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State Independent Living Council (SILC) Quarterly Business Meeting October 20 & 21, 2022

9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. MDT, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 PDT ASL Provided

Attendance: Shiloh Blackburn, Brittany Shipley, Erik Kimes,

Tara Adams, Brittany Shipley, Michael Lefevor, Sherri Boelter,

Brianna Tamayo

Via Zoom: Eric Peterson

Ex-Officio: Alan Aamodt, Steve Achabal, Russ Salyards, Erin Olsen

Absent: Candy Harris

SILC Staff: Mel Leviton, Jami Davis, Megan Bates, Janey Bruesch

Guests: Ray Lockary, Jeremy Maxand

Via Zoom: Mark Leeper

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Call to Order and Introductions	 Shiloh Blackburn called the meeting to order and declared a quorum at 9:32 a.m. Introductions were made
Approval of Minutes and Perfection of Agenda	 There is a change to the agenda. On Friday during the SPIL Planning, the new information received from ACL will be discussed. Michael Lefevor moved and Eric Peterson seconded to approve the July minutes as presented. Motion carries.
July Meeting Evaluations	 Shiloh Blackburn reviewed the results of the July meeting evaluations.
Executive Director Report	Maps showing the areas for each CIL were shared.

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	Overall preliminary results from the statewide assessment were shared. The statewide assessment is
	required every three years.
	 Need to find a better way to handle the community
	meetings.
	 It was suggested that ICBVI and the CIL directors meet
	to develop some uniform questions for their staff to use
	to gather information for future reports.
Program Updates	 Jami Davis provided an update on programs.
	 Provided four ABLE workshops – Pocatello, Idaho Falls,
	VocRehab and at IL Conference in Lewiston.
	 43 new contacts and 38 have opened or plan
	to open an ABLE account.
	 Jami and Mel did an Emergency Prep when Traveling
	workshop at the IL Conference.
	 Mel and Elva did an Emergency Prep for Camping
	workshop at the IL Conference.
	APRIL Conference Report
	 Conference was virtual.
	 Provided a workshop on Mental Health with
	Molly Pollastrini.
	 Favorite session was "Reaching and Engaging
	Farmworkers". Got some great ideas for
	reaching out. That community does not use
	the term "disability". Instead, ask if anyone in
	the family is struggling with anything or needs
	anything.
Executive/Finance	 Megan Bates provided an update on the SILC budget.
Committee Report	Eric Peterson nominated Shiloh Blackburn for SILC
	Chair. Shiloh accepted the nomination.
	 Eric Peterson nominated Candy Harris as SILC Vice-
	chair.

Council Orientation and Introduction to SPIL Development

- Eric Peterson made the Council aware of some issues on transportation and a possible new ruling.
- Megan Bates provided orientation on what is required for travel reimbursement for Council members.
- Mel Leviton reviewed the current SPIL.
- One challenge in collecting information is if you don't do emergency planning, people think they aren't making the benchmark but that is not the expectation. Just say you aren't doing it.
- CILs have a lot of engagement around emergency planning but it doesn't feel like they are doing what is needed for the SPIL.
- Need to get people involved in emergency management at their local level. When emergency planners have more information about autism, wheelchairs, etc., then they can think about that when making emergency plans. If the needs are understood better, we could be a lot better prepared for the next emergency.
- People need to know who to call for help.
- Things that give richer information enrich the next state plan and lives.
- Goal 1.3: Perhaps the data collection process needs to be changed. SILC surveys ABLE people, CILs help people get Medicaid and other services, VR and ICBCI do customer satisfaction surveys. VR does Social Security benefits planning.
- Goal 2: The Idaho IL Network will work to strengthen effective Network operations that are adequately funded and increases capacity.
 - Funding is from the Federal Government and we have no control over it.
- Need to have consistent information going out no matter where a person lives about the CILs. There are

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	definitely some things CILs do differently but still consistent. That can be part of building the network. It doesn't have to be as ridged as it is. Are CILs really serving all 44 counties? Need a marketing plan to get out information about what the CILs do that can be used to show the value of the centers and what they do. Benchmarks can be changed. CILs decide what the benchmarks are. When we don't hit the benchmarks, then we look at what are the barriers, and if some things need to be looked at differently or treated differently. Goal 3: We knock this one out of the park every quarter. It would be lovely if the CILs and ICBVI would share stories in our annual report – PPR (part B) even if it is done as part of Part C money. It really helps spread the word. 3.3: Peer to peer across disability – We are not hitting it out of the park. If minor or technical amendments are made, it was suggested that major amendments be considered for 3:3.
Council Orientation	Mel Leviton provided a PowerPoint presentation to familiarize new Council members with the history of IL in Idaho and the disability rights movement Moeting was adjourned at 4.25 p.m.
Adjourn	 Meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

