



Minutes of November 10, 2021

Officers: Jae Jin Pak, Chair, Chicago
Grace Tsao, Vice-Chair, Des Plaines
Jesus (Chuy) Campuzano, Secretary, Chicago
Hershel Jackson, Treasurer, Rock Island

Members: Anna Austin, DSE Representative
Heather Baker, Olney
Lauren Bryant, Wheaton
Lisa Cesal, Naperville
Amy Deegan, ISBE Representative
Patrick Galligan, Edwardsville
Christy Hultgren, Rock Island
Nafia Khan, Oak Brook
Norma Machay, DCFS Representative
Andrea Medley, IDHS, DDD Representative
Noah Ohashi, Chicago
John Paschedag, Edwardsville

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

Guests: John Herring, INCIL
Jennifer Buoy

Wednesday, November 10, 2021

Call to Order: The quarterly meeting of the SILC was called to order on Wednesday, November 10th at 10:09am by Chairperson Jae Jin Pak. SILC's mission statement was read by Tara Dunning.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the August 5, 2021 meeting were reviewed for approval.

MOTION: Khan motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Jackson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chair's Report: Chairperson Pak provided an update on the planned office move and sharing space with INCIL. He hopes that we will be able to meet in person in the new space for the February 2, 2022 meeting.

Pak discussed the Emergency Preparedness for Immigrants with Disabilities webinar scheduled for December 8, 2021. This webinar is a joint effort of Access Living, The Center for Excellence, Disability Immigration Taskforce of Illinois, and SILC. SILC will be supporting this event financially by providing American sign language, captioning, and translation into Spanish and Chinese languages.

Treasurer's Report: Jackson discussed the financial reports in the meeting packet for the first quarter of fiscal year 2021 (July, August, and September).

MOTION: Campuzano motioned to accept the financial reports as presented. Tsao seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Outreach Committee Report: Campuzano reported that we have four potential board members ready for appointment by the Governor and three additional candidates in the pipeline to fill positions that will be vacated on June 30, 2022.

Richardson reported that the INCIL representation Dan Stupavsky has left the CIL and a new representative has been chosen by INCIL. Peggy Davidsmeyer is the director at the Jacksonville Area CIL and as soon as she gets the official appointment from the Governor, she will be joining us.

INCIL Report: INCIL director John Herring is present to provide the INCIL report. Herring reported he is pleased to have Ms. Davidsmeyer represent INCIL on the SILC board and hopes she will be appointed soon.

Herring discussed the work INCIL's Advocacy Committee has been doing with Representative Maurice West to increase funding for home modifications. Legislation has been drafted and Representative West hopes to introduce it during the January, 2022 session.

DSE Report: DSE representative Anna Austin reported the Independent Living Unit has been busy completing compliance audits of all 22 Centers for Independent Living. Soon, SILC and the Independent Living Unit will begin work on the 2021 Program Performance Report (PPR) which is due December 30, 2021 to Administration for Community Living (ACL).

Advocacy Advisory Group: Chairperson Tsao directed members to the minutes of the last Advisory Group meeting in October. She reviewed the advocacy objectives in the SPIL 21-23 and provided updates on the activities.

Employment Advisory Group: Richardson directed members to the minutes of the last Advisory Group meeting in October. Richardson provided updates on the current SPIL 21-23 goals, objectives, and activities.

Housing Advisory Group: Richardson directed members to the minutes of the last Advisory Group meeting in October and provided updates on the current SPIL 21-23 goals, objectives, and activities.

Transportation Advisory Group: Richardson directed members to the minutes of the last Advisory Group meeting in October and provided updates on the current SPIL 21-23 goals, objectives, and activities.

Executive Director's Report: Director Richardson discussed her activities since the last board meeting.


- Shelly has received the sublease from INCIL for the new office space. She will share this with the Executive Committee for approval.
- SILC's Bonfire t-shirt sales was active again for the month of October. We made \$104.18.
- Shelly reported attending a webinar on employment for people with disabilities, a webinar on sex trafficking, and a webinar on captioning. She will be participating in an emergency management webinar on November 17.
- SILC Congress will be held on May 16-18, 2022 in San Diego, CA. She will be attending and hopes that one additional board member will be able to attend as well.
- Shelly discussed a transportation issue she has been working on with Bolingbrook High School and Ed Heflin.
- Shelly reported that John Herring has been selected as the Region 5 representative on the National Council on Independent Living (NCIL) board of directors.
- She continues to participate in monthly SILC Speak calls. The last meeting the group discussed the PPR and recruiting new board members.
- Shelly reported she has been gathering transportation and housing stories to highlight issues surrounding these critical life activities and sharing them with Housing Action Illinois. Housing Action Illinois is sharing the stories with Senator Dick Durbin's office.
- Shelly and John Herring met with Department on Aging to discuss the possibility of CILs providing wellness checks on people with disabilities under the age of 60.
- Shelly discussed the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) which is currently taking public comments on how the funds were spent.
- Finally, Shelly reported she is currently gathering data to complete the PPR which is due December 30, 2021.

DCFS Report: Department of Children and Family Services representative Norma Machay provided a brief update on activities within DCFS.

ISBE Report: Illinois State Board of Education representative Amy Deegan provided an update on activities within ISBE.

Adjournment: Campuzano motioned to adjourn the meeting of the SILC at 1:29pm on November 10, 2021 and Jackson seconded the motion. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting: The Statewide Independent Living Council will meet again on February 2, 2022.


[Jesus Campuzano \(Feb 7, 2022 10:37 CST\)](#)

Jesus Campuzano, Secretary

Date






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