

**STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Canad Inns, Grand Forks
Wednesday May 2-3, 2018**

Call to Order: Brittney Hogan called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. A quorum was present.

Roll Call:

Members Present: LaRae Gustafson, Brittney Hogan, Shannon Binstock, Russell Cusack, Royce Schultze, Gillian Plenty Chief, Diane Sienkaniec, Trevor Vannett (phone)

Members Absent: Susan Olson, Bill Willis, Erik Williamson

Non-Council Members Present: Aimee Volk, Robyn Throlson, Randy Sorenson, Judy DeWitz, Nate Aalgaard, Scott Burlingame

Approval of February 2018 Minutes: Royce Schultze made a motion to approve the February 2018 SILC minutes, LaRae Gustafson seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous decision.

Approval of May agenda was made by Russell Cusack to approve agenda with an amendment to add State Budget Requests and seconded by Diane Sienkaniec. Motion passed by unanimous decision.

Correspondence – Brittney Hogan: None

Treasurer’s Report – Brittney Hogan: Reviewed the Treasure’s Report.

Trevor Vannett made a motion to approve the treasurer’s report and Gillian Plenty Chief seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous decision.

Supported Decision Making – Judy Dewitz

Supported decision making is the right to make choices with support. A supporter can assist in helping to understand options and potential consequences of those decisions. Talked about who can enter into an agreement and who can be a supporter of this program. Guardianship is on the rise in North Dakota. Protection and Advocacy got a grant that is in its second year. At this time North Dakota has a steering committee (10 members), gathering Stakeholder input, and has begun the process of idea building. The goal is to have a proposal ready by the next legislative session. If there are any suggestions for this process email judewitz@nd.gov or for more information on supported decision making visit www.ndpanda.org.

Training Policy – Aimee Volk

The group went over the training policy and talked about what orientation would look like.

A Motion was made to accept the training policy as presented by Shannon Binstock and seconded by LaRae Gustafson. Motion passed by unanimous decision to make the policy effective May 2, 2018.

State Budget Requests – Randy Sorenson

Centers of Independent Living are required to put in their budget cuts. They are unsure of where their money is being cut at this time. They talked about doing a strategic review of where the cuts can come from. Discussed what the SILC can do at this point so the centers do not lose too much money. Expenditures are exceeding the revenues which are one of the causes for the cuts. The External Affairs Committee will look into this further.

Thursday, May 3, 2018

Call to Order: Brittney Hogan called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. A quorum was present.

Roll Call:

Members Present: LaRae Gustafson, Royce Schultze, Russell Cusack, Shannon Binstock, Diane Siekaniec, Brittney Hogan, Gillian Plenty Chief, Trevor Vannett (phone), Erik Williamson (phone)

Non-Committee Members: Aimee Volk, Scott Burlingame, Robyn Throlson, Randy Sorenson, Lori Rodgers

Members Absent: Susan Olson, Bill Willis

Fair Housing – Michelle Rydz and Kelly Gorz

High Plains Fair Housing Center is a private, non-profit organization founded to promote fair housing. Their mission is to strengthen communities to ensure equal access to fair housing in the region through training, education, enforcement, and advocacy. Discussion was held on what fair housing is, testing, disability discrimination, and reviewed cases in North Dakota.

Quarterly Director's Report:

Randy for Options: See attached.

Royce for Dakota Center for Independent Living: See attached.

Scott for Independence, Inc.: See attached.

Diane for Freedom: See attached.

Committee Reports:

Internal Affairs – Brittney Hogan: They will be doing a Survey Monkey this summer on the Consumer Needs Assessment. SILC will bring this topic up at the next SRC meeting to see if there is interest in doing a joint meeting this year. Randy sent the demographic report to Aimee on February 6, 2018.

External Affairs – Scott Burlingame: Would like to gather demographics and stories. They will do a press release and a letter for our two new members, Russell Cusack and Gillian Plenty Chief. They would like to schedule a meeting to explain independent living to Chris Jones.

Governance Committee – Royce Schultze: SILC is currently five members short, one from Quadrant 1, one from Quadrant 2, two from Quadrant 3, and one at large. One application was received representing Quadrant 1.

Discussion will be held at the next meeting pertaining to the Bylaws.

A Motion was made by Royce Schultze to submit the application for Drew Hanson to the Boards and Commissions and seconded by Trevor Vannett. Motion passed by unanimous decision.

State Rehabilitation Council – Trevor Vannett: Mary Stammen presented at the last meeting. There are currently five openings on the SRC.

State Council on Developmental Disabilities – Trevor Vannett: Nothing to report except that there is a meeting next week.

