



Minutes of November 4, 2020

Officers:

Jae Jin Pak, Chair, Chicago
Michael Griswold, Vice-Chair, Rockford
Grace Tsao, Secretary, Des Plaines
Allison Boot, Treasurer, Urbana

Members:

Anna Austin, DSE Representative
Heather Baker, Olney
Jesus Campuzano, Chicago
Emma Danielson, Springfield
Amy Deegan, ISBE Representative
Patrick Galligan, Edwardsville
Christy Hultgren, Rock Island
Hershel Jackson, Rock Island
Norma Machay, DCFS Representative
Ryan Maloney, Galesburg
Andrea Medley, DDD Representative
Dave Patton, Good Hope
Dan Stupavsky, INCIL, Quincy
Dana Wilkerson, DoA Representative

Staff:

Shelly Richardson, Executive Director
Tara Dunning, Financial Manager

Guest:

James Legg, Estes, Bridgewater & Ogden, CPAs

Wednesday, November 4, 2020

Call to Order: The quarterly meeting of the SILC was called to order on Wednesday, November 4th at 10:06 am by Chairperson Jae Jin Pak. Welcome and roll call was taken. Pak discussed video meeting etiquette for this Zoom meeting.

Change of Agenda: Pak recommended we amend the agenda slightly to allow for the reading of SILC's mission statement followed by the fiscal year 2020 audit report then the approval of the minutes. The agenda will remain the same after the minutes.

MOTION: Hultgren motioned to amend the agenda. Maloney seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mission Statement: SILC's mission statement was read by Shelly Richardson.

FY2020 Audit Report: James Legg is present today from Estes, Bridgewater & Ogden to present the audit report for the year ending June 30, 2020. Mr. Legg reviewed the report and noted nothing of concern. He will drop off the tax returns to the office to be signed and mailed.

MOTION: A motion to approve was made by Griswold and seconded by Boot. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the August 5, 2020 meeting were distributed for review and approval.

MOTION: Griswold motioned to accept the minutes of August 2020 as written. Campuzano seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Chair's Report: Chairperson Pak reported SILC staff are mostly back in the office full time. He discussed the implicit bias training staff and several Council members participated in recently. Members present discussed their thoughts on the training and how we as a Council can expand upon the training.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Boot provided a brief synopsis of her written report and reviewed the financial reports for July, August, and September for approval.

MOTION: Campuzano motioned to accept the financial reports for July, August, and September 2020 as presented, Hultgren seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Operations Committee: Committee Chairperson Boot reported that the Operations Committee still has personnel policy revisions on their radar, but nothing has been done at this time.

Outreach Committee Report: Director Richardson is happy to report new ex-officio non-voting members from ISBE, Department on Aging, and the Designated State Entity (DSE) have been appointed by their agencies. She reported that we are still waiting for the reappointments of Hultgren and Jackson as well as the appointment of Lisa Cesal. Jennifer Phillips has started a new job and has been difficult to reach so she may no longer be interested in serving on the Council. The Outreach Committee has vetted and recommended Nafia Lee and Noah Ohashi to the Governor and Shelly is interviewing two additional potential Council members soon.

State Plan for Independent Living 2021-2023 Update: Richardson reported the State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL) 2021-2023 is effective October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2023. SILC has received notification from the Administration for Community Living (ACL) of a conditional approval until December 30, 2020. There are minor changes/corrections in the SPIL that ACL questioned which SILC is working to amend.

Designated State Entity (DSE) Report: Anna Austin is pleased to be officially appointed to the SILC since she has accepted the position of Manager of the Independent Living Unit within the Division of Rehabilitation Services. Austin reported she is working with Richardson and Dunning to correct and resubmit the SPIL to ACL. She and SILC staff will also be working on the Program Performance Report (PPR) which is due to ACL on December 30, 2020.

At this time, the Council adjourned for a 30-minute lunch break.

Executive Director's Report: Richardson briefly reviewed the minutes and SPIL 17-20 updates from the Advocacy, Employment, Housing and Transportation Advisory Groups.

She discussed the voter's rights webinar SILC hosted along with Equip for Equality on October 8. The video recording can be found on SILC's website.

Richardson reported the satisfaction surveys for CIL's consumers for fiscal year 2021 has begun. FY2020 reports were a bit behind schedule due to COVID-19 but the CILs have received their information and SILC is waiting for the overall report which will be shared when it is received.

INCIL Report: INCIL Representative Stupavsky reported Centers for Independent Living (CILs) continue operating, most from their offices which perhaps 1 or 2 CILs who are still working remotely. He stated that though most CILs have Election Day (November 3) off as a holiday most CILs remain open to serve their consumers with voting issues. Thankfully, there were few issues.

September 30 was the end of the federal fiscal year which means that the CILs will be working on submitting their Program Performance Report (PPR). Stupavsky discussed the CARES Act funds that CILs received from the federal government and must spend by September 30, 2021. There was a discussion about what those funds can be used for.

ISBE Report: Illinois State Board of Education Representative Deegan reported ISBE continues to support school districts across Illinois to support their students in any mode: remote, in-person or hybrid. She stated that decisions on education modality are made at the local level so ISBE is here to support the districts however they can. Regarding Special Education, there has been no flexibility in IDEA and accommodations.

DDD Report: Division of Developmental Disabilities Representative Medley reported day programs were closed in March and slowly began to open in August and September with lower attendance. The Division has implemented virtual day programs and home caregiver programs. CMS has changed the "Setting Rules" for providers.

DoA Report: Department on Aging Representative Wilkerson reported that the Department is adopting guidelines to keep staff and consumers safe with some programs beginning to open with face to face.

DCFS Report: DCFS Representative Machay was unable to stay for the entire meeting but provided this update via email.

DCFS staff are busy implementing Family First, and the Core Practice Model, which is Family Centered Trauma. She formed best practice, child and family team meetings and models of supervisory practice within DCFS and our providers of child welfare services.

Some DCFS staff continue to work remotely, while others are working split schedules remote and in the office. The number of youth coming into care is increasing. We are recruiting more foster homes and recruiting additional DCFS front line employees: Child Welfare Specialists, Child Protection Specialist, and Supervisors.

Adjournment: Campuzano motioned to adjourn the meeting of the SILC at 1:36 pm on November 4, 2020 and Jackson seconded the motion. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting: The next quarterly meeting of the Statewide Independent Living Council will be held on Wednesday, February 3, 2021.

Grace Tsao, Secretary

Date