Idaho State Independent Living Council

Tara Rowe, SILC Chair
Mel Leviton, SILC Executive Director

Minutes
State Independent Living Council (SILC)
Quarterly Business Meeting
July 17, 2026
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. MT (9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. PT)
Zoom Meeting
ASL & Zoom Captioning will be provided

Attendance: Tara Rowe, Justyne Collins, Sherri Boelter, Erin Olsen, Alan Aamodt, Jeremy Maxand, Anhora Snodgrass, Joseph Vincent, Brittany Shipley, Russell Salyards

Excused: Julie Anthony, Kylie Reed, Beth Cunningham

Guests: Yvette Primero, Molina Healthcare

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

Minutes

Call to Order and Introductions	Tara called the meeting to order and declared a quorum at 10:05 a.m. Introductions were made.
Approval of Minutes and Perfection of Agenda	Brittany Shipley moved and Sherri Boelter seconded to approve the April Council meeting minutes. Motion carries. There were no changes to the agenda.
April Meeting Evaluations	Sherri provided a short overview of the evaluation results. A change of meals was

	requested. The Stop the Bleed and Gratitude trainings were great! Training suggestions included more team building, CPR and Medicaid and Managed Care training.
Executive Director Report	Mel gave an update on the assessment. Over 60% of the responses are from people with disabilities. We really need to push it out. Jami sent 1,000 surveys to the Salvation Army this week that will go out in food boxes in the area. The Listening Session in Idaho Falls is from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 29th. They will be capturing a youth group part of the time as well. Life has funds to help cover transportation costs to get people to the listening session. The Listening Session in Post Falls will be on Monday, August 24th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Pacific time. We will do at least one more Listening Session on Zoom. We are happy to do a special Zoom Listening Session for a particular group. We can also print surveys and send them to you if that helps. Federal & State – every day, everything changes. The OMB regulations are going to impact all grants across all agencies. It means

	all of our funding can be cut without notice. Mel had no updates on our National Partners. There is a directors' only meeting next week. The APRIL conference in October is in Niagara Falls so the SILC is not sending anyone. The APRIL Conference for 2027 will be October 9-11, 2027. The SILC reverted $1,600 which we had not planned to revert. Mel stated that she will be traveling to conduct the statewide assessment meetings, host the Region X Conference and attend the Nevada Self-Advocacy Conference over the next couple of months. The assessment ends on September 15th.
Executive/Finance Committee Report	Megan gave an overview of the State Fiscal Year 2026 which just ended. We reverted $1,600. She also gave an overview of the new State Fiscal Year 2027 which just started as well as the federal Fiscal Year 2026. Zwygart Auditors will be doing our audit in October. Tara gave a summary of the Executive Committee meeting in June. Mel is hoping to learn more about being a non-profit when she is at the Silver State Self-Advocacy Conference in Nevada.

	The head for our DSE still has not been decided. They are going through the third round of applications. Anhora Snodgrass moved and Justyne Collins seconded to accept the Council meeting dates for 2027. Motion carries. (Note: January 15, 2027, via Zoom; April 15 & 16, 2027 in-person; July 16, 2027, via Zoom; and October 14 & 15, 2027 in-person.)
Program Updates	Jami stated there are 368 Idaho ABLE accounts as of June 30th. 162 were people who had accounts in Ohio and moved them to Idaho. We actually gained 116 accounts. In the last 3 months, 187 individuals have attended an ABLE presentation. There were two tabling events this quarter. The Caldwell Resource Fair – approximately 100 people, and the Special Olympics opening games where we had about 350 people. There were 41 individuals who attended different emergency prep presentations and 12 surveys were returned. Between tabling and presentations, a total of 678 individuals were reached this quarter. There are several things coming up over the next few months. Tara stated that for her recertification this year she had a person who knew what ABLE was and was very informed about it. Having ABLE in Idaho is very important. We are

	making progress!
Membership/Outreach Committee Report	Sherri shared information on a new application for the Council. The Membership & Outreach Committee recommend approving the application. Anhora Snodgrass moved and Jeremy Maxand seconded to approve the application. Motion carries. Sherri stated that we have open positions in Regions 2, 3, 4, 6, and 7. There are also At-large positions. The new flyer was shared with the group. Janey will send the flyer to the Council this afternoon.
Policy Committee Report	Justyne and Anhora asked Tara to explain the changes to the Membership Recruitment and Nominations policy. Joseph Vincent moved and Sherri Boelter seconded to accept the amended Membership and Recruitment policy. Motion carries. Tara stated that we have received bylaws input from several people and would like additional input. Send your input to Janey.
Planning Committee Report	Jeremy stated that we updated the questions on the quarterly SPIL survey. He felt it was easier to complete and that we got better responses. Mel stated that she agrees.

	Seems like we got better information. We need to keep pushing the SPIL assessment out.
Public Comment Opportunity	Yvette Primero with Molina Healthcare thanked the Council for allowing her to observe the meeting. She is learning a lot. You do great work.
Other Business	Ex-officios gave an update on what is happening with their agencies.
Adjourn	The meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.