



Idaho State Independent Living Council

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MINUTES

STATE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL (SIILC) QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING HOLIDAY INN, BOISE, IDAHO WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2017

Attendee

Council: Roger Howard, Rick Huber, Max Hudson, Ray Lockary, Angela MacDonald, Eric Bjork, Denise Myler, Molly Sherpa, Mike Smith (via remote web connection), Candy Harris, Nancy Wise, Melva Heinrich

Ex-Officio: (Non-Voting Members) Nancy Wise

SIILC Staff: Mel Leviton, Jami Davis, Lyn Moore, Jerry Riener

Guests: Dean Nielson, Sheila Robertson (Interpreter), Fran Bennett (Interpreter), Mark Leeper, Krista Kramer (via remote web connection), Dana Gover

Absent: William Toombs, Non Reyes, Sean Burlile, Beth Kriete, Jane Donnellan

1. Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 9:10 am, Wednesday, October 11, 2017 by Ray Lockary, Chair

Introductions Purpose: Introduce members, staff and visitors
Facilitator: Ray Lockary, Chair

**2. Motion
Approval of
Minutes** Motion was made and carried to approve the July 12-13, 2017 Council meeting minutes.

**Motion
Perfection of
Agenda** Additions and changes to the day's agenda: Motion was made and carried to approve the agenda without changes.

**3. July Meeting
Evaluation** Facilitator: Eric Bjork
Eric presented an overview of the July Meeting Evaluation.

- July Meeting Evaluation Form handout was provided

to Council.

- Suggested spending time discussing the previous meetings comments directly following the reading of the comments
 - Possibility of having 2 and 3 day meetings. There was discussion of the financial implications to the SILC. Longer meetings aren't fiscally possible at this time.
 - Suggestion of posting meeting notices on newspapers and television stations. Mel will send out the link to the Public meeting handbook for review.
 - Decided Executive Committee will review comments prior and bring to the Council any that need further discussion.
 - Include short presentation on Roberts Rules of Order during orientation, but keep council meeting more casual. Rick volunteered to provide RR training to the Council in January. All were in favor and he agreed. It will be placed on the January agenda.

4. Executive Director Report

Facilitator: Mel Leviton, Executive Director

- Financial Updates: Title I, Title VII, Gen Fund, SWDEV. Motion made to accept and approve SILC financials
- SILC Congress (decision needed):
 - February 20-23, 2018
 - Approx. cost is \$2100 per person
 - Motion to send 3 staff and 1 to 2 council members, depending upon funding. SILC is sure there is funding for one Council member with the possibility SILC may be able to come up with funding for two. Mel asked that the Council choose one person and an alternate if funding is secured
 - Council members interested in going:
 - Angela MacDonald
 - Eric Bjork

Motion

- Melva Heinrich
- Ray Lockary

The Council didn't vote on who will be sent to SILC Congress.

- State legislative/issues update:
 - State annual performance measurement report supplied to Council
 - Proposed ASL licensing rules will go to the Legislature during the 2018 session. The rules will go into effect July 1st, 2018. Via Steven Snow, ICDHH, there may a few modifications minor modification. CDHH will let us know if they need any help or support.
 - SILC has funds budgeted to provide people with ASL interpreters in their home area should they wish to talk with legislators. CDHH has been told we can offer this assistance.
 - As a council member, please be ready to help out during this next legislative session
 - Update on Secure treatment facility –
 - SILC was at the table in April only
 - Rules have already been drafted
 - SILC has sent letter to the Governor, along with a copy of the report on abuse at SWITC.
 - Mel will email a copy of the letter and the link to the report to the Council after the meeting.
 - Proposed legislation to cover those with severe illnesses (Stage IV Cancer, other terminal illnesses) to qualify for temporary Medicaid
 - AARP asked for SILC support for the Family Caregivers Act that will require a hospital to ask if a person has a caregiver. If so, the hospital will talk to the caregiver (with individuals consent) on how to help individual with their medical needs upon discharge.
 - Will SILC support?

- Federal legislative issues/updates:
 - Disability Integration Act
 - Air Carrier Act Amendments
 - Will SILC support?
 - Motion was made and carried to support what the Executive Director feels is best for SILC when need is **immediate** with notification and information sent to the council.
- Other business:
 - SILC’s lease has been renewed. The office doesn’t need to relocate this year.

Motion

5. Youth Advisory Committee Update

Facilitator: Jami Davis, SILC Staff

Currently 6-7 Youth Members. The committee meets monthly via telephone. The YAY is working on the following:

- BluePath project and contest – Eastern Idaho
 - Summer contest ended with an additional 74 entries
- Youth Leadership Forum: July 8 – 13, 2018 at Boise State University
 - First planning meeting held in September
- APRIL Conference:
 - 6 youth from Eastern Idaho
 - 12 youth from Northern Idaho
 - 2 youth from Boise/McCall

6. Committee Sessions

Facilitator: Committee Chairs – see updates below.

Working Lunch On site

Independent Living discussions on Federal, State, and SILC operations, including SPIL planning/monitoring.

7. Emergency Management & ABLE Updates

Facilitator: Jerry Riener, SILC Staff

- ABLE
 - Has had one public workshop in Boise, along with workshops for various IDHW advisory committees.

