



## **Minutes of February 8, 2023**

**Officers:** Grace Tsao, Chair, Hoffman Estates  
Hershel Jackson, Vice-Chair, Rock Island

**Members:** Lauren Bryant, Wheaton  
Lisa Cesal, Naperville  
Peggy Davidsmeyer, INCIL Rep., Jacksonville  
Amy Deegan, ISBE Rep., Chicago  
Patrick Galligan, Edwardsville  
Timotheus (TJ) Gordon, Chicago  
Edward Heflin, Macomb  
Christy Hultgren, Rock Island  
John Paschedag, Edwardsville  
Andrea Medley, Div. of DD, Springfield  
Ryan Maloney, East Galesburg  
Noah Ohashi, Chicago  
Dana Wilkerson, DoA Rep., Springfield  
Sara Witherell, Galesburg

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

**Guests:** Mike Egbert, Opportunities for Access, Mt. Vernon  
John Herring, INCIL, Springfield

### **Wednesday, February 8, 2023**

**Call to Order:** The quarterly meeting of the Council was called to order on Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:32am by Chairperson Grace Tsao. SILC's mission statement was read by Lauren Bryant.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the November 9, 2022 meeting were reviewed for approval. Tsao asked for one correction to her town since she has recently moved to Hoffman Estates.

**MOTION:** Maloney motioned to approve the minutes of November with one correction. Hultgren seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chair's Report: Chairperson Tsao reported that the annual evaluation of the executive director has begun. Everyone should have received an email from her which includes the evaluation form to be completed by the board member. This is completely optional. The deadline is February 15, 2023.

Tsao is pleased to report that the SPIL Writing Committee has reconvened and met on January 24<sup>th</sup>. The State Plan for Independent Living 2025-2028 (for federal fiscal years October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2027) is due to ACL on June 20, 2024.

Tsao reported that Shelly Richardson and Anna Austin (DSE) completed the Program Performance Report (PPR) on January 25<sup>th</sup> and DRS Director Patrick and the SILC Chairperson signed the report which was submitted to ACL electronically. Tsao and Richardson will be meeting with Director Patrick and the Home Services Program manager, David Kuriniec on January 24<sup>th</sup> to discuss goals for the coming year.

Tsao discussed the SILC Congress conference happening in March in Arkansas. Richardson and Jackson will be attending to represent Illinois.

Executive Director's Report: Executive Director Richardson reported that she continues to work closely with INCIL on their Opportunity Starts at Home grant which INCIL received from Housing Action Illinois.

Richardson reported on February 22, she will be hosting a training to CIL staff on how to complete the Consumer Satisfaction Survey.

Richardson reported on March 28, SILC will be hosting a webinar on the source of income protection bill with Housing Action Illinois and HOPE Fair Housing Center.

Richardson reminded members that the draft SPIL amendments have been posted to SILC's website and comments are being collected until February 15. No comments have been received at this time.

After February 15, the official amendment will be posted for another 30-day comment period. After which SILC will need to collect 51% signatures from CIL directors along with the signature from the DSU director and SILC chairperson to submit to ACL.

Richardson is pleased to report she will be presenting at the National Council on Independent Living (NCIL) in July. She will be part of a panel discussing collaborating with other agencies.

Finally, Shelly reported that her term on the State Rehabilitation Council (SRC) has expired but because there is a requirement for a representative from SILC to serve on the SRC, Grace Tsao has agreed to replace Shelly on the board.

Outreach Committee Report: Richardson reported in the absence of the Outreach Committee chairperson. Richardson provided a brief update on the terms of board members. She welcomed our most recent board member, Peggy Davidsmeyer, who will serve as the INCIL representative. Peggy is the director of the Jacksonville Area Center for Independent Living.

Treasurer's Report: In the treasurer's absence, Dunning provided an update for the past three months of this fiscal year, October, November, and December, 2022 which were provided in the board packet.

Dunning discussed the draft budget for fiscal year 2024 (July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024) provided in the board packet for approval.

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

**MOTION:** Maloney made a motion to accept the fiscal year 2024 budget as provided. Bryant seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

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

Housing Advisory Group: Richardson directed members to the minutes of the last Advisory Group meeting in January and provided updates on the housing goals, objectives, and activities.

Transportation Advisory Group: Richardson and Heflin directed members to the minutes of the last Advisory Group meeting in January and provided updates on the transportation goals, objectives, and activities.

INCIL Report: INCIL Representative Davidsmeyer reported INCIL board has been meeting virtually since 2020 but will be together for the board retreat in June.

INCIL's Advocacy Committee has identified issues pertaining to housing and personal assistants as areas to on in 2023. All CILs have been working on diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) as it remains an important issue.

Finally, Davidsmeyer discussed the CIL's efforts to advocate for an additional \$10 million in funding for Centers for Independent Living and the funding for home modifications.

SPIL Section 3.2: Expansion and Adjustment of Network Presentation: Mike Egbert, Executive Director of Opportunities for Access in Mt. Vernon joins the meeting today to discuss section 3.2 of the State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL). This is a critical piece of the SPIL which identifies and directs how additional funds will be used.

ISBE Report: ISBE Representative, Amy Deegan, announced that ISBE has a new superintendent, Dr. Tony Sanders. Deegan reported she will be leaving her position at ISBE and therefore her position on SILC's board of directors.

Department on Aging Report: Department on Aging Representative, Dana Wilkerson, discussed elderly abuse and neglect and asked for ideas on where people with disabilities and the elder frequent who may be able to identify and report abuse.

Division of Developmental Disabilities Report: DDD Representative, Andrea Medley, discussed the newly formed position of Peer Self Advocate. This position works closely with the Division of Rehabilitation Services and will be an individual who previously worked for subminimum wage.

Adjournment: Maloney motioned to adjourn the meeting of the SILC at 1:54pm on February 8, 2023 and Gordon seconded the motion. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting: The Statewide Independent Living Council will meet next on Wednesday, May 3, 2023.

Jesus Chuy Campuzano

Aug 22, 2023

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Jesus Campuzano, Secretary

Date

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