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State Independent Living Council (SILC)
Quarterly Business Meeting
Holiday Inn Express and Suites Boise Airport
3050 S. Shoshone, Boise, ID 83705
July 14, 2023
9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
ASL Will Be Provided

Attendance: Shiloh Blackburn, Alan Aamodt, Tara Rowe, Sherri Boelter, Justyne Collins, Brianna Tamayo, Larry Henrie, Eric Peterson, Tara Adams, Erin Olsen, Michael Lefevor, Brittany Shipley, Russ Salyards, Anhora Snodgrass, Shannon Morgan

Guests: Ray Lockary

Absent: Erik Kimes, Steve Achabal

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

Call to Order and Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions were made • Meeting process was reviewed
Approval of Minutes and Perfection of Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No changes were made to the agenda • Tara Adams moved and Brittany Shipley seconded to approve the April Council minutes. Eric Peterson abstained. Motion carries.
April Meeting Evaluations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tara Adams reviewed the April meeting evaluation results.
Training – Active Listening	

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Executive Director Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SILC is considering having Megan Hudson, TeamBuilders Consulting, facilitate the SPIL planning. SILC is starting to develop a new plan for September 2024. The Executive Committee will discuss the idea further.• ILRU training is August 22 and 23, 2023 in Boise at the Oxford Inn. The hotel block closes July 23, 2023. It will start at 11:00 a.m. Mountain time on the first day and go until 7:00 or 8:00 p.m. Day two starts at 9:00 a.m. and ends by 2:00 p.m. The timeframe is set up to help with travel and hotel costs. SILC will cover the cost for Council members to attend including travel, lodging and per diem for meals not included with the training.• The IL Regional Conference will be held in Boise in September. It is hosted by LINC and is geared towards consumers more than staff of CILs, Councils, etc.• The HCBS (Home and Community Based Services) conference is in August in Baltimore. Mel and Jami will attend.• SILC's technical amendments for the SPIL were submitted on June 13th. Waiting to hear if it is approved. Erica will be our project manager for the foreseeable future.• The Developmental Disabilities Council (DDC) and SILC have been hosting a lunch and learn session on Tuesdays. DDC and SILC are planning to include Medicaid in the near future related to the DD Waiver and the A&D waiver. Attendance has been somewhere between 10 and 18 each time. It is not for providers. There are no A&D Waiver folks participating that they know of. They are trying to get some A&D people to participate.
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	<p>Brittany would be happy to include something in their newsletter. Mel will follow-up with her after the meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mel is participating with a large Medicaid managed care group. They are working to get time for people with disabilities to speak with the Legislative committee.• Mel is doing a lot of systemic work in conjunction with other organizations across the state. Submitted comments for HCBS, does a lot of work around housing, and more.
Program Updates	<p>ABLE – Achieving A Better Life Experience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Received 38 new calls and emails this quarter for ABLE.• Things are improving with Health & Welfare staff learning that ABLE does not affect benefits. The age limit is going to 46 in 2025.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ ABLE is a savings account for people with disabilities and is not counted towards benefits○ In the past if a disabled person’s savings was over the \$2,000 limit, they had to “spend down” to keep their benefits.○ Most of the referrals SILC receives are through Voc Rehab and CBVI. SILC also receives referrals from attorneys and financial planners.○ ABLE accounts have been a well-kept secret.○ Idaho does not have an ABLE account to be fiscally responsible due to the fees.○ Funds can be used for anything disability related such as health, quality of life (rent, driver’s ed, opportunity to travel, etc.).○ Have incredible people on the Council who have really been great at helping get things approved, getting votes in the legislature, etc.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jami will be putting together a work group to try to get Idaho to have an ABLE account. If you are interested in the work group, contact Jami. <p>Emergency Preparedness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Attended a couple of conferences and learned things to we need to think about for emergency shelters including is it wheelchair accessible, does it have sensory areas, etc. Need to be sure to advertise whether it is or is not accessible. ● Attended a Mental Health Conference online that was fantastic ● Jami works on Housing issues with Mel
<p>Executive/Finance Committee Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Megan reviewed the budget. ● Shiloh stated that the Executive Committee met in June to prepare for this meeting. ● The SPIL Assessment report is in your folder. Please read and contact Mel with any questions. ● The Policy committee is working on the audit policy with Megan. ● Mel updated the Council regarding the recent member appointments and what happened. ● Council Meeting Dates for 2024 The Council agreed to adopt the following dates for Council meetings in 2024. January 19, 2024, via Zoom, and April 18 and 19, 2024, July 19, 2024, and October 17 and 18, 2024 as in-person meetings.
<p>Committee Sessions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Shiloh appointed Tara Rowe and Justyne Collins to the Policy Committee; Larry Henrie to the Planning Committee, and Shannon Morgan to the Membership and Outreach Committee.
<p>Policy Committee Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Brittany Shipley provided the Policy Committee report. ● The committee will be working on the Audit Policy with the Executive Committee and staff; internal policies and

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	<p>procedures; evaluation process for Executive Director going forward; and training for Council members before the legislative session.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Anhora Snodgrass shared information on training related to the Medicaid changes with the end of COVID.
Planning Committee Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Michael Lefevor provided the Planning Committee report.• The SPIL Assessment Report will be used to create the next State Independent Living Plan which is due June 2024. The goal is to have a draft for the January Council meeting. Once the draft is approved by the Council, then it has to go out for public comment for 30 days, we make changes, and hopefully approve the final SPIL in April, then send it for signatures.• The SPIL Drafting Committee will include the CIL directors, Alan Aamodt, Larry Henrie, Mel Leviton, and Shiloh Blackburn. When wordsmithing is needed, it will be a smaller group.• If you are interested in seeing how the process works or considering being part of Planning Committee, let Mel know. The meetings are via zoom. Council members are welcome to sit in and learn.
Membership and Outreach Committee Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tara Adams provided the Membership and Outreach Committee report.• The Committee had two applications to review.• The Committee will hold one of the applications for a year as there is not a position open currently on the Council.• The Committee recommends that the Council approve the application from Ian Bott for an At-Large, Marginalized seat on the Council and submit his name to the Governor's office.• Tara Adams moved and Brittany Shipley seconded to accept Ian Bott's application for an At-Large seat on the

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	<p>Council and submit it to the Governor's office. Motion carries.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Council still needs a person with a disability from Region VII who does not work for a CIL or the state.
Wrap up	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• There are no items in the Bucket List.• One of the television stations has been doing interviews related to care providers for people on DD and A&D waivers.• SILC is looking for someone who uses A&D waiver services to participate in the interviews. If you know of someone, please contact Mel.
Adjourn	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.