- Received quite a few calls regarding ABLE since July 1st, 2017
- Will be conducting training in Eastern and Northern Idaho prior to the holidays
- Has not seen a lot on the Federal level yet
- All printed ABLE information that SILC provides is also in Spanish and Braille
- Emergency Management
 - 17 counties had 150% of snowfall this last winter and 5 counties at 300%
 - Provided a workshop to Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) on Disability Inclusion Practices. This was during VOAD's annual meeting and training. At their invitation, Jerry attended in the 2-day event at no cost to the SILC.
 - Will be presenting at APRIL: Lessons SILC has learned working with Emergency Management/Preparedness organizations.

8. Executive Committee Report

Facilitator: Ray Lockary, Chair

- NCIL Update – Jerry and Molly shared insights about the 2017 NCIL conference
- APRIL Conference attendees:
 - Ray Lockary
 - Denise Myler
 - Mike Smith
 - Jacey Davis
- SILC Chair and Vice Chair nominations
 - Chair
 - Ray Lockary
 - Denise Myler
 - Vice Chair
 - Eric Bjork
 - Max Hudson
 - Any other nominations must be sent to Angela MacDonald no later than October 31, 2017. Jami will send out nominees to the full council no later than November 15, 2017

9. Policy Committee Report

Facilitator: Rick Huber, Policy Chair

- Repeal of the Affordable Care Act
 - Failed
- Federal Budget update
 - Medicaid cuts are being put into the budget
 - Already passed House, Senate will be voting on it next
- H.R.620 ADA Education and Reform Act of 2017
 - SILC signed on to letter that NICL provided opposing H.R.620
 - Bill would create significant obstacles for people with disabilities to enforce their rights under Title III of the ADA to access public accommodations

10. Membership Outreach Committee Report

Facilitator: Eric Bjork, Membership Chair

- Ex-Officio Replacement
 - Would still like representation from ICOA
- Tribal Representation
 - Does not need to be a Project 121 Director
 - Several people indicated they knew of people they would ask

11. Planning Committee Report

Facilitator: Melva Heinrich, Planning Chair

- Progress being made
- Committee collects information from partners and posted to SharePoint
- Council members will send information to their team lead
 - Committee Team Leaders: Melva, Jane, Angela, Candy, and Sean

Will continue to refine process as needed

12. SPIL Review

Facilitator: Mel Leviton, Executive Director

- PWD will have access to resources they need
- CILs and ICBVI do many things that are

- reported in other reports, but they may not fall under the activities of the SPIL
- Increase physical and communication access to health care settings
 - Plan is to distribute information to health providers, Council members can help with this.
 - Roger brought up a medical grant for providers to help them get accessible medical equipment in their offices. The program is through Centene Medical.
 - CILs, SILC, and partners will develop ADA materials/workshops geared towards inservice/preservice, higher education audience
 - ICBVI offers a low vision clinic as well as counselors to assist individuals
 - Can disseminate information on how to advocate for themselves in medical situations/appointments
 - NW-ADA is working on materials to distribute
 - Increase BluePath usage
 - Continue to map locations
 - Reminder to all mappers – All survey questions must be answered in order to add a business to BluePath register
 - Emergency managers and PWD have access to disability specific planning and preparedness resources
 - SILC asked to manage Access and Functional Needs group numerous times and SILC has declined
 - Jerry has been active with various Emergency management and preparedness groups
 - Jerry will forward information for calls for help to full Council
 - Implement personal stories
 - Once a success has been accomplished, bring it to light. For example, if a park or parking lot has been made accessible, send a letter to the editor thanking the city for making the area

accessible.

- Knowing who the playmakers are and how to get involved is important. Young people do not always know where to start and may need guidance from seasoned advocates

13. Agency Updates

Facilitators: Agency Representatives

- DACNW – Welcomed 3 new Board members, with Mike Smith being one of them. The CIL newsletter as well as social media has continued to grow. Currently running a mapathon for BluePath in Post Falls.
- ICBVI – Low vision clinic booked out several months, taking clinic to Lewiston. Recently had all-staff inservice and celebrated their 50 year anniversary.
- LIFE – IL Conference in September with a great turnout – 63 attendees with 41 consumers. Youth did presentation and was outstanding. Two youth advisors, 1 in Pocatello and 1 in Idaho Falls. LINC gives a youth scholarship of \$1000 per semester to a student that attends an Idaho University. Given 200 red folders out for disaster planning.
- LINC – Wrapped up 140 ADA accessibility assessments for polling places. 12 or 13 polling places will be reassigned due to inability to make accessible. ADA training with county clerks and recorders on effective communication in courtrooms. Have done trainings on aging in place and visibility with various agencies and departments such as Idaho Housing and Finance, Health and Welfare, etc. Disability mentoring day with 75 signed up. Success story, young man with disability completed PAS program to provide assistance to his grandparents.
- Voc Rehab – Not present

- Medicaid – Not present
- NWADA –Developed 12 page manual and how to request a service dog for your PTSD. Many calls from students who cannot fully access their schools due to stairs.

14. Complete Travel Forms and Evaluations

Next Meeting

Next Meeting Location:
Holiday Inn Boise Airport
2970 W Elder
Boise, Idaho 83705
January 11 – 12, 2018

Motion Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:30pm October 11, 2017.
Motion made and carried to adjourn.