



Minutes of May 3, 2023

Officers: Grace Tsao, Chair, Hoffman Estates
Hershel Jackson, Vice-Chair, Rock Island
Nafia Khan, Treasurer, Oak Brook

Members: Anna Austin, DSE, Springfield
Emma Danielson, Springfield
Peggy Davidsmeyer, INCIL Rep., Jacksonville
Patrick Galligan, Edwardsville
Timotheus (TJ) Gordon, Chicago
Edward Heflin, Macomb
Christy Hultgren, Rock Island
John Paschedag, Edwardsville
Norma Machay, DCFS, Waukegan
Ryan Maloney, East Galesburg
Andrea Medley, Div. of DD, Springfield
Sara Witherell, Galesburg

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

Guests: John S. Herring, Sr., INCIL, Springfield
David Kuriniec, IDHS-DRS, Springfield

Wednesday, May 3, 2023

Call to Order: The quarterly meeting of the Council was called to order on Wednesday, May 3rd at 10:35am by Chairperson Grace Tsao. SILC's mission statement was read by Grace Tsao.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the February 8, 2023 meeting were reviewed for approval. Jackson noted one correction on page 2, the location of the SILC Congress was Arkansas.

MOTION: Maloney motioned to approve the minutes of February with one correction. Paschedag seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chair's Report: Chairperson Tsao reported that she has been taking a 6-week course with the Independent Living Research Utilization (ILRU) which has been very helpful. She wanted to share a SILC Member Knowledge Checklist which she found helpful with the board. She will email it after the meeting.

Tsao suggested we develop a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) or development committee to focus on resource development and fund raising.

Executive Director's Report: Richardson discussed ~

- SILC Congress which was held on March 6-8, 2023 in Arkansas.
- Shelly reported she has submitted the amended State Plan to ACL.
- Shelly reported she has submitted the 2022 Periodic Performance Report (PPR) to ACL.
- On June 3rd she will partner with Thane Hunt from Advocates for Access CIL to present at the Red Cross conference. They will be presenting on how to serve people with disabilities during a disaster.
- On June 8th, Shelly and Ed Heflin will be recording the 3rd and final transit video.
- On July 12, we will hold the annual transportation meeting with CIL staff and HSTP coordinators.
- Shelly attended a LGBTQ+ training recently that she found very useful and wants to provide to the CILs. She will plan on scheduling it for August or September.
- Shelly discussed the August 9 & 10 board retreat and meeting.

Outreach Committee Report: Richardson reported that we have one vacancy of the 18 voting members and 2 vacancies of the 5 non-voting ex-officio members. This is also Christy Hultgren's last meeting as her term ends June 30, 2023.

Election of Officers: The Outreach Committee presented a slate of candidates for an election. Officer terms will be July 1, 2023 until June 30, 2024.

Chairperson: Grace Tsao
Vice Chairperson: Hershel Jackson
Treasurer: Jesus (Chuy) Campuzano
Secretary: Nafia Khan

MOTION: Khan motioned to accept the slate of candidates as presented. Paschedag seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chairperson Tsao appointed chairs to the SILC Standing Committees as well as the SPIL Advisory Groups.

They are as follows:

- Advocacy Advisory Group – Grace Tsao
- Employment Advisory Group – Heather Baker
- Housing Advisory Group – Nafia Khan
- Transportation Advisory Group – Ed Heflin
- Outreach Committee – Jesus Campuzano
- Operations Committee – John Paschedag

~~ Adjourn for lunch break ~~

Overview of IDHS, Division of Rehabilitation Services Programs: David Kuriniec is the Bureau Chief with the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS), Division of Rehabilitation Services, Bureau of Home and Community-Based Supports. Kuriniec presented on the many divisions within the IDHS and their duties.

Operations Committee Report: No report at this time.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Khan directed members to the three financial reports in the packet for January, February, and March. June 30 is the end of the fiscal year and everything looks on track.

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

DCFS Report: DCFS Representative, Norma Machay, reported that Family First has launched. This free service provided by the Department offers six evidence-based programs to intact families or youth in care or returning home.

Division of Developmental Disabilities Report: DDD Representative, Andrea Medley, provided a written update on DDD. See Appendix A.

Advisory Group Reports: For the sake of time, Director Richardson directed Council members to their packets where they will find minutes from all the Advisory Group meetings. These minutes will provide updates on the goals, objectives, and activities of each Advisory Group.

INCIL Report: INCIL Representative Davidsmeyer discussed the recent activities of the Illinois Network of Centers for Independent Living.

Closed Session: At this time, staff and guests were dismissed so that Council Members could discuss personnel issues.

MOTION: Maloney motioned to go into closed session. Paschedag seconded the motion. Motion carried.


MOTION: Paschedag motioned to come out of closed session. Khan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MOTION: Maloney motioned to approve a 3% annual increase to two staff to begin July 1, 2023. Khan seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The Executive Committee has approved a 3% one-time pay increase for two staff in June for the fiscal year 2023.

Adjournment: Chairperson Tsao thanks everyone for their time and adjourned the meeting at 3:15pm.

Next Meeting: The Statewide Independent Living Council will meet next on August 9 & 10 for the board retreat and meeting.


Jesus Chuy Campuzano (Aug 22, 2023 13:43 CDT)
Jesus Campuzano, Secretary

Aug 22, 2023
Date

APPENDIX A

Division of Developmental Disabilities update for SILC

May 3, 2023

- In February Illinois' Statewide Transition Plan (STP) was approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid. This plan the STP is the vehicle through which states describe how they will comply with the new requirements for Home and Community-Based Settings (HCBS) in the HCBS final regulation. All States had to become compliant by March 17, 2014. Illinois operates 9 HCBS Waivers, DDD oversees 3 of these. Approval of the STP helps to continue receiving Federal matching funds for HCBS Waiver programs (for 22 thousand people with a developmental disability).

- Administrative Rules:
 - The Division of DD currently has 2 Administrative Rules in the formal amendment process:
 - Rule 115 (59 IAC 115) for Community Integrated Living Arrangement is in Second Notice with the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules
 - Rule 120 (59 IAC 120) is currently under First Notice with JCAR. The draft rule can be viewed in the March 24, 2023 edition of the [Illinois Register](#). The public comment period will end May 8, 2023. All comments are required to be submitted *as specified in the posting*.
 - Additional Rule revisions to be posted for First Notice (hopefully no later than July 2023):
 - Rule 119 (59 IAC 119): Minimum Standards for Certification of Developmental Training Programs
 - Rule 117 (59 IAC 117): Family Assistance and Home-Based Support Programs For Persons With Mental Disabilities

- The Division will soon select individuals from the PUNS (waiting list for home and community-based services):
 - \$26M for PUNS placements for children and adults (annualization of FY23 placements and new FY24 placements)
 - 500 children will be selected for Children's Home-Based Services
 - 700 adults will be selected for HCBS Waiver services.






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