Quarterly Region 8 Conference Call – Brittney Hogan: Continues to work on assurances and indicators. ND SILC would like to send someone to the NCIL conference next year.

The next SILC meeting will be August 1 - 2, 2018 in Fargo, ND.

Gillian Plenty Chief made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Russell Cusack seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

Quarterly Update-Freedom Resource Center

May 2, 2018

Appreciation Luncheon

Freedom's seventh annual Appreciation Luncheon is May 8. Volunteers, advocates, and others who have helped Freedom fulfil its mission will be honored. Robin Huebner from WDAY will be the MC this year.

Accessibility

Freedom's Accessibility Specialist and the Civil and Human and Civil Rights task force continue to work on accessibility issues, including downtown Fargo parking, West Acres parking, and public buildings. Also advocating for the City of Fargo to appoint an ADA Coordinator and adopt an accessible taxi ordinance.

MFP

Four individuals have transitioned from the nursing home to the community since January 1, 2018.

All ND advocates completed MFP training with Jake Reuter in January 2018 as we have moved from designated MFP Transition Coordinator staff to all ND advocates working with the MFP program.

Community Education

Service Animal presentation delivered at a housing training to 80 people.

Service Animal presentation delivered at a tenant education training at our local Community Action Agency.

Youth Disability Awareness presentation delivered to a Cub Scout group.

Two staff are presenting on Olmstead and the Integration Mandate at the NDACP Conference in Fargo this Thursday.

FIA

Multiple opportunities for learning new information, skills and hobbies through Freedom In Action, which has been active in all four ND offices.

North Dakota Statewide Independent Living Council

Independence, Inc. Directors Report

May 2018

Staffing/Office Update

Connie Klein, who has worked in our Minot office for a little over 7 years moved to our Botteinu office on May 1st. She will serve as our Independent Living Advocate out of that office. We are still looking for another staff to focus on MFP eligible consumers in that area.

Individual Services

As part of our ongoing efforts to improve our individual services, we have chosen to focus on key outcomes in order to maxim the effects of our limited services.

These "True Outcomes" are:

- Employment
- Housing
- Relocation/Prevention Services
- Transpiration
- Reduction of or the elimination of the need for public services
- Completion of Education

We began by focusing our training and outreach efforts for the month of April on employment. We invited in people from Job Service and VR to talk about the biggest barriers keeping more people with disabilities from becoming gainfully employed.

The primary barriers they listed were problems with criminal records, problems stemming from addiction, and problems with behavioral health.

Our plan is to focus public relations, outreach and advocacy efforts to address these newly identified barriers.

For the month of May, we are going to focus on housing. We have a pretty good handle on subsidized housing. Once again, the barriers here tend to be related to criminal backgrounds and addiction issues.

We also hope to promote home ownership more.

In June, we will be focusing on Transportation. We are planning to have a demonstration of the new City Bus.

Community Services

Local Advocacy

We held an ADA Seminar in March. We had around 80 community members, local leaders, advocates and others who attended. We learned about 2010 standards for accessible design, service animals and public accommodations.

We have formed a local group called IL Ambassadors. This is made up of board members, CLA graduates, and peer mentors. They are working on the #MakeMinotAccessible movement. They have three primary priorities:

1. Snow Removal
2. Accessibility in Downtown Minot
3. Seating Minot State

In addition to make Minot Accessible, I continue to serve on the Vulnerable Population and Shelter Committee Family Shelter. Our biggest advocacy point, beyond traditional accessibility and support issues is to ensure the shelter follows a housing first model.

National Advocacy

I am currently the chair of APRIL's Advocacy committee. My role with the group is to share information on national advocacy issues and to help support and encourage grassroots advocacy efforts focusing on national issues.

Our current priorities are:

1. IL Funding
The Ominous budget bill included an increase in Independent Living Funding. Negotiation along party lines supported a \$10 Million Part C and \$2 Million for Part C increase in funding for Independent Living. Expecting an update in May or June on how the funds will be allocated for the next fiscal year.
2. Rural Transportation Issues
We have been following volunteer driver programs that got folded into the 5310 program.
 - It is easier for the DOT to buy rolling stock with it.
 - They would rather purchase a vehicle than work on advancing any of these programs such as volunteer drivers.
 - Under the 5310, they do not publicize the programs are still available. 5310 can be used to match dollars
 - Ride sharing programs accessible to PWD You can still get a ride having a service animal. However, people are still being denied rides having a service animal which is a direct violation of the ADA.
 - Air Travel ○ We need to be better about filing complaints and informing carriers when a wheelchair is mishandled, dented, scratched or broken so they can make necessary changes.

