



## **Minutes of August 5, 2020**

### **Attending Members:**

Heather Baker, Olney  
Allison Boot, Treasurer, Urbana  
Jesus Campuzano, Chicago  
Emma Danielson, Springfield  
Amy Foster, Outreach Chair, Edwardsville  
Patrick Galligan, Edwardsville  
Michael Griswold, Vice-Chair, Rockford  
Hershel Jackson, Rock Island  
Jae Jin Pak, Chair, Chicago  
Dave Patton, Good Hope  
Dan Stupavsky, INCIL, Quincy  
Grace Tsao, Secretary, Des Plaines

### **Staff:**

Shelly Richardson, Executive Director  
Tara Dunning, Financial Manager

### **Guest:**

Anna Austin, DSE Representative

### **Wednesday, August 5, 2020**

**Call to Order:** The quarterly meeting of the SILC was called to order on Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:03 am by Chairperson Jae Jin Pak.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the May 6, 2020 and June 19, 2020 meetings were distributed for review and approved.

**MOTION:** Jackson motioned to accept the minutes of May and June as written. Boot seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Chair's Report:** Chairperson Pak provided an update to the board on staff as they continue to work mostly from home and keeping distance when in the office together. Pak discussed racial injustice and SILC's response during these unsettling times. He, as well as the Director Richardson, have participated in many webinars and online town hall

meetings to discuss racial discrimination and oppression in both race, disability, age, and sexual orientation. He suggests that SILC make a public statement in that respect.

Operations Committee: Committee Chairperson Boot reported that the Operations Committee still has by-law revisions on their radar, but nothing has been done at this time.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Boot provided a brief synopsis of her written report and briefly reviewed the financial reports for April, May, and June; June being the final report for the fiscal year 2020. A budget for fiscal year 2021 (July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021) was distributed for review and approval.

**MOTION:** Campuzano motioned to accept the financial reports for April, May, and June 2020 as presented, Jackson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**MOTION:** Tsao motioned to accept the budget for fiscal year 2021 as presented. Campuzano seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Outreach Committee Report: Director Richardson reported that she has spoken to the Governor's office recently regarding appointments and they are working on approving terms for Jennifer Phillips and Lisa Cesal as well as the reappointment of Christine Hultgren for another 3 years.

Outreach Committee Chair Foster discussed the importance of the board to always be on the lookout for potential board members. A diverse representation in regard to ethnicity, age, sex, and disabilities are gravely important for SILC to function as a committed, diverse, and engaged Council.

At this time, the Council adjourned for a 30-minute lunch break.

Executive Director's Report: Richardson reported ~

- Illinois' State Plan for Independent Living 2021-2023 has been submitted to ACL;
- National Council on Independent Living (NCIL) virtual conference;
- Local Voices Network and Public Narrative's ADA Commemoration Conversations Zoom meeting with Pak and Tsao;
- Institute on Rescue and Recovery Coalition, with approval from the Executive Committee, SILC has signed onto support;
- Working with Equip for Equality on a voter's rights webinar;
- Working with Housing Action Illinois, LIFE CIL (Conan), and INCIL's Housing Vista (Krista) on a housing project;
- Implicit Bias training with Reyma McCoy McDeid;
- Ethics, Sexual Harassment and HIPPA trainings requirements of board members by State.

INCIL Report: INCIL Representative Stupavsky discussed how CILs are functioning since the pandemic forced us all into our homes. Some CILs have been closed to the public and working from home since March, others have remained open with restrictions. Twenty out of the 22 CILs received CARES Act funds to assist in their communities.

CILs were bracing for their funding to be affected by the pandemic but fiscal year 2021 contracts were completed as normal. However, funding for home modifications which was expected to be in the millions has been eliminated.

Stupavsky reported INCIL continues to plan for their September strategic planning retreat which will be a combination of online and in person. INCIL has also signed onto support social injustice advocacy being done across Illinois as well as rescuing individuals from long term care facilities.

He discussed the INCIL's emergency personal assistants' program which began in March as the stay at home orders started. It is meant to place personal assistants in homes in emergency situations. Since March, CILs have placed 168 providers in homes of individuals with disabilities.

DSE Report: Anna Austin reported that DHS/DRS is pleased to announce Illinois Cares Connections, which in partnership with the Illinois Assistive Technology Program, is providing established consumers of DRS with laptops.

Adjournment: Campuzano motioned to adjourn the meeting of the SILC at 1:45 pm on August 5, 2020 and Foster seconded the motion. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting: The next quarterly meeting of the Statewide Independent Living Council will be held remotely on Wednesday, November 4, 2020.

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Grace Tsao, Secretary

Date