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STATE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL (SIILC) QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING HOLIDAY INN, BOISE, IDAHO FRIDAY, APRIL 13, 2018

Attendees

Council: Roger Howard, Rick Huber, Max Hudson, Ray Lockary, Angela MacDonald, Denise Myler, Non Reyes, Molly Sherpa, Mike Smith, Candy Harris, Eric Bjork, Melva Heinrich, Sean Burlile,

Ex-Officio: (Non-Voting Members), Nancy Wise, Jane Donnellan

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

Guests: Dean Nielson, Kelly Brown (Mike's PA), Billie Nelson (Non's PA),

Absent: Beth Kriete (Ex-Officio), William Toombs

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:09 am, Friday, April 13, 2018 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 January 11 – 12, 2018 Council meeting minutes as written.

Motion Perfection of Agenda

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

3. January Meeting Evaluation

Facilitator: Eric Bjork, Vice-Chair
Eric presented an overview of the January Meeting Evaluation.

- January Meeting Evaluation Form handout was provided to Council.

- In regards to agency updates, limit to one or two highlights and keep to three minutes. Submit report prior to the meeting to

4. Executive Director Report

Facilitator: Mel Leviton, Executive Director

- Contract to vet financial literacy workshop
 - Contract for assistance with financial literacy workshops
 - SILC's budget request approved
 - Need 2-3 volunteers to help with summer meeting
 - A. Sean Burlile
 - B. Denise Myler
- State legislative update
 - Met with a number of legislators and gave them a copy of the infograph, followed by a conversation about the impact and work of the SILC and CILs
 - SILC provided testimony or support to:
 - A. S1262 – Patient Caregiver Act
 - Did not get read to move out of committee
 - B. H0464 – Idaho Healthcare Plan
 - Did not pass, did not make it to the floor
 - C. H0656 – Forcible Entry and Unlawful Detainer Act
 - Died in committee, but already working on getting it passed next year
 - D. H0547 – Relating to building codes
 - Amended and passed
 - Legislation supported or opposed but SILC did not provide written or verbal testimony
 - A. S1312 - Amendments to Idaho Service Dog Statutes
 - Bill had no sponsor and did not get out of committee
 - B. H0465 – Reinstate dental care

- passed
 - C. H0657 – Amended section 18-915C which currently allows front line health care workers press felony charges
 - Did not pass.
 - D. CID successfully requested that Joint Legislative Oversight Committee (JLOC) authorize the Office of Performance Evaluation (OPE) to conduct a study of SWITC
- Federal legislative issues/updates
 - Able to stop HR620 – ADA Education and Reform Act
 - A. Passed the House with Idaho Congressman presiding over the vote and supporting the legislation
 - B. 43 Senators signed a letter of opposition by Senator Tammy Duckworth. Neither Idaho Senator signed this letter.

5. Executive/Finance Committee Report

Facilitator: Ray Lockary, Chair

- Review of bylaw's and mission statement – Needs to begin after statewide assessments
 - Review bylaws and mission statement and send concerns and ideas to Ray Lockary
- Overview of SPIL planning committee
 - Center Directors, and members of Planning, Youth and Executive Committees – other as interested
 - Need 6-8 dedicated members
 - We will firm up committee make up later in the day
- SILC Budget update, Lyn Moore, Financial Specialist
 - Title I, Title VII, Gen Fund, SWD

6. Youth Update

Facilitator: Jami Davis – SILC Staff

- Youth Leadership Forum
 - Funding has been secured
 - Applications are available and to date none have been returned
 - Currently finalizing schedule
- Youth Advisory Committee
 - Members are working on individual projects in their communities
 - Continuing to BluePath
 - Disability History presentation in April
 - ADA Basics in May
 - “How to Tell Your Story” in June
 - Sharing our stories in July

7. ABLE, Emergency Preparedness, & Travel Update

Facilitator: Jerry Riener – SILC Staff

- ABLE
 - Two new states opened ABLE accounts recently
 - New Mexico
 - West Virginia
 - Workshops in 10 towns in North and Central Idaho
 - 12 ABLE workshops
 - 10 one on one hours
 - 64 participants
- Emergency Preparedness
 - Two workshops
 - 21 individuals

8. State Plan Assessment Preparation

Facilitator: Mel Leviton, SILC Director

- PowerPoint provided
- Reviewed proposed timeline for the upcoming SPIL
 - Deadline for completed SPIL to be submitted is June 30, 2019
 - April 15 – July 1, 2018 - SPIL committee meets 3-6 times to determine assessment

- questions and data collection methods
- July 12 and 13, 2018 - Provide overview of Statewide Assessment process and gather input from full Council
- September and October – Facilitate Statewide Town Hall meetings
- November 2 – close electronic survey
- November 16 – Mel provides summary of assessment to SPIL committee and DSE
- November 16 – December 20 – SPIL committee determines how to develop and draft 2020-2023 SPIL
 - Facilitator?
- January Council meeting – Review public input and identify priorities, objectives and funding
- February – SPIL committee reviews draft SPIL and posts for public comment
- March – Finalize draft SPIL
- April Council meeting – Full Council provided a review of the 2020-2023 SPIL
- June 1, 2019 – Partners sign the SPIL
- Signed SPIL sent to ACL

