

Minutes of August 3, 2017

Attending Members

Executive Committee:

Kevin MacDonald, Chairperson, Vienna
Rachael Mellen, Vice Chair, Peru
Hadley Ravencroft, Treasurer, Urbana

Members:

Gianna Baker, Chicago
Margarite Brooks, Normal
Diane Cottrell, DCFS, Chicago
John Eckert, DoA, Springfield
MaryBeth Farmer, DRS, Springfield
Amy Foster, Alton
Michael Griswold, Rockford
Ed Heflin, Macomb
Matt Lakin, Bluffs
Jae Jin Pak, Chicago
Sarita Phadke, Schaumburg
Sara Powell, Springfield
Jeri Wooters, Decatur

Staff:

Shelly Richardson, Executive Director
Tara Dunning, Financial Manager

Guest:

Ryan Croke, INCIL, Springfield
Lynn Hatfield, LINC, Swansea
Christy Hultgren, Rock Island
Lynn Jarman, LINC, Swansea
Michele Miller, NICIL, Sterling

Thursday, August 3, 2017

Call to Order: The meeting of the Statewide Independent Living Council of Illinois was called to order by Chairperson MacDonald at 10:03 a.m. on Thursday, August 3, 2017. Introductions and a welcome was extended to our newest SILC member Matt Lakin.

The SILC continued the board training and asset building session from the previous day's retreat with Michele Miller reviewing the board matrix and discussing the strengths of the board.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the May 3, 2017 meeting were distributed for review and approval.

MOTION: Griswold motioned to accept the minutes of the May 3, 2017 meeting as presented. Ravencroft seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chair Report: Chair MacDonald reported that he will be attending the Universal Design (UD) Summit in November in St. Louis. UD and the ADA are two things that he is passionate about and would like to be able to learn as much as he can and provide trainings across Illinois. MacDonald discussed SILC's social media identity and would like to see SILC increase our social media presence.

MacDonald reported that Jennifer Phillips has resigned from the SILC. She was the secretary which leaves this officer position open. Outreach Chairperson Brooks will address this vacancy during her report.

As a point of order, MacDonald appointed chairs to the SILC Standing Committees and the SPIL Advisory Groups:

- Operations Committee – Jeri Wooters
- Outreach Committee – Margarite Brooks
- Advocacy Advisory Group – Eric Brown
- Employment Advisory Group – Rachael Mellen
- Housing Advisory Group – Gianna Baker
- Transportation Advisory Group – Ed Heflin

Another point of order, MacDonald requests approval of the current bank authorized signers on SILC's account. Currently Shelly Richardson, John Eckert and Sara Powell are all authorized to sign checks and conduct other SILC business.

MOTION: Pak motion to accept Eckert and Powell as additional signers on the bank account. Ravencroft seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Executive Director Report: Director Richardson referred everyone to the last two monthly reports that are included in their emails, and the updated goals working document for more specific details of what has been occurring. She discussed the upcoming webinar screening of the film "Bottom Dollars", and the upcoming webinars Andres' Gallegos is presenting which address the issues of disabilities in medical settings. Richardson also spoke about the public comments she submitted to IHDA concerning their statewide housing plan document. Richardson made a request to all CIL Directors asking for their specific complaints concerning the DRS offices which she will forward to a working group of the SRC. She spoke to the Council about the importance of the state agencies "being at the table" with our Council so that we can all learn from each other. She reported on her experiences at the NCIL conference, and brought back a training manual written for SILC boards. She plans to integrate this into the training packet for all new board members. Richardson explained the P3 proposal that the Trump administration is trying to pass. This proposal combines the DD Council, Traumatic Brain Injury Council, and SILC into one Council and offers less funding. She is working on educating more people about the dangers of this proposal, and will be making public comment to ACL in opposition.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Ravencroft discussed the April, May and June financial reports in the board packets. She also directed the Council to review the organizational

budget for fiscal year 2018 which because July 1. Dunning discussed the change of SILC's status with Illinois Department of Human Services from a grantee to a vendor. This change in SILC's status does not change our grant amount or how we submit and get reimbursed monthly from the state.

MOTION: Mellen motioned to accept the three monthly financial reports as well as the organizational budget for the current fiscal year. Powell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

INCIL Report: INCIL Representative Wooters is pleased to announce that INCIL has offered Ryan Croke the position of Executive Director. Croke who has been acting as interim director for several months will begin full time on August 16th.

Outreach Committee Report: Outreach Chair Brooks discussed the revising the vetting process for new board members to incorporate what we have learned over the past two days of board training and asset building.

Brooks reported that she has taken the necessary steps to share with the Council the open position of Secretary and has received a nomination for Sara Powell. Powell has agreed to accept the nomination. Sara Powell would complete the term vacated by Jennifer Phillips until June 30, 2019.

MOTION: A motion to accept Powell in the position of Secretary was made by Wooters and seconded by Foster. Motion carried.

Operations Committee Report: Operations Chair Wooters reported that the Committee will begin to review policy's and job descriptions and bring necessary changes to the Council for approval at an upcoming meeting.

Advocacy Advisory Group Update: Richardson reported for the Advocacy Group. Minutes of the July 11 conference call are in the packet. Currently, the group is moving forward with the developing the white paper and legislative report card.

Employment Advisory Group Update: Mellen reported that the minutes of the July 12 conference call are in the packet. Toolbox trainings taken place in Jacksonville, McHenry and Mundelein in July and one is scheduled on August 14th in LaSalle. Other employment objectives and activities are progressing on schedule.

Housing Advisory Group Update: Baker reported that the minutes of the July 18 conference call are in the packet. She gave an update on current legislation pertaining to housing issues specifically the source of income protections.

Transportation Advisory Group Update: Heflin reported that the Transportation Group met on July 19 and the minutes are in the packet. He provided updates on all objectives and activities thus far and we are on target with the timeline.

DSE Report: Farmer reported that she will be retiring September 1 and Cassie Laird has been chosen to replace her as the ex-officio member on SILC representing DHS, Division of Rehabilitation Services.

DCFS Report: Cottrell reported that DCFS, like INCIL, is also in transition. A new director, Beverly Walker, has been appointed and began June 26th.

DoA Report: Eckert discussed the state budget recently passed which included an increase for home care workers as of August 1st. New rules are being drafted.

ISBE Report: Richardson reported that ISBE Representative Melanie Fleenor will also be retiring at the end of August and she is working with ISBE to appoint a replacement as ex-officio member on SILC.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the meeting of the SILC was made by Griswold and seconded by Heflin. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 3:05pm.

Next Meeting: The next quarterly meeting of the Statewide Independent Living Council will be held on Wednesday, November 1, 2017.

Sara Powell, Secretary

Date