



Minutes of November 9, 2022

Officers: Grace Tsao, Chair, Hoffman Estates
Hershel Jackson, Vice-Chair, Rock Island
Jesus (Chuy) Campuzano, Secretary, Chicago

Members: Heather Baker, Olney
Lauren Bryant, Wheaton
Amy Deegan, ISBE Rep. Chicago
Patrick Galligan, Edwardsville
Timotheus (TJ) Gordon, Chicago
Edward Heflin, Macomb
Christy Hultgren, Rock Island
John Paschedag, Edwardsville
Ryan Maloney, Galesburg
Noah Ohashi, Chicago
Sara Witherell, Galesburg

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

Wednesday, November 9, 2022

Call to Order: The quarterly meeting of the Council was called to order on Wednesday, November 9th at 10:37am by Chairperson Grace Tsao. SILC's mission statement was read by Shelly Richardson.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the August 4, 2022 meeting were reviewed for approval.

MOTION: Paschedag motioned to approve the minutes. Maloney seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FY2022 Audit Report: James Legg is present today from Estes, Bridgewater & Ogden to present the audit report for the year ending June 30, 2022. Mr. Legg reviewed the report and noted nothing of concern. He also provided the tax returns to be signed and mailed.

Chair's Report: Chairperson Tsao discussed the recent passing of Lois Curtis. Ms. Curtis was the lead plaintiff in *Olmstead v. L.C.*, the case in which the United States Supreme Court ruled in 1999 that warehousing people with developmental disabilities in deficient mental institutions, when they are capable of being integrated into community settings in group homes or host homes, constituted discrimination under the 1990 Americans With Disabilities Act.

Tsao congratulated board member, Timotheus (TJ) Gordon who has been named by Crain's Chicago Business one of the 2022 Crain's Notable Black Leaders. This is a well-deserved recognition and we are proud TJ is part of SILC's board of directors.

Finally, Grace discussed a webinar she and Rahnee Patrick, the director of IDHS, Division of Rehabilitation Services, will be hosting in conjunction with the Chicago Cultural Accessibility Consortium.

Executive Director's Report: Richardson discussed the decision by the Administration for Community Living (ACL) to postpone the submission date for the next State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL) from June 30, 2023 to June 30, 2024 giving each state an additional 12 months to draft and submit a SPIL.

She reported that we plan to submit a substantial amendment to the current SPIL to update Section 3.2 Expansion and Adjustment of Network to reflect the increase in funding provided to the CILs in 2021.

Richardson also discussed Innovation and Expansion (I & E) funds which Illinois SILC has been working to gain a portion of for years. ACL is now requiring that all state's provide some portion of I & E funds to the SILC. She does not know when they will occur but she will be keeping an eye on this movement.

Richardson reported on the most recent webinars SILC has hosted. The Election Is Coming: Know Your Voting Rights was held on October 19 and Using WRAP to Stay At Your Best was held on October 26. Both were very well received and we plan on doing more of these types of webinars.

Richardson discussed the recent move of the Client Assistance Program (CAP) out from under IDHS, Division of Rehabilitation Services to Equip for Equality. Shelly reported she will be meeting with Equip for Equality in the near future to discuss collaborating to get the word out about this important but less known program.

Richardson discussed the Housing Action Illinois conference she attended in October. SILC and INCIL are continuing to work with Housing Action Illinois and other agencies to push for increased Federal funding for affordable and accessible housing. She and John Herring have asked the 22 CILs to send consumer stories about the battle to find housing so that the stories can be presented during legislative advocacy meetings.

Richardson reported that INCIL's Advocacy Retreat is scheduled for November 14th. The group will be drafting their legislative agenda and priorities for the year. A Transportation subgroup will be formed to gather transportation stories which will be shared with Illinois Department of Transportation.

Shelly continues to work with the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) on their Access and Functional Needs Group.

Richardson reported that the next SILC Congress conference will be held March 6-8, 2023 in Little Rock Arkansas.

Finally, Shelly reported that the fiscal year 2022 Program Performance Report (PPR) is due to ACL on December 30, 2022. This is an annual report done jointly with IDHS-DRS and submitted online. She will be attending an online training next week on using the portal to submit the report.

Outreach Committee Report: Outreach Committee Chairperson Campuzano reported that the Council has two vacancies waiting to be filled. Peggy Davidsmeyer has been chosen by INCIL as their new representative on the SILC but we continue to wait for her appointment to come through the Governor's office.

Operations Committee Report: No report at this time.

Treasurer's Report: In the treasurer's absence, Dunning provided an update for the first three months of this fiscal year, July, August, and September which were provided in the board packet.

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

Advocacy Advisory Group: Chairperson Tsao directed members to the minutes of the last Advisory Group meeting in October and provided updates on the advocacy goals, objectives, and activities.

Employment Advisory Group: Chairperson Baker directed members to the minutes of the last Advisory Group meeting in October and provided updates on the employment 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 housing goals, objectives, and activities.


Transportation Advisory Group: Richardson and Heflin directed members to the minutes of the last Advisory Group meeting in October and provided updates on the transportation goals, objectives, and activities.

INCIL Report: No report at this time.

ISBE Report: Attached is the written report from ISBE Representative Amy Deegan. See Addendum A.

Adjournment: Deegan motioned to adjourn the meeting of the SILC at 1:18pm on November 9, 2022 and Campuzano seconded the motion. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting: The Statewide Independent Living Council will meet next on Wednesday, February 8, 2023.



Jesus Chuy Campuzano (Mar 2, 2023 12:58 CST)
Jesus Campuzano, Secretary

Mar 2, 2023

Date

ADDENDUM A

**State Agency Update
Illinois State Board of Education
November 9, 2022**

Respectfully submitted by Representative Amy Deegan

- Statewide Transition Conference - a success! (other than the Wi-Fi issue).
- [Illinois Report Card now available online](#) - Includes new measure for Equity which informs districts where they land on the [Equity Journey Continuum](#) according to their data. This information helps districts identify areas in which they can improve with respect to achievement and opportunity gaps.
- Alternate Assessment - Work has begun on a monitoring system for districts that test more than 1% of their students on the Alternate Assessment (DLM); teams must ensure only students with significant cognitive disabilities are tested using the DLM to avoid imposing limits on students inappropriately.
- The 1% waiver request draft: public comment - ISBE will soon post the draft to the [webpage](#); we will be requesting public comment on the agency's request for a waiver to the federal requirement to test only 1% of students using alternate assessment.
- ISBE Podcast - ISBE now has a [podcast](#) that seeks to share resources and discuss various topics in education.






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Final Audit Report

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