- Hospitality ○ Airbnb ○ Released new filters and features on their app to help narrow accessible rental listings. ○ Encourage travelers with disabilities to use the app and share their experience with your agency
3. ADA
- HR620 passed the house
 - Senator, Duckworth's sign-on campaign likely squashed the possibility of the bill hitting the Senate Floor.
 - However, the International Council of Shopping Center recently came out in support of HR 620.
 - Continue to put pressure on your lawmakers that have not signed on and monitor to see if the legislation emerges in the future.
4. Emergency Preparedness
- Institutionalization of PWD displaced and trapped in a nursing home following a national disaster.
 - Lack of affordable and accessible housing for PWD displaced.
 - Issues with PWD in having health issues as a result of wildfires.
5. Emerging Issues
- SNAP benefit CUTS in farm bill
 - Legislation has momentum.
 - Limiting the type of groceries that can be purchased with food stamps.
 - Beneficiaries cannot afford to purchase fresh produce with their food stamp budgets.
 - Making people hungrier is not going to help people with disabilities gain employment.

Scott Burlingame, Executive Director

Accessibility assessments

2 in Dickinson Adult Learning Center and Dakota Family Resource Center

Underwood City Hall

Northland Care Clinic

Parking assessments in Mandan

Olmstead Commission. There are some changes coming up which include the co-chairs will now be someone from the Gov.'s office and from the public. Currently it is someone from the Gov.'s office and the Department of human services. The department will assist with commission support such as meeting notes. Discussion at past meetings was there needs to be a point of contact for people to call and North Dakota protection and advocacy was chosen to do that because they already have a centralized intake process.

The commission will be smaller due to lack of attendance and not having a quorum at some meetings. State agencies will be nonvoting advisory members except for Protection and Advocacy. The commission will be able to create sub groups who are not members of the Olmstead commission to work on issues such as transportation, housing etc.

Dickinson staff attended meeting for the ISFVC (Interagency Service Family Veterans Coalition) Region 8 working group. Staff was asked to join to assist with planning for families who have children with disabilities and/or adults who have disabilities. The focus will be providing prevention education, marketing resources, and providing free trainings to parents with children who have disabilities and also agricultural families and veteran's and their families. Suicide prevention and stress management are the two main areas trainings will be provided in. These trainings will be held quarterly throughout Region 8 and Billings/Golden Valley County, Stark County, and Adams County will be the main counties for this year ND Cares will assist with funding sources.

Dickinson staff has been meeting once per week with 18 Transitional Youth Students from Dickinson High School to have discussions on budgeting, money safety, personal safety, etc. using the Money Smart series program. After the presentation, discussion, and role plays, staff led a project using colored mason jars, cardstock designed paper, and clear glue and had teach student make a "savings jar". Each student was able to take the savings jar home after school. Staff will continue working with this group using the Money Smart Series and a presenter from an insurance agency will also be sharing

insight on importance of renter's insurance, vehicle insurance, etc. This has been an ongoing 8-12 week program.

Staff sat on a panel discussion on fair housing. The event was to celebrate the fair housing act turning 50. It was titled Celebrating Equality – the Fair Housing Act at 50. Other panelists were from the Native American Development Center, Sacred Pipe Resource Ctr., Stutsman County Housing Authority, High Plains Fair Housing, and the North Dakota Department of Labor and human rights.

We continue to doing brain injury awareness presentations to middle schools and as an outcome to one of them one of the teachers posted on the Burleigh County public school Facebook page and an assistant professor at the University of Mary seeing that post and contacted us to come out and do a presentation for their social work, psychology and criminal justice students. Staff did a presentation and also had a panel of brain injury survivors who give their personal stories on their brain injuries and how it affected their life. This went over really well and they would like us back next year and there is interest from other professors to have this presentation in their class.

Staff from DCIL partnered with HIT, ND Brain Injury Network and Community Options to host a Brain Injury Awareness program for the community at HIT in Mandan. We had 3 of our consumers sit on a discussion panel to explain their injury, how it happened and how they have survived the injury. NDBIN also had their masks on display. There was a craft time involved where everyone made a key chain to commemorate BI Awareness Month.

Our empowerment committee has been meeting and discussing complaints we have been hearing from riders on the paratransit along with what other providers and the city commission have been hearing. The committee decided if someone has complaints they can come to us and write their complaint with the time, the date and the issue and the committee would collect them and present them to the transit board. The reason for this is the riders to not feel their complaints are being dealt with because they never hear back from anybody at transit.

