC Congress. She made a connection with the Oklahoma SILC Council Chair. They will be doing a presentation together at the APRIL conference in October called "Rising from the Darkness" focusing on disability and suicide.
Executive/Finance Committee Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Megan gave an overview of the FY 2022 budget that ended on June 30th.• The State LUMA project is 2 years past it's originally "go" date due to the pandemic and other issues. The hope is to go live January 2023.• The State budget request for FY 2024 has to be submitted by the end of August. There will be a small increase due to increased rent, other expenses, and a one-time expense for computers.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The budget for Council travel to conferences is \$10,000 for the entire 2023 fiscal year. The cost to attend the APRIL conference is approximately \$2,000 per person. • The Council agreed that decisions regarding conference attendance will be made by the Executive Committee.
SILC Congress – NASILC Conference, Council Member Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erin stated that she learned a lot more about the SILC processes and indicators, guidelines, information on collaboration, and more. She enjoyed the panel on inclusion. SILC staff did a fantastic job with the travel and hotel arrangements. • Tara stated that her favorite parts were learning about other disabilities and seeing how they coordinate accessibility for such a diverse group of people with varying disabilities. It was interesting to see what does or doesn't work well for other SILCs. Her favorite workshop was emergency planning but it needed more time. Being in person is much more beneficial than being on-line.
Working Lunch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Casual interaction and peer support among Council members and staff to discuss disability issues, IL, and regional concerns
Team Building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mel did a team-building session with the Council and staff.
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Policy Committee Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eric Peterson stated that the Policy Committee would like to do a training session on the process of advocacy meetings. • The Committee has another idea where they will supply information on legislative bills to the Council. Brittany will take the lead to get things out in a timely manner.

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	<p>Having constituents contact legislators is incredibly helpful.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• For October, think of an issue you have experience with and are passionate about, then plan on coming to the next meeting to work on how you would present that to a legislator. Once you can do that, you can use that for other issues when they come up with any agency, not just legislators.
Planning Committee Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SILC will review the quarterly survey to fix some errors that happened this time. The survey also needs to be adjusted in order to gather more information on the benchmarks.• The Committee discussed doing two virtual Community Listening Sessions the end of August in hopes that we can get more participation. Perhaps one session during the day and one in the evening, keeping in mind the time difference for North Idaho.• Mel stated that the survey will remain open for at least a week after the virtual meetings.
Membership Committee Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Candy Harris stated that younger people are not really aware of the amount of work that has gone into the ADA.• To improve outreach and membership, Erin is going to push out a social media plan in mid-August, Candy is going to work with the colleges and CILs, and Tara is going to post to social media and talk with people she knows.• Shiloh asked if anyone has received an application or inquiry from Region VII. The answer was no. Shiloh will follow-up on it.• Eric Peterson stated that he has met a veteran that might be interested. He will follow-up on it.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mel reminded everyone that we are also looking for a youth (18 to 26), and a PWD from Regions I & V.• Mel stated that in the Community Listening Sessions they have learned that a lot of people still use Facebook.
Wrap up: meeting evaluations, travel forms	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mel stated that we need to decide about changing the October meeting dates. Due to the APRIL Conference, we will have an issue with a quorum on October 13 & 14, 2022, the dates currently scheduled for the Council meeting. APRIL is the same dates and at least two Council members are attending through their CIL.• Candy Harris moved and Brittany Shipley seconded that we change the dates for the October Council meeting to October 20 & 21, 2022. Motion carried.• If Council members are interested in attending the APRIL Conference in Orlando, they need to complete an application and submit it to the SILC office ASAP. The Executive Committee will meet to decide on any applications received.
Adjourn	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.