



Shiloh Blackburn, SILC Chair
Mel Leviton, SILC Executive Director

Minutes
State Independent Living Council (SILC)
Quarterly Business Meeting
October 5 & 6, 2023 -- 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. MDT
ASL Provided

Attendance: Shiloh Blackburn, Brittany Shipley, Anhora Snodgrass, Michael Lefevor, Russell Salyards, Tara Adams, Eric Peterson, Erik Kimes, Sherri Boelter, Steve Achabal, Tara Rowe, Alan Aamodt

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

Guests: Ray Lockary

Excused: Brianna Tamayo, Justyne Collins, Shannon Morgan, Erin Olsen

October 5 Minutes

Call to Order and Introductions	Shiloh Blackburn called the meeting to order and declared a quorum at 9:34.
Approval of Minutes and Perfection of Agenda	There were no changes to the agenda. Brittany Shipley moved and Michael Lefevor seconded to approve the July Council meeting minutes. Motion carries.
July Meeting Evaluations	Tara Adams reviewed the results of the July meeting evaluation.
Executive Director Report	Mel gave a report on activities for the last 3 months. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on issues with Luma. • Worked on a campaign "Our Care Can't Wait". • Testified at the JLOC hearing which included stories of two people who are now in facilities due to the lack of Personal Attendant. • Michael stated that they are having to turn so many away due to the lack of workers and providers closing. They are asking local legislators to participate in "A Day in the life of a Personal Assistant". • Mel stated that the coalition working on this is substantial. • Health & Welfare has requested funding for 60 additional Medicaid staff and funding for two they already have. People have been encouraging the Governor's office and legislators to

	<p>fund what is needed. Idaho has a history of providing care for the disabled population. Now is not the time to stop.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participating in the Lunch and Learn series almost every two weeks with the Developmental Disabilities Council. • Continuing to work on housing issues. Recently became aware of a housing unit in downtown Boise that has 2 units that have not opened that are supposed to be ADA accessible. They didn't figure out it wasn't ADA accessible until after it was opened which is not acceptable. If you hear of anything like this, please let Mel know. We can do a freedom of information act request if it is publicly funded. • ILRU training in August was great. 49 people from CILs and the Council attended. There was education on why we do what we do. • Mel has been unable to find an attorney to give an opinion and it has become clear that getting an opinion is just that, an opinion. • Work force shortage goes across all industries. We have been unable to find an auditor who has the availability or staff to do an audit.
Program Updates	<p>Jami provided the Program update.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The National wireless alert went out yesterday at about 12:20 Boise time. If you had issues receiving the alert, you need to contact FEMA. Jami can provide the contact information if you need it. • The ABLE workgroup met for the first-time last week to look at the future and perhaps Idaho having an ABLE Account Program. • Jami posted on a Facebook page about ABLE and received 52 comments. She did a Zoom meeting to answer questions and thus far has had a total of 42 responses and contacts. • Sherri asked if Jami would have time in November to do ABLE training via Zoom for their youth. Jami stated that she is working with Justyne on it. • The Squirrel Digest will be late due to the Council meeting and APRIL Conference. It was suggested that perhaps she skip October and just do it in November. • ILRU training – 49 people attended and 43 people responded to the survey after the training. 41 were extremely positive and 2 felt it wasn't very beneficial.
Executive/Finance Committee Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Megan reviewed the financial report and shared a PowerPoint on funding for the SILC.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Luma has been rocky for everyone. She is currently working through issues with Luma for the new budget FY2025. She is having to make some technical corrections due to errors in the system. • We have been unable to find an auditor. We are waiting for a quote from a firm in Pocatello. We did get a quote from Harris for \$18,000 for the first year, \$17,000 for each year after that. <p>Shiloh reviewed the Executive Committee minutes from September. They discussed updating the Policies, and the SPIL update.</p> <p>Shiloh opened the floor to nominations for the SILC Chair. Sherri Boelter nominated Brittany Shipley and Brittany accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations for the Chair.</p> <p>Shiloh opened the floor to nominations for the SILC Vice-Chair. Michael Lefevor nominated Tara Adams and Tara accepted. There were no other nominations for the Vice-Chair.</p>
Report on Meeting Space and Locations	Janey provided a quick overview of the various costs of holding the Council meeting at another location. Bottom line is that Holiday Inn Express has the best price.
Council Orientation	Familiarize new and existing Council members with the history of IL in Idaho and the disability rights movement.
Adjourn	Meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

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

Guests: Ray Lockary, Mark Leeper, Rep. Berch, Rep. Petzke, Senator Just, Senator Wintrow, Senator Rabe, Senator Cook

Excused: Brianna Tamayo, Justyne Collins, Shannon Morgan, Erin Olsen, Steve Achabal, Erik Kimes, Sherri Boelter

