

Minutes of August 2, 2018

Attending Members

Officers:

Rachael Mellen, Vice Chair, Peru
Michael Griswold, Treasurer, Rockford
Sara Powell, Secretary, Springfield

Members:

Debra Alexander, DDD, Springfield
Gianna Baker, Chicago
Allison Boot, Urbana
John Eckert, DoA, Springfield
Amy Foster, Alton
Douglas Gamble, Springfield
Cathy Grochowski, Crystal Lake
Erik Hanson, DRS, Springfield
Christine Hultgren, Rock Island
Matt Lakin, Bluffs
Norma Machay, DCFS, Waukegan
Jae Jin Pak, Chicago
Dan Stupavsky, INCIL, Quincy
Grace Tsao, Des Plaines

Staff:

Shelly Richardson, Executive Director
Tara Dunning, Financial Manager

Guest:

Patrick Galligan, Edwardsville

Thursday, August 2, 2018

Call to Order: The quarterly meeting of the SILC was called to order on Thursday, August 2nd at 10:02 by Vice-Chairperson Rachael Mellen. Dan Stupavsky read SILC's mission and vision statement.

Welcome and Introductions: Chair Kevin MacDonald was unable to be here in person today but is on the telephone to provide a brief welcome. Introductions were made, and MacDonald welcomed our newest members. Present today is Allison Boot from Urbana, Grace Tsao from Des Plaines, Norma Machay representing the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) from Waukegan, Douglas Gamble from Springfield. And finally, Patrick Galligan from Edwardsville who is still awaiting his official appointment from Governor Rauner. Kevin thanked everyone for their time and got off the phone to rest and recuperate.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the May 2, 2018 meeting were distributed for review and approval.

MOTION: Powell motion to accept the May minutes with the minor correction on page 2. Griswold seconded the motion and the motion carried with abstentions from Boot, Tsao, Gamble.

Chair Report: Vice-Chair Mellen provided a brief report in MacDonald's absence. She discussed yesterday's with Rahnee Patrick. It was nice refresher on the independent living movement for some of us and a great learning experience for our newest member. Mellen reported that the Executive Committee met in July to develop the agenda for today's meeting as well as discuss other important SILC business. Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting are in the packet. Mellen discussed a meeting scheduled for September 5 with CIL directors and SILC members to begin the process of writing the next 3-year State Plan for Independent Living. Mellen stressed the importance of collaborating with CIL directors to write and implement the SPIL.

As required by our By-Laws, Mellen appointed chairpersons to each of the SILC standing committees and SPIL advisory groups.

They are as follows:

Operations Committee: Vacant

Outreach Committee: Jae Jin Pak

Advocacy Advisory Group: Michael Griswold & Eric Brown (co-chairs)

Housing Advisory Group: Gianna Baker

Transportation Advisory Group: Matt Lakin

Employment Advisory Group: Rachael Mellen

MOTION: Foster made a motion to appoint these individuals to committees and groups. Powell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Lastly, Mellen reported that the Executive Director evaluation will be conducted in September and expect an email from Powell with an evaluation form to be completed and returned.

Executive Director Report: Director Richardson reported on her activities in the past several months. She has been traveling to meet with CIL directors and staff as well as attending town hall meetings to gather information to develop of the next SPIL. Town hall meetings have been held at LINC in Swansea and IMPACT in Alton. More are scheduled in August and September at LIFE in Bloomington, RAMP in Rockford and Stone-Hayes CIL in Galesburg.

Richardson reported that she will be attending the APRIL conference in early October in Colorado and presenting the documentary 'Bottom Dollars' at the Speak Up Speak Out conference at the end of October in Springfield.

Richardson discussed the planned SPIL Writing Session on September 5th and her vision for the timeline and collaboration with the CIL directors and staff to write the next three-year plan.

Finally, Richardson discussed the questionnaire that has been sent to all candidates running for election in November. The survey went out to 280 candidates and we hope to get a respectable return rate by the deadline of August 14, 2018.

Treasurer Report: Griswold addressed the three financial reports provided in the meeting packet. These reports are for April, May and June for fiscal year 2018 which ended June 30.

