

Minutes of May 4, 2016

Attending Members

Executive Committee:

Sara Powell, Chairperson, Springfield
Terri Finn, Vice Chairperson, Salem
Edward Heflin, Secretary, Macomb
Jeri Wooters, Treasurer, Decatur

Members:

Deb Alexander, DDD, Springfield
Gianna Baker, Chicago
Margarite Brooks, Normal
John Eckert, DoA, Springfield
MaryBeth Farmer, DRS, Springfield
Amy Foster, Alton
Michael Griswold, Rockford
Esther Lee, Arlington Heights
Hadley Ravencroft, Urbana
Stacia Robertson, Murphysboro
Curtis Robinson, Grayslake

Guest:

Julie Bosma, RAMP
Kelli Brooks, LCCIL
Mike Egbert, OFA
Horacio Esparza, PCIL
Daisy Feidt, AL
Ann Ford, INCIL
Lynn Hatfield, LINC
Lynn Jarman, LINC
Gail Kear, LIFE
Jeannine McAllister, AFA
Becky McGinnis, JACIL
Pete Roberts, SCIL
Liz Sherwin, IICIL
Dan Stupavsky, WCICIL
Brian Szuda, IVCIL

Staff:

Sarah Durbin, Executive Director
Tara Dunning, Financial Manager

Wednesday, May 4, 2016

Call to Order: The meeting of the Statewide Independent Living Council of Illinois was called to order by Chairperson Powell at 1:15 p.m. on Wednesday, May 4, 2016. Powell welcomed SILC and INCIL members and congratulated everyone for their hard work over the last year to draft the 2017 – 2019 State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL). The morning was spent discussing the process and draft SPIL. We expect to approve the SPIL this afternoon and submit to ACL by June 30.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the February 4, 2016 meeting were distributed for review and approval.

MOTION: Robinson motioned to accept the minutes of the February 4, 2016 meeting as presented. Griswold seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Election of Officers: Chairperson Powell discussed the process for election of officers for the coming fiscal year 2017. A secret ballot is required unless a motion is passed calling for a voice vote. A slate of officers was presented for discussion.

MOTION: Wooters motioned to vote by voice rather than by secret ballot. Brooks seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MOTION: Griswold motioned to accept the slate of officers as presented. Ravencroft seconded the motion. Motion carried with one abstention by Finn.

FY17 Officers beginning July 1, 2016 are:

Chairperson – Terri Finn
Vice-Chair – Edward Heflin
Treasurer – Jeri Wooters
Secretary – Jennifer Phillips

Appointment of Committee & Advisory Group Chairpersons: Powell discussed SILC's standing committees and advisory groups. She would like to appoint chairpersons to each committee and group for the coming fiscal year.

Operations Committee – Jeri Wooters
Outreach Committee – Margarite Brooks
Executive Committee – Terri Finn
Advocacy Advisory Group – Hadley Ravencroft
Employment Advisory Group – Cindi Swanson
Housing Advisory Group – Gianna Baker
Transportation Advisory Group – Ed Heflin

MOTION: A motion was made by Foster to approve the appointments of chairpersons to each of the committees and advisory groups. Griswold seconded this motion and the motion passed.

Finally, Chairperson Powell discussed the Conflict of Interest Policy. She reminded Council Members that this is an annual policy that must be signed and return to the SILC office.

Powell discussed the Open Meetings Act (OMA) and the state requirement to complete a short online training and appoint a SILC member to be the OMA designee. This designee would be responsible for familiarizing themselves with the Act and answering any questions or conflicts that may arise.

MOTION: Ravencroft motioned to table appointment of an OMA designee at this time. Griswold seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Operations Committee Report: Baker directed Council Members to their packets where they will find three financial reports for review and approval. The Council discussed SILC's website and plans for a total rebuild of the out of date site. Baker reported this will likely take place in two phases and asked the Council of approval of \$2,000 to begin phase one. Lastly, Baker discussed the organizational budget which requires an amendment to reflect actual spending and projected end of year spending. She presented a revised organizational budget for review and approval.

MOTION: Robinson motioned to accept the January, February and March financial reports as presented. Brooks seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MOTION: Robinson motioned to approve \$2,000 for revisions to the SILC website. Griswold seconded the motion. Motion passed.

MOTION: Brooks motioned to approve the amended organizational budget as presented. Finn seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Outreach Committee Report: Brooks reported that the Outreach Committee continues to keep their eyes opening for potential new members who would be a benefit to the SILC. She reminded the Council that Gallegos and Robinson's terms end on June 30, 2016 opening two vacancies. Durbin has been working closely with the Governor's office to expedite reappointments of those members who are up for a second term. Brooks reported that with the retirement of our Department of Children and Family (DCFS) representative Michael Wonderlich, we have a vacancy for representative for the DCFS but hope to identify a rep soon. Baker commended that she would like to see someone on the Council who has English as a second language.

