

STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

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Wednesday February 3rd, 2016

Call to Order: Rod Gillund called the meeting to order at 1:09 pm.

Roll Call:

Members Present: Scott Burlingame, Rod Gillund, Emma Leigh Kotzer (by phone), Royce Schultze, Diane Siekaniec, Trevor Vannett, Erik Williamson, Bill Willis, and Peter Yung

Members Absent: Melvin Erdman, Jamie Hall, Brittany Hogan, Dennis Lyon, Jen Schill, and Larry Thiele

Others Present: Nate Aalgaard, Randy Sorensen, Russ Cusack, Robyn Throlson, Cindy Sullivan, and David Kvasager

Approval of Minutes: Change in name spelling to Sorensen. Erik made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Peter. Motion passed.

Correspondence: None

Treasury and Budget Review: In Melvin's absence only a very brief discussion was held on how the State Budget Cuts would affect the budget of the SILC. Russ stressed at this time it is unknown how any of the cuts will be of impact.

IL Century Code: Rod made motion to postpone this item until future meeting as there are unknown aspects such as items from old IL Act referenced and items that need to be updated. Diane seconded motion. Motion carried to postpone IL Century Code review.

704 Report: Robyn Throlson, DVR Planning and Evaluation Administrator, presented that the Internal Affairs section needs to be updated. Council agreed Randy Sorensen will review and complete the missing Internal Affairs information section. Once completed, Patti Wanner and Robyn Throlson will submit the report once word has been given on when the 704 report can be submitted.

Speaker: Michelle Rydz, High Plains Fair Housing Center, spoke to the SILC on the goal and mission of her Center. Their focus is advocacy and support for discrimination claims. Michelle spoke on the Federal Fair Housing Act and their goal of promoting integration in the community. Michelle also gave good examples of the different types of discrimination cases that have been seen across the state. Many of the cases have involved service and therapeutic animals. These two types of animals are not subject to regular pet laws. December 15th, 2015, the center received HUD Funding. Testers are now possible due to the funding. Testers go out into the communities and basically test landlords and rental units to see if there are cases of discrimination. Testers are also needed and are paid \$50.00 per test. Michelle also stated that her center welcomes referrals for testing sites if

anyone feels discrimination may be occurring. The website for The High Plains Fair Housing Center is highplainsfhc.org. Michelle's contact information is listed below.

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SPIL: Robyn Throlson spoke on the 2016 Special Needs Assessment and the surveys that had been conducted. There were 157 paper surveys and 41 Survey Monkey surveys completed. The compiled analysis should hopefully be in by February 15th.

The Ad Hoc SPIL Committee led by Scott Burlingame developed a planning template of everything that needs to be completed before the SPIL can be submitted. Identifying The DSE (Designated State Entity) is an objective and it has typically been Vocational Rehabilitation. Soliciting Public Information was discussed. A survey can be placed on the Vocational Rehabilitation site and when information comes across can be forwarded to SILC. The Grid of SPIL objectives needs to be looked at and items need to be dropped, edited, or added to. Funding distribution and funding of CIL's was also discussed.

Discussion was held on needing a chair person whom is able to attend at such a critical time in the SILC process. The deadline for submitting the SPIL by 06/30/16 was the driving force of the discussion.

Committee Breakouts: Committee breakout sessions took place at this time. Focus was on updating the objectives in the SPIL Grid.

Thursday February 4th, 2016

Call to Order: Rod called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

Roll Call:

Members Present: Scott Burlingame, Rod Gillund, Royce Schultze, Trevor Vannett, Erik Williamson, Bill Willis, Emma Leigh Kotzer (by phone), Diane Siekaniec, and Peter Yung

Members Absent: Melvin Erdman, Jamie Hall, Brittany Hogan, Dennis Lyon, Jen Schill, and Larry Thiele

Others Present: Nate Aalgaard, Randy Sorenson, Russ Cusack, Robyn Throlson, and Cindy Sullivan

NEW BUSINESS:

ND CILS's Funding Formula: Randy Sorensen spoke on the ND State Funding Formula for Centers for Independent Living Regions. Report and charts with regional and county information were provided. Please see attached.

Quarterly Director's Report: See attached

It was decided that the Quarterly Director's reports will be attached and reviewed instead of read as there is a lot of information that needs to be addressed at this time.

Randy for Options: See attached

Royce for Dakota: See attached

Scott for Independence, Inc.: See attached.

Nate for Freedom: See attached

Committee Reports:

Internal Affairs: General Housekeeping items were reviewed. The Grid objectives were reviewed for SPIL preparation. There are specific goals to be defined for transportation. Randy would like to get the information compiled in order to get the Grid objectives updated and begin drafting the SPIL.

External Affairs: Scott provided an update to the tweaks made to the Grid on items such as transportation. The section of the Grid (Goal III A. 3. a.) would be eliminated. It was also discussed that Vocational Rehabilitation could provide a link to the SILC website from their website.

Governance: Royce reviewed the revisions and additions that the Governance Committee made to the Grid. Russ asked if these specific revisions will be added. It was decided that the subcommittee will make these revisions and get them distributed for review.

A discussion was held on the different organizations that the SILC works with, and whether or not those organizations need to be specifically named in the SPIL. The decision was made to remove the names of specific groups, e.g. Veteran's Administration from the grid.

A representative from Heidi Heitkamp's Office, Jared Lennon, Field Representative, was present for a portion of the meeting and took notes pertinent to issues verbalized. He handed out a few business cards and his information is also below.

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Discussion was again held on the need for a chair person to be present and able to be available due to the SPIL needing to be completed prior to the June deadline. Motion was made by Trevor to send a certified letter to the current chair removing her of her chair duties, but keeping her on as part of the council. The letter would be signed by Royce, as a member of The Governance Committee. Motion was seconded by Royce. Motion approved. Present voting members voted to appoint Rod Gillund the interim president/ chair effective immediately. After a roll call voting process, seven out of seven voting members present approved.

Scott motioned to reappoint Trevor Vannett, Erik Williamson, Bill Willis, and Diane Siekaniec, as members to the SILC. No current council members opposed. Royce seconded the motion. Motion carried.

REP from 121 Project: Scott made motion to make the open 121 position an at large position. Motion was seconded by Trevor. Randy provided reasons that the at large position should be drawn from one of the Indian Reservations in the state. Amendment made to the above mentioned motion that the at large position will be drawn from one of the reservations. Trevor seconded the amendment motion. All members approved motion. All members approved amendment.

State Rehabilitation Council – Rod Gillund: Rod reported that the last meeting was held via Polycom. Robyn provided information on WIOA and that the updates made to The Integrated State Plan are progressing. There was also a tribal update from Gillian at Standing Rock.

Region 8 Conference Call – Rod Gillund: Rod provided and update on the previous call. The next conference call will be held February 18th at 2:30 pm (central). There was a mention of *SILC Speak*.

ND State Developmental Disabilities Council – Trevor Vannett: Trevor reported that the council is looking for an executive director. There were three applicants and the outcome is unknown. They are also currently working on their State Plan.

Next SILC meeting will be held May 3rd and 4th in Minot.

Erik made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 11:36 pm.