



Minutes of August 5, 2021

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Norma Machay, DCFS Representative
Ryan Maloney, Galesburg
Andrea Medley, IDHS, DDD Representative
Noah Ohashi, Chicago
John Paschedag, Edwardsville
Dana Wilkerson, Dept on Aging Representative

Staff:

Shelly Richardson, Executive Director
Tara Dunning, Financial Manager

Guest:

John Herring, INCIL
Brittany Brake, DSE
Therese Cardosi, Options CIL

Thursday, August 5, 2021

Call to Order: The quarterly meeting of the SILC was called to order on Thursday, August 5th at 10:05am by Chairperson Jae Jin Pak. Jae Jin and Chuy took a minute to discuss the passing of Larry Biondi and we had a moment of silence in his memory.

Mission Statement: SILC's mission statement was read by John Paschedag.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the May 5, 2021 meeting were reviewed for approval.

MOTION: Campuzano motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Cesal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chair's Report: Chairperson Pak welcomed everyone to our first in-person meeting since the start of the pandemic. He recognized and thanked staff for their diligence and resilience during these trying times.

He is pleased to report that SILC raised \$551 with our t-shirt drive through Bonfire and we hope to do it again in October for Disability Employment Month.

Pak reported that he and Richardson plan to attend the SILC Congress in February 2022 in San Diego.

SILC continues to work closely with the Disability and Immigration Taskforce of Illinois (DITI) on a webinar about emergency preparedness planned for October 20, 2021.

Pak discussed a webinar hosted by The Alliance Network in which Richardson, Herring and several representatives from the Centers for Independent Living will participate to discuss what is a CIL.

Operations Committee: Boot reported that Juneteenth has been recognized as a new state holiday and therefore the Operations Committee would like to recommend, we add it to our Personnel Policy as an additional day off for staff.

MOTION: Lee motioned to add June 19th as a paid holiday to the policy. Campuzano seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Jackson discussed the financial reports in the meeting packet for April, May, and June.

MOTION: Paschedag motioned to accept the financial reports as presented. Cesal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Outreach Committee Report: Campuzano reported he is pleased to see so many new board members on the Council. We still have two vacancies on the board and Richardson will be working with the Outreach Committee and the Governor's office to fill those spots.

Advocacy Advisory Group: Chairperson Tsao directed members to the minutes of the last Advisory Group meeting in July. She reviewed the advocacy objectives in the SPIL 21-23 and provided updates on the activities.

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Employment Advisory Group: Richardson directed members to the minutes of the last Advisory Group meeting in July. Richardson provided updates on the current SPIL 21-23 goals, objectives, and activities.

Housing Advisory Group: Chairperson Baker directed members to the minutes of the last Advisory Group meeting in July and provided updates on the current SPIL 21-23 goals, objectives, and activities.

Transportation Advisory Group: Richardson directed members to the minutes of the last Advisory Group meeting in July and provided updates on the current SPIL 21-23 goals, objectives, and activities.

Guest Speaker: Therese Cardosi, Options: Executive Director Cardosi provided us with an overview of Options Center for Independent Living's programs and funding.

Executive Director's Report: SILC Director Richardson provide an overview of her activities since our last meeting. She provided an update to the Independent Living Network goals, objectives, and activities in the current SPIL 21-23.

INCIL Report: INCIL Executive Director Herring reported that SILC's INCIL representative Dan Stupavsky has left West Central Illinois Center for Independent Living so a new INCIL representative will be appointed and present at the November meeting. In the meantime, he is present to provide up an update for INCIL.

Herring reported that INCIL is busy coordinating the move into new office space with SILC. Everyone is excited to be moving into a nice, new space. INCIL has been working with SILC to host an Independent Living Conference at the end of August.

Herring briefly discussed the disability study done by the State of Illinois which suggested that Centers for Independent Living be moved from the Department of Human Services.

DSE Report: SILC's DSE representative Austin reported the Independent Living Unit discussed the new grant reporting system. She is busy completing fiscal year 2021 contracts and compliance reviews of CILs.

DOA Report: Department on Aging representative Dana Wilkerson encouraged all CIL CRP staff to coordinate with their local CCU(s) to assist with accessing the CCP Persons who are Elderly Waiver services for folks aged 60 and over who may need a homecare, adult day services, emergency home response, auto medication dispenser machines or HDMS. A Waiver revision was sent at the end of July to federal CMS and we are waiting to see if any revisions or corrections will be required. The Department on Aging recently coordinated with national SAGE training/webinar for our CCUs/AAAs and aging network on recognizing and working more effectively with LGBT seniors.

Adult Protective Services (APS) is partnering with the Alzheimer's Association to conduct annual training on Dementia for all APS Case Workers. The first training will be in the

fall. DoA is seeing an uptick in APS reports, especially in the area of Self-Neglect meaning an individual is unable/unwilling to meet their daily needs to the point that it poses a substantial threat to their health, welfare, or safety.

DCFS Report: Department of Children and Family Services representative Norma Machay provided a brief update on activities within DCFS.

DDD Report: IDHS, Division of Developmental Disabilities representative Andrea Medley provided a written report which is attached to these minutes as Addendum 1.

ISBE Report: Illinois State Board of Education representative Amy Deegan provided a written report which is attached to these minutes as Addendum 2.

Adjournment: Campuzano motioned to adjourn the meeting of the SILC at 2:53pm on August 5, 2021 and Cesal seconded the motion. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting: The Statewide Independent Living Council will meet again on November 10, 2021.

