

## Notes of August 8, 2019

**Attending Members:** Michael Griswold, Rockford  
Allison Boot, Urbana  
Amy Foster, Alton  
Patrick Galligan, Edwardsville  
Erik Hanson, DHS/DRS, Springfield  
Norma Machay, DCFS, Waukegan  
Jae Jin Pak, Chicago  
Dave Patton, Good Hope  
Dan Stupavsky, INCIL, Quincy  
Grace Tsao, Des Plaines

**Staff:** Shelly Richardson, Executive Director  
Tara Dunning, Financial Manager

**Guests:** Anna Austin, ILU, Springfield  
Brad Cowan, DHS/DDD, Springfield  
Paula McElwee, ILRU

### **Thursday, August 8, 2019**

**Call to Order:** The quarterly meeting of the SILC was called to order on Thursday, August 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:02am by Jae Jin Pak.

It was established that SILC does not have a quorum for today's business so we will continue the training with Paula McElwee and discuss business without making any motions. McElwee reviewed policies and procedures including financial policies and advocacy vs lobbying.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the May 8, 2019 meeting were distributed for review but will need to be approved at the next meeting with a quorum.

**Chair's Report:** Pak reported that Rachael Mellen has resigned from the SILC and as Chairperson. Cathy Grochowski has also submitted her resignation. Pak discussed the vacancies on SILC as well as several members who require reappointment to continue their second term. Without these reappointments and vacancies fill we do not have a quorum and cannot do business at the quarterly meetings. Director Richardson is working with Governor Pritzker's office to expedite the appointments.

Pak reported on the NCIL Conference held July 22 – 25 in Washington DC. He attended as a speaker and representative of SILC of Illinois. His presentation was on human trafficking and what some Centers for Independent Living are currently doing to prevent trafficking of people with disabilities.

**Outreach Committee Report:** Committee Chairperson Amy Foster reported on the most recent resignations from Mellen and Grochowski. She discussed ideas to outreach to

potential new members including the Hispanic population. Flyers, website and social media will be utilized when appropriate.

Once a quorum is established at a future meeting, we must vote on the interim executive slate.

Chair – Jae Jin Pak

Vice Chair – Michael Griswold

Secretary – Grace Tsao

Treasurer/Operations Committee Chair – Allison Boot

Outreach Committee Chair – Amy Foster

Executive Director's Report: Director Richardson reported on several meetings and conference is has attended or plans to attend in the coming months.

1. Attended a meeting on July 15 – 16 in Chicago hosted by the National Council on Disability (NCD). Richardson submitted to NCD the working document from the town hall listening sessions with Dr. Magasi.
2. Richardson presented to the Governor's office a paper on disabilities and solutions. Pak stated he would be adding a piece on immigration.
3. Will be attending Disability, Diversity, and Intersectionality in CILs hosted by ILRU in Atlanta GA the week of August 19<sup>th</sup>.
4. Attended a housing conference in June in St. Louis that was fantastic. She is excited to expand on housing ideas from that event.
5. Discussed bringing mass transit providers to the table for a meeting to address transportation needs of Illinoisans with disabilities. She plans to meet with Dave Patton to flush out the details.
6. Requested a meeting with Lieutenant Governor Juliane Stratton to discuss reviving and restructuring the Rural Illinois Coordination Committee on Transportation (RICCT).
7. Richardson reported she is working with CIL Directors to revise the CIL Satisfaction Survey for next year and has partnered with Katie Caldwell from UIC on entrepreneurship webinar.

Treasurer's Report: Griswold presented a written report along with the monthly financial reports in the board packet for May, June and July. He stated the auditor will be beginning the audit for fiscal year 2019 in September.

Operations Committee: Boot reported she will call a meeting of the Operations Committee to review and revise the Fiscal Policy and present changes at the November

meeting. She hopes to move on with changes to the By-Laws and other policies for each meeting.

INCIL Report: INCIL Representative Stupavsky reported INCIL has offered John Herring of Springfield the position of Executive Director. John begins on September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

DSE Report: Hanson reported that all CILs have received funding for fiscal year 2020 and the Governor has approved a 2.77% COLAs increase for CILs. Transition (reintegration of consumers into the community) has moved to the Independent Living Unit from Home Services Bureau.

DCFS Report: Machay reported DCFS has a new director, Mark Smith. She is pleased that DCFS has received \$1.38 billion to rebuild the department and hired 300 front line workers. There has been an increase for providers providing counseling services, they have added flex funds and funds for day care for intact families. Machay reported that there has been a lot of bad news of late about DCFS and hiring and trainings are currently taking place to address these concerns.

DDD Report: Brad Cowan is sitting in today for DDD Rep Andrea Medley. Cowan provided a brief update on DDD. He reported that the Division is currently seeking a new director, their budget has been approved and they are currently reviewing and revising policies.

Adjournment: Pak adjourned the meeting of the SILC at 2:35pm on August 8, 2019.

Next Meeting: The next quarterly meeting of the Statewide Independent Living Council will be held on Wednesday, November 6, 2019.