Real World is an annual FREE all-day event hosted by North Dakota Jump\$tart. 6th and 7th graders learn first-hand what it is like to be "grown up".

The day began with a panel giving a brief overview of the company that they represent. They told of the path that they took from a very young age and 3 of the four of them

ended up starting their own businesses. Some of them had some post-secondary education, some did not.

Then they proceeded into five different sessions, designed to teach them about 'Wants vs. Needs', 'Savings', 'Getting a Job', 'Insurance', and 'Budget'.

Once they learned what they could in a classroom setting about 'real world' concepts, they were given a 'budget' sheet that showed them their job, how much money they made at their job, if they were married or not, how many children that they have. Now they advanced to the 'city' that was set up in the rotunda. Now they needed to get their budget done by going to the various city businesses and offices to find out what their bills were so that they could find out what they might need to cut back on so that they could balance their income and expenses. They also received 5 scenario cards that were either bumps in the road or unexpected situations that may cost them money or allow them additional income. At the end of the city time, they had their calculators and they needed to see what their balance was at the end of the month. The expenses included visiting a daycare to see what it would cost to enroll their child/ren and even a visit to the Food Co-op booth to find out how much their grocery bill would be for the month according to the size of the family and income.

The Bismarck Real World Camp city booths were as follows: Dakota Family Chiropractic, Cenex, Capital Electric Cooperative, Missouri Valley Family YMCA, Super Kids Jr Academy, BeMobile Inc., MSA United Way, CHI St. Alexius Health, Midco, Century 21 Morrison Realty, Bismarck Event Center, Bismarck Community Food Co-op, Texas Roadhouse, JCPenney, Bismarck Police Department, Job Service North Dakota, United States Army, North Dakota National Guard, Bismarck State College, Credit Collections Bureau, State Farm, Capital Credit Union, Bank of North Dakota, Kupper Chevrolet-Subaru and American Red Cross of Bismarck.

Four students from the University of Mary did a new website for us as part of their class project. www.dakotacil.org

We held a fundraiser April 13 that included a silent and live auction to raise money for our youth program we are starting. We raised \$3300. Our youth program is going to consist of working on soft skills, volunteering in the community, educate community on disabilities, peer support and peer activities

NORTH DAKOTA 2017-2018 Quarter Two

North Dakota Statewide Quarterly Statistics
Jan. 1, 2018 - Mar. 31, 2018
Quarter 2

	Year to Date				Total		Year to Date				Total
	Dakota	Freedom	Independence	Options			Dakota	Freedom	Independence	Options	
I&R's	304	615	525	221	1665	I&R's	67	394	410	164	1094
Direct Service	19	34	192	40	285	Direct Service	4	22	150	30	205
CEO	2455	1483	642	401	5021	CEO	549	949	501	297	2296
Total People	2818	2132	1359	662	6971	Total People	620	1364	1060	490	3534
Goals	83%	83%	99%	86%	92%	Goals	83%	83%	99%	86%	92%

North Dakota CVR Quarterly Statistics
Jan. 1, 2018 - Mar. 31, 2018
Quarter 2

	Year to Date				Total		Year to Date				Total
	Dakota	Freedom	Independence	Options			Dakota	Freedom	Independence	Options	
I&R's	573	1264	717	531	3085	I&R's	126	809	559	398	1887
Direct Service	172	162	561	130	1025	Direct Service	38	104	438	96	675
CEO	4389	2950	1384	686	9389	CEO	966	1888	1064	508	4425
Total People	5134	4376	2642	1347	13499	Total People	1129	2801	2061	997	6988
Goals	83%	83%	99%	86%	92%	Goals	83%	83%	99%	86%	92%

Direct Service

Direct Services is based on a structured process of service delivery which is provided on a one-to-one basis to persons with significant disabilities. The Direct Service Program offers persons with disabilities more intense help in identifying and resolving the barriers that hinder them from living at the highest level of independence possible. This program utilizes a host of services incorporating legislative mandates of service delivery.

Information and Referral

The provision of information to persons with disabilities, service providers, and community members on disability and independent living topics and issues; and, referral assistance to link individuals with appropriate organizations, services, and resources.

Community Education and Outreach

This program area encompasses various services such as community education, outreach activities, and systems advocacy. Community education predominantly involves educating the general community of the issues and barriers affecting persons with disabilities. Outreach activities are primarily designed to tell people about independent living services and to increase usage of a center's services. Systems advocacy involves advocating for changes in major systems such as service delivery or building accessibility to enable persons with disabilities to utilize such in the most effective manner possible.