October 6 Minutes

Call to Order and Introductions	Brittany Shipley, SILC Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. and declared a quorum. Introductions were made.
Small Group Meetings with Legislators	The Council broke into two groups and met with legislators. There were specific questions provided to help get to know the legislators.
Committee Sessions	Membership and Outreach Committee – Lemhi Room Policy Committee – Lobby/Breakfast Area Planning Committee – Conference Room
Membership and Outreach Committee Report	Tara Adams provided the Membership and Outreach Committee Report. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee recommends that Ian Bott fill the Region IV seat on the Council and that the Blind/Visually Impaired position become an At-Large seat. • Tara Adams moved and Eric Peterson seconded to change Ian’s application to Region IV. Motion carries. • The committee would like to invite Jacob Judge to the next Council meeting. Jami Davis will reach out to him and make the invitation. • A member of Representative Berch’s family is Blind or Visually Impaired. Tara Adams will work with staff to follow-up with him to see if that person would be interested in serving on the SILC.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senator Cook told the Membership Committee that he would see what he could do to help find someone with a disability to serve as the Region VII representative on the Council. • Mel stated that when the SILC has a table at events, it would be wonderful if Council members in the area would come and table with the staff.
<p>Policy Committee Report</p>	<p>Brittany stated that the Policy Committee is working on drafting changes to the SILC policies and then eventually will draft updates to the bylaws.</p> <p>Brittany explained that there is a "redline" copy and then a clean copy of each policy the committee has worked on. The exception is there is a proposed Code of Ethics which did not exist previously.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Duties and Responsibilities: Chair It was last reviewed in 2017. The changes recommended bring it up to date with what is happening now. No changes to draft. • Code of Ethics This is new. Eric Peterson objected to the Code of Ethics. Brittany explained the reasoning behind developing a Code of Ethics. The Code of Ethics was adapted from another state to fit Idaho. The other state had an attorney review their Code of Ethics. Eric stated that he was removed from the Policy Committee today. Brittany explained that he was asked to take a break due to the issues. Eric stated that was Brittany's opinion and not what actually happened. Eric continued to interrupt Brittany and others as they tried to speak. Mel stated that this is a cross-disability Council. Everyone has different needs and working together is challenging but you figure it out. We need to work together. We don't have to agree on everything. Tara Rowe was recognized and interrupted by Eric Peterson. Michael Lefevor stated that we need to remember not to interrupt each other. <p>Eric Peterson moved to table the motion. There was not a second.</p> <p>Tara Rowe suggested a change to the wording on the signature line of the Code of Ethics. ...understand to the best</p>

of my ability, ... Eric Peterson interrupted again and stated it is all from Brittany. Tara Rowe stated that it was from the committee and reviewed by the committee. Mel stated that you swear an oath and sign it when appointed to the Council.

- Executive Director Policy

Brittany explained it is a policy, not a job description.

Michael Lefevor recommended changing the word conduct to complete in the second paragraph. Group agreed.

- Duties and Responsibilities: Vice Chair

No changes to draft.

- Duties and Responsibilities: Members

No changes to draft.

- Disciplinary Action of a Member

Michael Lefevor asked if the Council would remove a member or the Governor. Jami stated that according to Tamera Felter in the Governor's office the Council makes the recommendation and sends it to the Governor. The Governor makes the final decision. Tara Rowe asked if it is written notification by snail mail or email. Brittany stated that it can be done by email or mail based on the individual's needs.

- Mel stated that we will be updating all the accommodation forms to be sure we have everything up to date.

- Nominations for Membership

No changes to draft.

- Reimbursement to Council Members

Michael Lefevor asked about the federal rate "in some locations". Brittany stated that it is something we will check annually to be sure it is correct.

- Tara Rowe asked if we are doing one motion for all of the policy updates or doing individual motions. Brittany stated it is up to the Council.

Michael Lefevor moved and Tara Rowe seconded to accept the updated Chair policy as written. Motion carries.

Tara Rowe moved and Anhora Snodgrass seconded to approve the Code of Ethics with the language change in the signature line as previously noted. Discussion ensued. Tara Adams would like more information about the legal aspect of it. Shiloh will share additional

	<p>information with Tara Adams. Eric Peterson asked what you do with a person who won't sign it. We don't need a contract.</p> <p>Tara Rowe moved to withdraw the motion and Anhora Snodgrass withdrew her second.</p> <p>Michael Lefevor moved and Tara Adams seconded to accept the updated Executive Director policy with the word "conduct" changed to "complete", to accept the updated Duties and Responsibilities: Members; to accept the updated Nominations for Membership; and to accept the updated Duties and Responsibilities: Vice Chair. Motion carries. (No one abstained and there were no nay votes.)</p> <p>Michael LeFevor moved and Tara Adams seconded to accept updated Reimbursement to Council Members policy. Motion carries. (No one abstained and there were no nay votes.)</p> <p>Michael Lefevor moved and Tara Adams seconded to table the updated Disciplinary Action of a Member policy and the new Code of Ethics policy until the next Council meeting. Motion carries. Tara Rowe opposed. No one abstained.</p>
Planning Committee Report	Mel stated that the Planning Committee will review the SPIL Quarterly reports when they meet in late October.
SPIL Planning	<p>Mel reviewed the draft SPIL. The Council will go over it more thoroughly in January before it goes out for public comment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a slight revision to some of the goals to help clarify wording and/or to simplify the objectives and measures. • We have two possible co-sponsors for ABLE legislation. • Michael stated that we need to be sure the date on page 30 is changed and the extension information removed.
Other business	<p>Mel reminded everyone that if they are interested in attending SILC Congress in March, they need to get an application to the SILC office ASAP as the early registration deadline is November 15th.</p> <p>Sign travel forms, complete meeting evaluation, sign photo release and get all of these to Janey.</p> <p>Michael LeFevor moved and Anhora Snodgrass seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carries.</p>
Adjourn	The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.