

Minutes of February 6, 2019

Attending Members

Officers:

Rachael Mellen, Chair, Peru
Michael Griswold, Treasurer, Rockford (phone)
Sara Powell, Secretary, Springfield

Members:

Allison Boot, Urbana
John Eckert, DoA, Springfield (phone)
Amy Foster, Edwardsville
Patrick Galligan, Edwardsville
Catherine Grochowski, Crystal Lake
Christine Hultgren, Rock Island (phone)
Matt Lakin, Bluffs (phone)
Andrea Medley, DDD, Springfield
Jae Jin Pak, Chicago
David Patton, Good Hope (phone)
Dan Stupavsky, INCIL, Quincy (phone)
Grace Tsao, Des Plaines (phone)

Staff:

Shelly Richardson, Executive Director
Tara Dunning, Financial Manager

Guest:

Anna Austin, ILU, Springfield

Wednesday, February 6, 2019

Call to Order: The quarterly meeting of the SILC was called to order on Wednesday, February 6th at 10:01 by Chairperson Rachael Mellen who read SILC's mission and vision statement.

Welcome and Introductions: Mellen welcomed board member present and on the telephone to the quarterly meeting. She asked that we go around the table as well as on the telephone and introduce ourselves.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the November 7, 2018 meeting were distributed for review and approval.

MOTION: Foster motion to accept the November minutes as presented. Powell seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Chair Report: Chair Mellen reported that the Executive Committee met in January, the minutes of this meeting are in the packet. She reported that she met with the Executive Director's on January 9th to discuss her evaluation. The next evaluation will be in January 2020.

Mellen reported that with the resignation of Kevin MacDonald and her stepping into the Chair position, this leaves a vacancy of the Vice-Chair position. After discussion with the Executive Committee, she would like to recommend Jae Jin Pak to complete the term of the Vice-Chair. This action will be completed during the Outreach Committee report.

Finally, Mellen discussed the SILC Congress 2019 conference at the end of February in Florida. She will be attending for the first time along with Richardson. She looks forward to reporting in May on her experience on the conference.

Executive Director Report: Richardson discussed the current SPIL goals, objectives and activities and provided an update. She reported the final webinar in a health care series with trainer Andres Gallegos will be held on March 13th. Richardson discussed WIPA trainings provided by Rob Mulvaney at local DRS offices around the state.

Richardson discussed in detail a recent directive from ACL in regards to writing and submitting the new State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL). The online submission tool is still being developed which may cause delays in submitting a new SPIL.

Richardson reported a housing training for transition coordinators scheduled for January 30th had to be canceled due to the weather. This will be rescheduled as soon as possible.

Finally, Richardson reported the draft SPIL is in your packets for review. Once the final product is completed, public hearings will need to be held and comments will be accepted both at hearings and online. There is still a considerable amount of work to be completed including sections specific to the DSE and sections that INCIL and the CILs must complete.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Griswold directed Council members to the written report and monthly financial reports in the packet. Per the direction of this Council, the financial reports have a new format which divides expenses for grant funds and unrestricted funds. He discussed the call for proposals for the audit which will be completed by May.

MOTION: Foster made a motion to accept the financial reports for October, November and December 2018. Boot seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Outreach Committee Report: Committee Chairperson Pak provided a written report which is in the packet. He reported that Richardson has received a resignation from Douglas Gamble for health reasons which leaves the Council with three vacancies. Richardson has an appointment to interview a female with deafness who lives in Springfield this week as a potential appointee. She continues to reach out to the Southern part of the state for referrals. Pak discussed the flyer that was developed by the Committee to solicit interested parties to serve on the Council. Minor changes will be made to the flyer and then we will share it widely.

Pak reported that election for new officers will take place at the May meeting. He asked that Council members watch their inbox for notification of process and nominations.

Lastly, is the business of appointing Jae Jin Pak as Vice-Chair. With a recommendation from the Executive Committee, Mellen asked for a motion to appoint.

MOTION: A motion was made by Powell and seconded by Hultgren to appoint Pak to complete the term of Vice-Chair. Motion carried.

Advocacy Advisory Group Report: Griswold reported the minutes of the last conference call are in the packet. Four grants have been provided to Centers to support their community leadership programs. They include RAMP in Rockford, Progress CIL in Forest Park, Southern IL CIL in Carbondale and Lake County CIL in Mundelein.

Employment Advisory Group Report: Mellen reported the minutes of the last conference call are in the packet. Employment objectives and activities in the current SPIL continue to be met or are on target for completion. Training goals have been completed and subminimum wage continues to be at the forefront of both INCIL and SILC.

Housing Advisory Group Report: Richardson reported the minutes of the last conference call are in the packet. A best practices call was held in January. Lore Baker has left employment with the state but is committed to staying active on the Housing Advisory Group. Housing Action Illinois is currently drafting their legislative agenda for 2019 which she will share along with Action Alerts as they become available.

Transportation Advisory Group Report: Richardson reported the minutes of the last conference call are in the packet. The annual HSTP and CIL meeting is scheduled for April 3rd in Springfield. RTAC reports that technical assistance calls have decreased in recent months but that is being attributed to problem solving at the CIL level.

INCIL Report: INCIL Representative Stupavsky reported the DSE (Hanson) and SILC Director (Richardson) recently met to discuss the SPIL and the CIL's obligations as it pertains to the deliverables in their state contracts. The DSE has assured SILC and the CILs that the language in the contract which states "Center agrees to implement the SPIL" does not require the CIL to actively be a part of each activity of the SPIL. The CIL is required to participate in several objectives in the State Plan such as the consumer satisfaction survey but does not have to be fully involved in every objective. Richardson reported she is working closely with the Advisory Groups to write objectives and activities that parallel activities and core services CILs are already providing.

Stupavsky discussed the PA contract and the Older Blind Services contract now being administered by INCIL. INCIL will be hiring two new staff to manage these programs.

Presentation: Progress Center for Independent Living: Horacio Esparza, the Executive Director from the Progress Center in Forest Park was present to discuss the services provided by the CIL which services suburban Cook County.

Presentation: Gift of Voice: AJ French, president of Gift of Voice a non-profit organization in Edwardsville, Illinois was present to discuss the mission to of Gift of Voice train, empower and advocate for mental health of individuals, communities and churches. Gift of Voice's board of directors consists of individuals with personal and professional experience in mental health and related fields. AJ discussed the Certified Recovery Support Specialist (CRSS) upcoming training.

DSE Report: Austin is present today for DSE representative Hanson. Austin reported that the DSE and SILC have submitted the annual 704 report – now called the Periodic Performance Report to ACL in December with little problems.

DoA Report: Department on Aging representative Eckert reported that IDoA continues to work on policies and training on rolling out person-centered planning in the community care program (Aging waiver w/ 80,000 participants both Medicaid and non-Medicaid).

A new 'provider profile' being launched on IDoA website to offer viewers to option of viewing the services of all contracted providers for folks to make informed choices. User can tap on their county or use zip in Cook county to identify services in their area.

Using data from new community care program 'critical incident' reporting system to identify participant's at highest risk for increased care coordination.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the meeting of the SILC was made by Foster and seconded by Pak. Motion carried, and meeting was adjourned at 3:05pm.

Next Meeting: The next quarterly meeting of the Statewide Independent Living Council will be held on Wednesday, May 8, 2019 at the Illinois Assistive Technology Program office in Springfield.

Signed: Sara Powell, Secretary
Date: May 8, 2019