

Minutes of March 12, 2019 Special Meeting / Conference Call

Attending Members

Officers: Rachael Mellen, Chair, Peru
Jae Jin Pak, Vice-Chair, Chicago
Michael Griswold, Treasurer, Rockford

Members: Gianna Baker, Chicago
Allison Boot, Urbana
Amy Foster, Edwardsville
Patrick Galligan, Edwardsville
Erik Hanson, DSE, Springfield
Christine Hultgren, Rock Island
Ryan Maloney, East Galesburg
Andrea Medley, DDD, Springfield
Dan Stupavsky, INCIL, Quincy
Grace Tsao, Des Plaines

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

Tuesday, March 12, 2019

Call to Order: This special meeting conference call of the SILC was called to order on Tuesday, March 12th at 2:01 by Chairperson Rachael Mellen.

Welcome and Introductions: Mellen welcomed board member present on the telephone today and thanked them for taking time to participate in this special meeting to discuss the development of the next State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL). Mellen reported that she and Executive Director Richardson recently attended the 2019 SILC Congress and have information to share about writing and submitting the next SPIL.

Richardson reported, as has previously been discussed, the Administration on Community Living (ACL) has been in the process of updating the SPIL Instrument for some time. This instrument is the online submission process and format in which we must enter the SPIL for Illinois. The new online instrument will not be ready until the end of this year. We received a directive from ACL in October 2018 stating that we could either make a technical amendment (a small change to the plan), or a substantial amendment (large changes that must go out for public comment) that would get us through until we can enter our new SPIL into the system.

As you may recall, SILC voted at the November 2019 meeting to request a substantial amendment, which would have allowed us to move forward with our new planned activities. However, while attending SILC Congress Richardson and Mellen learned

several new things that have caused us to change our thinking on this matter. If we make substantial changes through a SPIL amendment, and continue by having public comment meetings, as well as an online public comment period, we may have to do this process all over again next year.

Richardson reported she and Mellen met with representatives from both ACL and ILRU. All agreed it would be in SILC's best interest to request a technical amendment to continue with our current SPIL for an additional year, essentially extending the deadline for the new SPIL until June 30, 2020.

Mellen stated SILC of Illinois is ahead of most other states in this process of developing the new Plan. We will just slow the process and wait for the new SPIL Instrument to be finalized in November or December and then tweak our current wording and formatting. It is also comforting to know that all the other states we spoke with were also only making technical amendments to also extend their SPILs.

We were directed to add an activity that addresses emergency preparedness. We will have plenty of time to do this. (This was also new information that we learned while at SILC Congress.)

Richardson will contact all of our partners who are listed in the next SPIL and let them know what is going on, and express to them our strong desire to continue our collaboration into the next official SPIL.

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