9. Committee Sessions

Facilitator: Committee Chairs

- Collaboration, discussion and **decision** making about who will serve on SPIL planning committee

Working Lunch

- SILC Congress Reports
 - Ray, Angela, Jerry, Jami and Mel
 - Casual interaction among Council members and staff to discuss issues of relevance to Independent Living

10. Planning

Facilitator: Melva Heinrich, Planning Chair

Committee

- Work on medical packet

11. Policy Committee

Facilitator: Rick Huber, Policy Chair

- Following the proposed work requirements for food stamps, how will that impact people with disabilities
- Increased funding for IL and DRI, but there may be push back for that
- Policy committee will work on tracking the calls and letters that SILC members send. If a member contacts a legislator (State or Federal), send who, what you commented on (bill or issue), how you contacted (email, call, letter, etc), and time to Denise Myler.

12. Membership/Outreach Committee

Facilitator: Eric Bjork, Membership Chair

- Open positions
 - Region 4
 - Would like to encourage people with disabilities from marginalized populations
- Review applications for upcoming and/or current open positions
 - No current applications
- Outreach activities to bring in applications

13. Agency Updates

- DACNW
 - BluePath may be going national
 - Newsletter audience growing
 - Difficulties keeping up with demands from both sides of the border
- ICBVI
 - On March 20 and 21st, ICBVI team members from the ATC, Pocatello Region

and Idaho Falls Region came together to present two special events. The first was for Transition students and was called "A Glimpse into the Future." Students were given a chance to participate in independent living classes, similar to the ones offered at the ATC in Boise. Classes included Activities of Daily Living, Orientation and Mobility, Braille and Wood Shop. Students were given the chance to try the classes under sleep shades and the advantages of that method of training were explored with them. A working lunch discussion class was held where students could share their experiences in school, with the well-meaning public and sometimes overly-protective family members. A few parents also attended this session and found the shades training very enlightening! One parent was chagrined that she had been guiding her daughter incorrectly and, even though she thought it worked well, it was actually very intimidating for the daughter.

- The second training day was called "Blindness and Visual Impairment 101" and was especially for CRP's, disability services coordinators, and other support staff who work with transition age visually impaired students. They were provided a little more background on services in general, an overview of eye conditions, and were given an abbreviated schedule of the classes provided to the students the day before. They mentioned afterward that the shade training was particularly valuable to them and they feel better able to serve the needs of their visually impaired clients as a result of attending the training. This was

the first time a training like this has been attempted in the regions and the consensus was that it was a huge success! Further trainings will be held in northern Idaho, possibly in the fall, and again in east Idaho next spring.

- One barrier would have been getting the students there during spring break. There were a few who were out of town for the week and could have benefitted greatly from the training. So scheduling was as much a barrier as transportation.

- LIFE

- Served 73 students in reality town in Eastern Idaho
- Youth volunteering once a week with the food basket
- Difficulty with representatives from (33?) Zolinger
- Working to make the court house accessible in Paris, Idaho
- Mandy Bishop replacing Dean as Executive Director of Life
 - A. Will begin May 2nd and shadow Dean for 2 months

- LINC

- Rebranding and had an open house in Boise and Twin will be having one on May 9th
- Regional IL Conference will be held in September. Date and location to be determined

- NW-ADA

- Medicaid

- Vocational Rehab
 - Budget was successful
 - Approval for part time for Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
 - VR approval for full time ticket to work outreach coordinator
 - VR looking at changing mission and vision statement to better capture what VR does
 - Federal VR grant has been increased by \$60 million. Also restored supported employment grant

- Others/guests
 - Assistive Technology Project
 - A. Tools for Life Youth Transition Conference: We increased the number of students who attended by 50% over the last time the conference was in Northern Idaho... up to 120 students from 80 three years ago.
 - B. One of the biggest barriers we are having is not having enough staff to cover the entire state. Federal AT Project funding is only enough to cover about 3 of our staff positions, and the other positions are funded through SESTA (Special Education Support and Technical Assistance). Like the SILC and CILs, there is always much more we would like to do (and people with disabilities need) than we have staffing and funding to accomplish.

**14. Motion
 SPIL Review and
 State Plan
 Assessment Planning**

Facilitator: Mel Leviton, SILC Director

- SPIL Review – SILC, CIL representatives and partners share what they have accomplished in the last six months on the SPIL

- Refine SPIL planning committee and process
 - Upcoming SPIL Planning Committee members
 - A. Members that volunteered:
 - Nancy Wise
 - Sean Burlile
 - Candy Harris
 - Roger Howard
 - Denise Myler
 - Rick Huber
 - Angela MacDonald
 - Ray Lockary

**16. Complete
Travel
Forms and
Evaluations**

Next Meeting Location:
Holiday Inn Boise Airport
2970 W Elder
Boise, Idaho 83705

Next Meeting

July 12 – 13, 2018

**Motion
Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 4:28 pm April 13, 2018.
Motion made and carried to adjourn.