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Call to Order and	 Shiloh Blackburn called the meeting to order and
Introductions	declared a quorum at 9:31 a.m.
	 Introductions were made
Membership/Outreach	 Tara Adams provided the Membership/Outreach
Committee Report	Committee report.
	 The Committee recommends the application from
	Ahnora Snodgrass be approved and sent to the
	Governor for appointment.
	 Tara Adams moved and Michael Lefevor seconded
	to send Ahnora Snodgrass' application to the
	Governor's office for appointment to the SILC.
	Motion carries. Note: This would fill an At Large,

	PWD, underserved (Tribal) community position on
	the Council.
Policy Committee Report	 Eric Peterson provided the Policy Committee report. The Committee would like to meet twice a month after the elections to stay on top of any issues. After discussion, it was agreed the Policy Committee would meet once a month starting in December and through the legislative session. Staff will get an email out next week to the Committee regarding dates for a December meeting and dates for meetings going forward.
Planning Committee Report	 Erik Kimes provided the Planning Committee report. The Fourth Quarter SPIL report was provided to Council members. People really like the new survey format as it gets more information on what they are actually doing. The Committee is looking at amendments and benchmarks for the SPIL. The SPIL Planning Committee met two weeks ago and will meet once a month as we move forward with the amendment and any changes to the benchmarks.
	 Tara Adams asked for a slight adjustment to the agenda to introduce Tim Bronsky with Idaho Business with Education and Youth Apprenticeship Program. Tim gave an overview of his background and business.
SPIL Planning	SILC will need to extend the current SPIL. SILC and the CILs will need to work on the goals and the benchmarks. If substantial amendments are made now using the assessment, then we don't have to

- do them next year. The SPIL needed to be amended so this gives us the mechanism to do it.
- Kimball Gray has returned as our new ACL project officer. Kimball was our project officer prior to 2017 when he was replaced by Regina Blye, followed by Peter Nye.
- Goal 3: The benchmark is "did you provide surveys or follow-up". It is very black and white. Instead of asking about surveys or follow-up, it could ask "did people make meaningful peer connections. Yes or no." This is learning naturally rather than forced.
- The 3-year plan is up next year and it helps guide what we do. The Planning Committee has to put together a plan and then bring it to the Council for approval.
- The Planning Committee and CIL Directors need to take some time and work on the SPIL. The recommendations are brought to the Council for approval.
- The SPIL Planning Committee needs to look at the benchmarks and reword them so it is easier to report and show the work being done.
- By taking a look at the benchmarks, it provides an opportunity to plan for a future with some flexibility and more clarity.
- Goal 2: Reassessing how to articulate building out the network. Things can be tweaked. Need to do a better job of carrying through to the center staff.
- A network on the same page, working for the greatest benefit for all. Opportunity to look at what the state needs and come together.
- This conversation helps everyone understand why and what we are working on. It is a continuing process across the nation. It needs to be

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	 understandable, plain language for SILC pieces (can't do anything about language required by ACL). 3.2: SILC and the CILs can add organizations we work with which shows the network. It is defined and it is required that it be defined.
2023 Meeting Dates	 Michael Lefevor moved and Erik Kimes seconded to set the dates for the 2023 Council meetings as January 13 (via Zoom); April 13-14, July 14, and October 12-13 will be in-person meetings. Motion carries.
Training Idaho Caregiver's Alliance (ICA)	 Marilyn Sword, Sheila Weaver, and Sarah Toevs provided an overview of ICA. Looking for ways to continue funding the Caregiver Alliance. The next ICA meeting is November 9th from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. via Zoom The ICA Public Policy Group will meet October 28th from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. February 14, ICA will have a Legislative luncheon at the Statehouse, first floor; 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. March 11th is the 12th annual Caregiver Conference via zoom.
Training — Meeting Emergency Evacuation Procedures	Jami Davis provided Emergency Training for the Council.
Adjourn	 Meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.