Executive Director's Report: Durbin discussed the next steps in the 2017-2019 State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL) process. The online submission is due by June 30.

She discussed the Aug. 3-4 retreat and meeting. She hopes to continue to have one meeting per year that includes the directors from the Centers for Independent Living to open up lines of communication and comradery however it will not be this August since we are just coming down from the stress of writing the SPIL.

INCIL Report: INCIL Representative Wooters discussed the Pumpkin Pie Letter Campaign in which Illinois CILs mailing out 13,000 letters to Governor Rauner, Speaker Madigan, House Minority Leader Jim Durkin, Senate President John Cullerton and Senate Minority Leader Christine Radogno. The letter was about the fact that the State has the energy and time to identify a State pie but is unable to bring about a budget.

Wooters reported on various INCIL committees including the Outcome Measures Committee, the Part C Funding Committee, and the Sustainability Committee which is planning an Independent Living Conference in April 2017 for Region V which includes Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana, Minnesota, Michigan, and Ohio.

DSE Report: MaryBeth Farmer has provided a written report. It is attached as Appendix A.

IDoA Report: Eckert discussed the Money Follows the Person (MFP) Program which will end on December 31, 2017. The last date for referrals to be submitted to the Home Service Program is June 30, 2017 and individuals must be transitioned by December 31, 2017. There are some waiver programs such as IDRS' Community Reintegration Program and IDoA' Medicare Waiver Program that we hope will take up some of the overload from MFP ending.

Approval of 2017-2019 State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL): Durbin reported that she expects all 22 Centers for Independent Living to sign off on the new SPIL. We do need the Council's approval as well as from our Designated State Entity which is the IDHS-Division of Rehabilitation Services.

MOTION: Griswold motioned to approve the 17-19 SPIL, the substance as it was presented today. Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the meeting of the SILC was made by Foster and seconded by Brooks. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 2:46pm.

Next Meeting: The Statewide Independent Living Council will meet next on August 3 for the annual retreat and August 4, 2016 for the quarterly meeting.

Edward Heflin, Secretary

Date

**Appendix A:
DRS Report for SILC Meeting – May 4, 2016
Presented by MaryBeth Farmer**

- DRS are now implementing a program called “Real Work for Real Pay” which will reach out to an estimated 13,000 individuals who are currently working and receiving subminimum wage. The informational packet for these individuals contains a letter from DRS Division Director, Kris Smith, employment information and a pre-paid post card allowing individuals to send in their request to DRS for more information on integrated employment. The informational packet has not yet gone out, but will in the near future. DRS received the names of those employers who have a subminimum wage certificates from the Department of Labor and DHS Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD). Those who have a contract with DRS will be required to provide the packet of information to those persons currently working and receiving subminimum wage.
- Job Driven Vocational Rehabilitation Technical Assistance Center (JDVRTAC)-Illinois, along with ten other states, are participating in an initiative to engage businesses in order to increase job development and integrated employment for persons with disabilities. The term, “Business Engagement,” will be heard more frequently and is the term used to encompass all the business or employment related activities that will occur. Data will be collected by all the states which include but are not limited to services provided, persons employed, outcome of services and how long an individual remains employed. In addition to this, DRS staff is also working with the Department of Economic Opportunity (DCEO) on employment options for persons with disabilities through a DCEO grant.
- On a quarterly basis, leadership staffs from DDD and DRS meet in-person to share programmatic information. The ultimate goal is to improve communication and improve services to our customers. While the initiatives mentioned above were shared at this meeting, leadership staff had the opportunity to share information about their areas of responsibility and any specific information DDD staff would need to know. Since the main topic of conversation for all seemed to be transition services, the IL Unit took the opportunity to share the CIL philosophy and core services, emphasizing the fifth core service (transition). The IL Unit encouraged DDD and DRS staff to reach out to the CILs when working with individuals because they are a valuable resource. It was explained that transition with respect to the mandated core service could apply to students, but also applied to transition from a nursing home into a community placement, or prevention of nursing home placement. Activities surrounding the development of the draft SPIL for 2017-2019 were also shared with the group.
- The Independent Living Unit (ILU) continues to visit the Centers for Independent Living, as well as conduct on-site compliance reviews. In addition to the actual day-to-day responsibilities, ILU staff continues to work with the Lewin Group and

committee members on the Uniform Assessment Tool and No Wrong Door activities. Designated CILs participated with the Lewin Group in state-wide one-on-one training the month of April. The ILU provided a list of Centers to the Lewin group who were not part of the statewide in-person training. An invitation to participate in webinar training to those Centers will be forthcoming.

- The ILU participated in GATA training offered on April 26 and 27. The ILU encourages CILs to monitor the GATA website and review the materials there. Templates and GATA requirements will apply to the FY'17 contracts. Although, DRS Fiscal staff indicated some exceptions have been requested and are still waiting to hear from the Office of Management and Budget. The site is: <http://www.illinois.gov/gov/budget/Pages/GrantAccountability.aspx>