

Minutes of August 10, 2023

Officers:

Grace Tsao, Chair, Hoffman Estates
Hershel Jackson, Vice-Chair, Rock Island
Jesus Campuzano, Treasurer, Chicago

Members:

Muhammad Ahmed, DoA, Chicago
Anna Austin, DSE, Springfield
Heather Baker, Calhoun
Peggy Davidsmeyer, INCIL Rep., Jacksonville
Timotheus Gordon, Chicago
Edward Heflin, Macomb
John Paschedag, Edwardsville
Ryan Maloney, East Galesburg
Sara Witherell, Galesburg

Staff:

Shelly Richardson, Executive Director
Tara Dunning, Financial Manager

Guests:

Jae Jin Pak, UIC along with 4 international students
of the UIC School of Medicine

Thursday, August 10, 2023

Call to Order: The quarterly meeting of the Council was called to order on Thursday, August 10 at 10:35am by Chairperson Grace Tsao. SILC's mission statement was read by Grace Tsao and Jesus Campuzano.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the May 3, 2023 meeting were reviewed for approval.

MOTION: Paschedag motioned to approve the minutes of May meeting as written. Maloney seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chair's Report: Chairperson Tsao reported she is still waiting on her official appointment to replace Shelly Richardson on the State Rehabilitation Council.

Tsao discussed the Council makeup and the reappointment of members and appointment of ex-officio members representing state agencies. She reminded members to reapply online when their appointment is up for renewal.

Finally, Tsao discussed the conditional approval of the amended State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL) which we submitted to the Administration for Community Living (ACL) in May.

Executive Director's Report: Richardson discussed ~

- Her attendance and presentation at the National Council on Independent Living (NCIL) conference.
- Plans to host an emergency preparedness webinar with the Florida SILC in late fall.
- Plans to host a panel workshop presentation on housing accommodations.
- Another Lunch & Learn webinar for employers is scheduled for September 26.
- Another transportation training video is scheduled for recording on September 21.

Outreach Committee Report: Richardson reported that the Council currently has 5 vacancies. We are waiting for replacements of ex-officio, non-voting members from the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE). The Council has 3 vacancies for voting members positions.

Operations Committee Report: No report at this time.

INCIL Report: INCIL Representative Davidsmeyer discussed activities the CILs and INCIL are currently working on such as the transportation complaint forms and the home modification bill which is on pause until the Fall veto session.

~~adjourn for lunch~~

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Campuzano directed members to the three financial reports in the packet for April, May, and June.

MOTION: Davidsmeyer made a motion to accept the financial report as provided. Maloney seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Department on Aging Report: The newly appointed representative from Department on Aging, Muhammad (Noman) Ahmed provided a summary of his position in the department within the Adult Protective Services division. Ahmed reported they are working on redesigning their website to be more accessible to individuals who have low vision or blindness as well as expanding their programs to be more inclusive of all disabilities.

Advocacy Advisory Group Report: 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 Report: Richardson 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 Report: Richardson 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 Report: Richardson directed members to the minutes of the last Advisory Group meeting in July and provided updates on the transportation goals, objectives, and activities.

Adjournment: Paschedag made a motion at 2:17pm to adjourn the Council meeting. Campuzano seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting: The Statewide Independent Living Council will meet next on November 8, 2023.


Nafia Khan (Nov 19, 2023 13:21 CST)

Nafia Khan, Secretary

19/11/2023

Date