Griswold discussed the fiscal year 2019 organizational budget and the changes to our reporting responsibility with the State of Illinois now that SILC has been moved from a grantee to vendor status. He also pointed out that the Capacity Development contract which has been administered by INCIL for many years has been moved back to SILC. This change makes SILC's annual budget \$228,723.

MOTION: Lakin made a motion to accept the financial reports for April, May and June 2018. Foster seconded the motion and the motion carried.

MOTION: Foster made a motion to accept the fiscal year 2019 budget as presented. Pak seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Part B Independent Living Funds: Richardson discussed the notice received from ACL on June 12th indicating that Illinois would be receiving a modest increase in their State Independent Living Services grant awards. SILC, the DSE and 51% of the CILs must agree on allocating these funds and an amendment to the SPIL is required. Richardson reported that Illinois' increase is in the amount of \$50,276 of Part B funds.

SILC members discussed many scenarios for the \$50,276 and came to a decision and recommendation to be brought before the INCIL board.

MOTION: Foster made a motion that SILC provide three \$15,000 grants to CILs through a Call for Proposal selection process. SILC will retain \$5,276 to be applied toward SPIL development. This motion was seconded by Griswold and the motion carried.

Outreach Committee Report: Jae Jin Pak welcomed our newest members, and each introduced themselves and gave a quick background about their work and how they came to be appointed to the SILC.

Pak reported that we still have three vacancies and hope to have Patrick Galligan appointed to replace Esther Lee and David Patton appointed to replace Ed Heflin very soon. Leaving just one vacancy to fill the spot left by Sarita Phadke.

Advocacy Advisory Group Update: Griswold provided a brief update on the work of the Advocacy Advisory Group. Minutes of the July 9th conference call are in the packet.

Employment Advisory Group Update: Mellen provided a brief update on the work of the Employment Advisory Group. Minutes of the July 11th conference call are in the packet.

Housing Advisory Group Update: Baker provided a brief update on the work of the Housing Advisory Group. Minutes of the July 16th conference call are in the packet.

Transportation Advisory Group Update: Richardson provided a brief update on the work of the Transportation Advisory Group. Minutes of the July 18th conference call are in the packet.

INCIL Report: No report at this time.

DSE Report: No report at this time.

DoA Report: Eckert reported on the Community Care Program. He also reported that Department on Aging is currently updating all language in the waiver programs to person centered language.

DDD Report: Alexander reported that in June 2018, 900 letters were sent out to individuals on the PUNS (Prioritization of Urgency of Need for Services) list to invite them to apply for DD services. The individuals selected can now contact their Individual Service Coordination (ISC) agency to work with them to conduct eligibility determinations and submit an application to the State for services.

Instead of three categories, there will now be two categories to place individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities on the PUNS waiting list. The two categories will “Seeking Services” and “Planning for Services”. Families with loved ones currently on PUNS will not need to do anything. The Department will make certain everyone currently on the list as either “Emergency” or “Critical” gets moved over to “Seeking Services”. Those individuals currently in “Planning” will automatically be moved to “Planning for Services.”

DCFS Report: Machay reported DCFS has been and will continue filling front line staff positions, such as Child Welfare Specialist and Child Protective Specialist. The second phase of the Core Practice Model rollout began in Southern Region, with all DCFS Southern Region permanency teams and Caritas Agency. The Core Practice Model involves Family Trauma Engagement training for all staff, Child and Family Team Meeting Training for all permanency staff both DCFS and Purchase of Service Agencies and Models of Supervisory Practice for all supervisors in both DCFS and Purchase of Service Agencies. There will also be a condensed Core Practice Model training in all three areas for executive members of DCFS and Purchase of Service Agencies executives and for all divisions in Child Welfare that touch the life of a child in a DCFS case. Three primary goals for DCFS is to not have children grow up in foster care, to enhance the

child welfare workforce, and to make sure that each child who is touched by IL DCFS leaves IL DCFS better off. DCFS is collaboratively working with local stakeholders, in all of the four regions, to build capacity in what child welfare is and how to collaboratively address the child welfare issues in our four regions.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the meeting of the SILC was made by Powell and seconded by Grochowski. Motion carried, and meeting was adjourned at 2:55pm.

Next Meeting: The next quarterly meeting of the Statewide Independent Living Council will be held on Wednesday, November 7, 2018.

Signed: Sara Powell, Secretary

Date: November 7, 2018