Signed: Jesus Campuzano, Secretary

Date: November 17, 2021

ADDENDUM 1
IDHS, Division of Developmental Disabilities Update for SILC
August 5, 2021
Andrea Medley, DDD Representative

The following items are just a few of the **current Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) Activities:**

INITIAL STP APPROVED BY CMS

The Department of Healthcare and Family Services received the initial Home and Community Based Settings (HCBS) State Transition Plan (STP) Approval Letter from Federal CMS! As you know all states must be in compliance with HCBS Settings requirements by March 17, 2023. Next steps will include working towards Final Approval of our State Transition Plan among other state requirements. DDD continues to work on our efforts to implement aspects of the Settings Rule, and HFS will soon begin planning for further public comment opportunities. Stay tuned!

CURRENT PROJECTED GUIDEHOUSE TIMELINE

The [Guidehouse Developmental Disability Services Rate Study](#) was released in December 2020. IDHS and DDD reviewed the recommendations and, after consultation with the Governor's Office and the Governor's Office of Management and Budget, determined that Guidehouse priorities would need to be completed on a multi-year schedule. Here (attached) is the current, projected timeline for the implementation of the Guidehouse rate study recommendations. Please note there are **significant variables** that could impact the projected timeline including **appropriation from the Illinois General Assembly** based on state revenues and other budgetary demands, federal approvals, other DDD budgetary priorities, and program implementation. Please let me know if you have any questions regarding the current, projected timeline.

SEX EDUCATION UPDATE

The Mental Health/Developmental Disabilities Code was amended to require access to sex education, related resources and treatment planning for all persons admitted to a developmental disability facility and receiving habilitation services. This statutory change took effect January 1, 2020 and applies to persons in Community Integrated Living Arrangements (CILA), ICF/DDs, State Operated Developmental Centers and Community Day Service (CDS) programs.

DDD along with the Illinois Guardianship and Advocacy's Human Rights Authority established a workgroup which has taken the lead in developing resources to assist in implementing the intent of this legislation. While the past year and a half's events made this a less than ideal time to roll this out to our provider organizations, the Sex Education Workgroup continued to meet on a regular basis. Much work and guidance has been produced and can be found on our website: <https://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=122403>. Additional materials are under final review and will be posted soon along with an information bulletin on this topic.

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With generous support of the Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities (ICDD) a consultant was engaged to develop a Train the Trainer Curriculum for Sexuality Education. Modules 1 and 2 are posted on the IDHS DDD Provider Training page at <https://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=45343>. Scroll down to #12 and you will see both modules listed along with the handouts and written transcript.

To pull this all together for our providers, the Division will be offering a training on September 9, 2021 from 1:00 – 3:00. More details will follow but SAVE THE DATE!

UPDATE ON ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

DRAFT Administrative Rules for Community Day Services/Developmental Training, the Rule for all DD Waivers, and Home Base Support Services were shared with all DD stakeholders for input and comment. After revisions are made, based on the comments received, these Rules will be reviewed by the DD Regulatory Advisory Board. Once the Board has provided input, the draft Rules will go to the DHS Rules Bureau who will move them through DHS's Executive Review process. Once they have been reviewed, approved, and signed off on by DHS Administration, they will go to JCAR to be posted for first notice. We hope to see these Rules posted for First Notice around December 2021/January 2022.

JCAR posted draft **Rule 115** (ILCS title 59, Part 115 for Community Integrated Living Arrangements) for First Notice/45 public comment period earlier this year. Due to the overwhelming responses and feedback (134 responses received), the Division, along with BALC and DHS Legal, is reviewing and discussing the feedback. Once changes have been made, the draft will be sent back to DHS Rules Bureau who will prepare it for JCAR. We *anticipate* Rule 115 being posted for Second Notice around November 2021.

If you have any questions or need additional information you can contact me at Andrea.Medley@illinois.gov

ADDENDUM 2
ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION UPDATE FOR SILC
AUGUST 5, 2021
AMY DEEGAN, ISBE REPRESENTATIVE

- Governor JB Pritzker announced an Executive Order 8-4-21 that supports safe in-person learning and **requires** that masks be worn indoors by all teachers, staff, students, and visitors to K-12 schools, regardless of vaccination status.
- HB 0040 has been signed and is now public act 102-0172: Amends the school code. Students who turn 22 during the school year may complete the school year instead of being exited 1 day before their 22nd birthday. There is an FAQ document posted to the ISBE Special Education webpage.
- SB 1821 is now Public Act 102-0173: For students who turned 22 during the 20-21 school year, there is an option to extend eligibility for services through the 21-22 school year.
- Recent change to Illinois administrative code: 23 IAC 226.75 “Qualified Interpreters”
Defines a qualified interpreter as school staff member or other personnel who is bilingual and demonstrably qualified and competent to interpret between English and another language, trained in providing the interpretations requested and sufficiently knowledgeable in both languages of any specialized terminology needed, and trained in the ethics of interpretation. Interpreters must have at least 6 hours of training in SPED terminology and protocol. LEAs are responsible for providing training as needed. LEAs are not required to comply until the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) has secured a training vendor and developed its qualification process. An FAQ document is posted to the ISBE webpage.
- An updated Best Practices Guide for the Education of Students who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing is posted on the ISBE Deaf and Hard of Hearing webpage.
- Short Term Approvals for teachers of the deaf and visually impaired have been accepted by the board of education and are now included in the Illinois administrative code. Only those who already have a PEL may apply. The agency is still working out particulars for individuals who are seeking the Short-Term Approval. The STA is active for 3 years and cannot be renewed. Individuals must complete a full teacher preparation program to receive a full license as a TOD or TVI.
- Educational Surrogate Program: ESPs are assigned to students who are without parental representation (youth in care, unaccompanied homeless, parents cannot be located). ISBE is working on recruitment and training for new ESPs. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Amy Deegan.
- Email adeegan@isbe.net with questions or concerns.