

**STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Radisson, Bismarck
Wednesday February 7-8, 2018**

Call to Order: Brittney Hogan called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

Members Present: Shannon Binstock, Brittney Hogan, Susan Olson, Royce Schultze, Diane Siekaniec, Larry Thiele, Trevor Vannett, Bill Willis, LaRae Gustafson, Melvin Erdmann (2:30 p.m.)

Non-Council Members Present: Aimee Volk, Scott Burlingame, Idelle Badt,

Members Absent: Dennis Lyon, Erik Williamson, Nate Aalgaard, Randy Sorenson

Approval of November 2017 Minutes: Trevor Vannett made a motion to approve the November 2017 SILC minutes, Larry Thiele seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous decision.

Approval of February agenda was made with amendments to the agenda to add 'Indicators' to the agenda. Motion made by Shannon Binstock to approve agenda as amended and seconded by Royce Schulte. Motion passed by unanimous decision.

Correspondence – Brittney Hogan: None

Treasurer's Report – Bill Willis:

Bill went over budget report. Remaining balance is \$48,654. APRIL dues were discussed in the amount of \$100. These expenses were not part of our budget so Bill asked for a motion. On January 31, 2018 there was a webinar going over the new indicators and assurances. Aimee contacted Bill and Brittney and they approved the registration charge of \$75.00.

Shannon Binstock made a motion to approve paying the APRIL dues of \$100 out of the SILC budget and Larry Thiele seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous decision.

LaRae Gustafson made a motion to approve treasurers' report and Diane Siekaniec seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous decision.

Bylaws and Indicators – Aimee Volk:

Aimee went over the bylaw draft that was emailed to the Council on January 2, 2018. Discussion was held on the possible corrections that would need to be made due to the indicators and assurances. Aimee explained that on the webinar it was discussed that we need a guidebook, bylaws, and policies to be in compliance.

Aimee went over indicators which were to be effective January 31, 2018. There are eight indicators. As discussed on the webinar all indicators MUST BE in policies NOT in the bylaws. Policy drafts of the indicators were put together as a starting point. We will need to move forward on getting these policies in place. The assurances will not be effective until October 1, 2018.

Trevor Vannett made a motion to table the bylaws until the next meeting and seconded by Larry Thiele. Motion passed with unanimous decision.

People with Disabilities – Bismarck Legislators:

Additional members present: Dan Friedt, Candy Hanson, Lee Red Horse, Roxane Fleck, Jessica Thompson, Sharissa Merkel, Rachel Thompason, Jane Opdahl with Senator Heitkamp's Office, Representative Nicole Pooleman, Josh Gatsby, Senator Erin Oban with the 35th District

There was public input forum on People with Disabilities who have benefited from independent living services. Discussion was held on the services they received, the resources they received, benefits of community resources and support, how they became connected with the center of independent living, benefits that independent living have on the family, and challenges of having a disability.

Representative Nicole Pooleman announced that there is a study of managed care Medicaid model that they are looking at the whole person. Concerns will be fiscal and longevity to adequately cover North Dakotans. There is also a study at the Life Skills Center in Grafton and how to implement programs like that throughout the state. As advocates, we need to keep telling the story on what are the best services for the individual. Discussion was held on outreach in the communities.

Self-Assessment and Needs Assessment Results - Royce Schultze

Royce updated the Council on the Self-Assessment Survey that was completed at the November 2017 meeting. Royce also went over the results of the Needs Assessment Survey that was completed at the last meeting. The Governance Committee will look at this to base the training needs off of for next year.

Group Discussion on Indicators: Went over the indicator policies as a group and went over recommendations to revise the policies. Revisions were made to the policies and will be voted on tomorrow.

Thursday, February 8, 2018

Call to Order: Brittney Hogan called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

Roll Call:

Members Present: LaRae Gustafson, Bill Willis, Susan Olson, Royce Schultze, Melvin Erdmann, Shannon Binstock, Diane Siekaniec, Brittney Hogan, Trevor Vannett

Non-Committee Members: Aimee Volk, Jennifer Henderson, Mike Chaussee (AARP), Idelle Badt, Scott Burlingame, Robyn Throlson, Representative Jane Opdahl

Members Absent: Larry Thiele, Erik Williamson, Dennis Lyon,

North Dakota Housing – Jennifer Henderson

Jennifer presented on North Dakota housing, tenant resources, and finding affordable housing. Jennifer went over new projects in the state of North Dakota. Community works and Housing Authority in Bismarck investigated ways to work with tenants on applying for housing. One thing they learned are tenants do not know the right questions to ask. As a result they came up with is *A Guide to Renting Affordable Housing*. Jennifer went over the impact of affordable housing and housing challenges. They build about 152 new units per year but they are about \$850 per month. Need to advocate for lower housing costs. There are vacancies available but they are still too expensive. One of the number one barriers that people are hearing is they are having trouble filling out paperwork. There will be a public hearing on February 29, 2018 on a variety of housing topics.

Quarterly Director's Report:

LaRae 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: Nothing to Report.

External Affairs – Scott Burlingame: Will need to hold a special meeting before the next meeting.

Governance Committee – Royce Schultze:

The open position for the CIL Director was filled by LaRae Gustafson for a term of 1/8/2018-3/31/2020. Royce and Brittney were appointed to their second terms.

There are several open positions – one in quadrant one, one in quadrant two, two in quadrant three, of which they are all unexpired terms.

The committee is updating the current application to meet the needs of the Governor's website requirements.

We have 2 applications to submit one for Russ Cusack and one for Gillian Plenty Chief who we already voted on to submit her application.

Trevor Vannett made a motion to submit Russ Cusack's application to the Governor's office and Diane Sienkaniec seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous decision.

State Rehabilitation Council – Trevor Vannett: Vocational Rehabilitation is working on implementing a policy on customized employment across the state. The SRC has 4 current openings. They are working on doing State Plan goals and priorities.

State Council on Developmental Disabilities – Trevor Vannett: They are concerned with short term spending.

Quarterly Region 8 Conference Call – Brittney Hogan:

SILC congress conference and South Dakota is the only one going from this region. CO had a youth leadership forum in CO in June. MT is down to five members and having a difficult time finding members.

Trevor Vannett made a motion to approve the amended policies (Recruitment and Appointment Policy, Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Policy, Meetings and Advance Notice Policy, and Implementation of the State Plan of Independent Living Policy) as presented and seconded by LaRae Gustafson with an effective date of today, February 8, 2018. Motion passed with unanimous decision.

The next SILC meeting will be held May 2 and 3, 2018 in Grand Forks, ND.

Melvin Erdmann made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Trevor Vannett seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 12:03 p.m.