

Notes of November 6, 2019

Attending Members: Gianna Baker, Chicago
Allison Boot, Urbana
Amy Foster, Alton
Patrick Galligan, Edwardsville
Michael Griswold, Rockford
Erik Hanson, DHS/DRS, Springfield
Christy Hultgren, Rock Island
Jae Jin Pak, Chicago
Dave Patton, Good Hope
Dan Stupavsky, INCIL, Quincy
Grace Tsao, Des Plaines

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

Guests: Brad Cowan, DHS/DDD, Springfield
John Herring, INCIL
Dane Rockafellow, Edwardsville

Wednesday, November 6, 2019

Call to Order: The quarterly meeting of the SILC was called to order on Wednesday, November 6th at 10:05am by Jae Jin Pak.

SILC's mission statement was read by Dan Stupavsky and introductions were made. Shelly Richardson introduced and welcomed the newly hired INCIL executive director John Herring.

Quorum: It was established that SILC does not have a quorum for today's business so we will continue with the agenda and discussions, ratifying any motions when a quorum has been established.

Approval of Minutes: The notes of May 8 and August 8, 2019 meeting were distributed for review but will need to be approved at the next meeting with a quorum.

Chair's Report: Pak reported the Executive Committee met in October. They discussed the SILC Congress in February 2020 which he and Richardson plan to attend. He recently promoted SILC to recruit new members at a Consumer Advisory Council meeting of the University of Illinois at Chicago. As well, Amy Foster and he also attended the Speak Up Speak Out conference in October and again shared information about SILC in the hope of finding interested individuals to serve on the Council.

FY19 Audit Report: Jim Legg is present today from Estes, Bridgewater & Ogden to present the audit report for the year ending June 30, 2019. Mr. Legg reviewed the report and noted nothing of concern. He provided the Council with the tax returns to be signed and mailed. A motion to approve was made by Patton and Galligan and will need to be ratified at the next meeting with a quorum.

Operations Committee: Allison Boot reported the Operations Committee met in October to review the Fiscal Policy and recommend changes to the Council. She asked Tara Dunning to walk the members present through the minimal changes to the policy. Recommendations will be updated per today's discussion and presented again at the next meeting with a quorum for approval.

Treasurer's Report: Michael Griswold presented the financial reports for July, August and September. The Council discussed the budget and the need to modify the budget in the coming months. A motion to accept the reports was made by Galligan and Patton and will need to be ratified at the next meeting with a quorum.

Outreach Committee Report: Amy Foster is happy to report that two new members have been appointed, Emma Danielson from Springfield and Heather Baker from Olney. We are waiting on reappointments for Pak, Boot and Tsao which the Governor has promised in the next day or two. Hershel Jackson from Rock Island and Jesus (Chuy) Campuzano are both in the pipeline and expected to be appointed in the next week or two.

Richardson reminded the Council that once a quorum is established at a future meeting, we must vote on the interim executive slate.

Chair – Jae Jin Pak

Vice Chair – Michael Griswold

Secretary – Grace Tsao

Treasurer/Operations Committee Chair – Allison Boot

Outreach Committee Chair – Amy Foster

Executive Director's Report: Director Richardson provided an oral report on her activities since the last meeting.

She reported the annual meeting for HSTP and CIL staff has been scheduled for April 8, 2020 in the INCIL office.

She and several CIL directors have met to discuss and make changes to the questionnaire and process for the 2020 consumer satisfaction survey.

Mini-grants to CILs for transportation to HSTP meetings and leadership programs will be offered in November to any CIL wishing to apply.

Employment numbers from CILs providing technical assistance to consumers and/or employers have been reported. 9 CILs have provided 33 technical assistance inquiries in 2019.

Finally, Shelly reported she participated in the webinar “Getting on Board: Recruitment & Composition for Statewide Independent Living Councils” in October which she found to be incredibly helpful in understanding the importance of building a strong board of directors.

INCIL Report: INCIL representative Stupavsky reported that INCIL’s advocacy committee is working on issues such as housing modifications and ramps, rural transportation and Medicare Part D enrollment. These issues have seen an increase of requests in the last year. He stated that his CIL (WCICIL) in particular has seen an increase in mental health issues and their particular independent living needs, youth transition as well as reintegration. The advocacy committee is working to address these challenges.

INCIL is pleased with their selection of John Herring as the successor to Ryan Croke. John has been visiting CILs across the state and absorbing as much as he can to learn about each CIL and their community needs.

DSE Report: Erik Hanson reported DRS has made visits to all sheltered workshops in Illinois. Approximately 10,000 individuals are working in sheltered workshops. Hanson reported that some referrals have been made for individuals wishing to find other employment but most have chosen to stay in the workshop.

DDD Report: Brad Cowan is sitting in today for DDD representative Andrea Medley. Cowan reported that Division of Developmental Disabilities has a new director. Allison Stark comes to DDD with an extensive background in the DD service delivery side and we are happy to have her onboard.

Adjournment: Pak adjourned the meeting of the SILC at 2:45pm on November 8, 2019.

Next Meeting: The next quarterly meeting of the Statewide Independent Living Council will be held on Wednesday, February 5, 2020.