



## **Minutes of August 4, 2022**

**Officers:** Grace Tsao, Chair, Des Plaines  
Hershel Jackson, Vice-Chair, Rock Island  
Jesus (Chuy) Campuzano, Secretary, Chicago  
Nafia Khan, Treasurer

**Members:** Anna Austin, DSE Representative  
Heather Baker, Olney  
Lauren Bryant, Wheaton  
Patrick Galligan, Edwardsville  
Timotheus (TJ) Gordon, Chicago  
Christy Hultgren, Rock Island  
John Paschedag, Edwardsville  
Ryan Maloney, Galesburg  
Andrea Medley, DDD Representative  
Sara Witherell, Galesburg

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

**Guests:** John Herring, INCIL

### **Thursday, August 4, 2022**

**Call to Order:** The quarterly meeting of the Council was called to order on Thursday, August 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:35am by Chairperson Grace Tsao. SILC's mission statement was read by Shelly Richardson.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the May 4, 2022 meeting were reviewed for approval.

**MOTION:** Paschedag motioned to approve the minutes. Maloney seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chair's Report: Chairperson Tsao discussed the joint planning meeting with the INCIL board held on August 3 for the 2024-2026 State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL). She discussed the public hearings SILC is required to hold and the community input survey which is available on SILC's website. All of these activities will provide information to aid SILC in writing the next three-year SPIL.

Executive Director's Report: Director Richardson gave an update on the 3 town hall meetings that were conducted for SPIL input. She reported that there was only one attendee in Springfield, but there were more for Metropolis and Sterling with 19 and 13, respectively. She also discussed the current survey process and added that she will be conducting 2 more input sessions via Zoom. Richardson let the Council know that the Statewide Rehabilitation Council is in the process of conducting a needs assessment, and she continues to work with them for this process. The new Part B Public Health Grant that NICIL is running through their office was discussed. Richardson continues her work with the Illinois Access and Functional Needs Advisory Council, as well as Housing Action Illinois. She asked the Council members to watch the Documentary *Who We Are: A Chronicle of Racism in America* now streaming on Netflix. She concluded her report with reminding the Council members to complete their yearly required state training in a timely manner.

Outreach Committee Report: Outreach Committee Chairperson Campuzano is pleased to report that Tsao and Baker have officially been reappointed to another term. He also welcomed new members, TJ Gordon, and Sara Witherell. We continue to wait on the INCIL representative Peggy Davidsmeyer to be appointed.

Operations Committee Report: Committee Chairperson Hultgren reported there is no update at this time.

Treasurer's Report: Khan discussed the financial reports in the meeting packet for the end of the fiscal year 2022 (April, May, June) for review and approval.

**MOTION:** Maloney motioned to accept the financial reports as presented. Bryant seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Advocacy Advisory Group: Chairperson Tsao directed members to the minutes of the last Advisory Group meeting in July and provided a brief update on the advocacy goals, objectives, and activities.

Employment Advisory Group: Chairperson Baker directed members to the minutes of the last Advisory Group meeting in July and provided updates on the employment goals, objectives, and activities.

Housing Advisory Group: Chairperson Khan directed members to the minutes of the last Advisory Group meeting in July and provided updates on the housing 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 transportation goals, objectives, and activities.

INCIL Report: INCIL Director John Herring provided an update on the recent activities of the Illinois Network of Centers for Independent Living (INCIL) since we met last. Herring provided an update on the efforts to get home modification funds for CILs to provide modifications to their consumers. He discussed his attendance at the NCIL conference, the Housing Action Illinois conference coming up in Bloomington and the development of training video for consumers hiring personal care assistants.

IDHS, Div. of Developmental Disabilities Report: Attached is the written report from DDD Representative Andrea Medley. See Addendum A.

Adjournment: Campuzano motioned to adjourn the meeting of the SILC at 2:53pm on August 4, 2022 and Maloney seconded the motion. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting: The Statewide Independent Living Council will meet next on Wednesday, November 9, 2022.

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Jesus Campuzano, Secretary

Date

## ADDENDUM A

### State Agency Update Illinois Department of Human Services, Division of Developmental Disabilities August 4, 2022 DDD Representative Andrea Medley

#### New Director

Sarah Myerscough-Mueller was recently appointed as the interim Director for the Division of DD. Sarah has been with IDHS since 2019, serving as Chief Staff for the Division of Developmental Disabilities and as Senior Policy Advisor in the Office of the Secretary. Prior to joining IDHS, Sarah was the Director of Policy for Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities at the Illinois Association of Rehabilitation Facilities (IARF).

#### Waiver Renewals

The Division has received approvals, by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), of the **Waiver Renewal** for the Adults with Developmental Disabilities Waiver, the Children's Residential Waiver, and the Children's Support Waiver with effective dates of July 1, 2022. Changes to each of the 3 Waivers are noted below:

- **Adult Waiver**
  - Updating the performance measures reflecting CMS recommendations, consistency across the various waiver programs and two new performance measures specific to the Settings Rule.
  - Updating words and terms for consistency throughout the application.
  - Revise restraint and restrictive intervention language.
  - Adding Assistive Technology as a standalone service. It was previously included in the Adaptive Equipment service definition.
  - Requiring the development of a Back-Up Plan for Home Based Service (HBS) participants.
  - Increasing the number of required ISC visits from 2 to 4 annually.
- **Children's Support Waiver**
  - Updating language to be consistent with person-centered planning.
  - Updating the Behavior Intervention and Treatment waiver service definition.
  - Updating Performance Measures to reflect CMS recommendations and to create consistent expectations amongst the nine HCBS waiver programs in the state.
  - Adding restraint and restrictive intervention language for youth who are receiving services from a Support Services Team (SST).
  - Requiring the development of a Back Up Plan for HBS participants.
- **Children's Residential Waiver**
  - Updating language to be consistent with person-centered planning.
  - Updating the Behavior Intervention and Treatment waiver service definition.

- Removes the ability of providers to utilize seclusion in the delivery of waiver services.
- Revising restraint and restrictive intervention language.
- Children’s Group Home rates are being increased by 3% in accordance with the FY22 Budget passed by the General Assembly and signed by the Governor (this has been done via Appendix K to date).
- Updating Performance Measures to reflect CMS recommendations and to create consistent expectations amongst the nine HCBS waiver programs in the state.
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**Housing Navigator Pilot**

The Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) in partnership with the Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities (ICDD) is excited to sponsor a **Housing Navigator Pilot project**.

The Independent Service Coordination (ISC) Agencies (7 of 8) will have dedicated Housing Navigator to focus on community-based, independent housing options for individuals with DD who are already in the Adult Waiver and those adults newly selected from the PUNS list. The key activities of the ISC Housing Navigator will be to:

- cultivate landlord and affordable housing relationships across various communities
- identify available housing
- working with individuals with DD and their families to maintain a localized list of people interested in independent supportive housing
- ultimately make the match between independent housing options and people with DD.

The Independent Service Coordination (ISC) agencies can be found by accessing the [IDHS: Office Locator \(state.il.us\)](https://www.idhs.gov/office-locator). For the office type, select Developmental Disability services.