



Minutes of November 8, 2023

Officers:

Grace Tsao, Chair, Hoffman Estates
Hershel Jackson, Vice-Chair, Rock Island
Jesus Campuzano, Treasurer, Chicago

Members:

Muhammad Ahmed, DoA, Chicago
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Brad Cowan, DDD, Springfield
Emma Danielson, Springfield
Timotheus Gordon, Chicago
Edward Heflin, Macomb
Noah Ohashi, Chicago
John Paschedag, Edwardsville
Ryan Maloney, East Galesburg
Sara Witherell, Galesburg

Staff:

Shelly Richardson, Executive Director
Tara Dunning, Financial Manager

Guests:

John Herring, INCIL, Springfield
James Legg, Estes, Bridgewater & Ogden, CPA
Sara Powell, Springfield

Wednesday, November 8, 2023

Call to Order: The quarterly meeting of the Council was called to order on Wednesday, November 8 at 10:33am by Chairperson Grace Tsao. Introductions were made and SILC's mission statement was read by John Paschedag.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the August 10, 2023 meeting were reviewed for approval.

MOTION: Maloney motioned to approve the minutes of August meeting as written. Paschedag seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FY2023 Audit Report: James Legg is present today from Estes, Bridgewater & Ogden to present the audit report for the year ending June 30, 2023. Mr. Legg reviewed the report and noted nothing of concern. He also provided the tax returns to be signed and mailed.

MOTION: Maloney motioned to accept the audit report as presented. Bryant seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chair's Report: Chairperson Tsao reported she is pleased to have finally received an official appointment to replace Shelly Richardson on the State Rehabilitation Council.

Executive Director's Report: Richardson discussed ~

- SPIL Writing Committee met recently to complete the housing goal, objectives, and activities for the next State Plan.
- Housing Action Illinois fundraiser where she met Baxter Swilley from the Oak Park Housing Authority. This meeting has produced the collaboration of SILC, Housing Action Illinois, Oak Park Housing Authority, HOPE Fair Housing Center and Supportive Housing Providers Association (SHPA) to begin working on a full day training in April for Fair Housing month.
- Plans for a Deaf culture webinar.
- Voter's Rights webinar with Equip for Equality before the March 2024 election.
- Emergency Preparedness trainings she and Thane Hunt from Advocates for Access CIL have presented recently to Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA).
- The Consumer Satisfaction Survey of CILs has been conducted. CILs have received their reports but SILC is waiting for the final statewide report.
- Transportation complaints from consumers. The complaint form is on SILC's website. Richardson discussed the strong possibility of SILC being named as one of the plaintiffs in a class action lawsuit that Andres Gallegos is going to bring against the MCO and HFS.
- The renewal of the office lease with INCIL is due December 1. There is no increase in our rent amount. We have enjoyed sharing space with INCIL and see it lasting for a long time.

MOTION: Maloney motioned to approve SILC being names in the class action lawsuit. Campuzano seconded the motion and the motion carried.

MOTION: Maloney motioned to approve the new lease agreement. Campuzano seconded the motion and the motion carried.

~~adjourn for lunch~~

Robert's Rules of Order Presentation: Sara Powell presented on proper procedures of running a meeting and the responsibilities of being a board member.

Outreach Committee Report: Richardson reported that the Council currently has 6 vacancies. We are waiting for a replacement for Amy Deegan from the Illinois State Board of Education, we are waiting for the re-appointment of the vice-chairperson Hershel Jackson and have 4 vacancies for voting members positions. She is working on getting these filled and has been in communication with the Governor's Office of Appointments.

Operations Committee Report: Gordon reported the Operations Committee has not meet recently but have plans to meet in the near future to review the by-laws and come back to the Council with some minor revisions such as changing the Outreach Committee's name to Outreach and DEI Committee.

Treasurer's Report: Dunning discussed the three financial reports in the packet for July, August, and September.

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

INCIL Report: INCIL Director Herring discussed reported in the absence of Peggy Davidsmeyer. Herring reported Davidsmeyer has retired as director of the Jacksonville Area Center for Independent Living. Emily Witt, the director of the Northwestern Illinois Center for Independent Living has been selected to replace Peggy on the SILC as representative of the CILs.

State Agency Reports

Department on Aging Report: Noman Ahmed provided a brief update on the Department on Aging.

Division of Development Disabilities: Brad Cowan reported in Andrea Medley's absence. Cowan discussed a pilot program which will now be made permanent. Housing Navigators are part of the independent service coordination industry, case management entities. The program supports include identifying available housing units, identifying units that are affordable and accessible, assisting with rental applications, coordinating with independent service coordination, case management, and DD service providers for

ongoing support and providing access to housing transition. The program is for people with DD who are enrolled in any Medicaid waiver service or have been selected from the PUNS list. There's more information available on the IDHS housing navigation website at the State of Illinois.

Illinois State Board of Education: Lori Clampitt introduced herself as the new representative of ISBE. Ms. Clampitt discussed her position at ISBE and is looking forward to learning about SILC.

Advisory Group Reports

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

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

Adjournment: Maloney made a motion at 3:20pm to adjourn the Council meeting. Gordon seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting: The Statewide Independent Living Council will meet next on February 7, 2024. This meeting will be entirely virtual.



[Nafia Khan \(Feb 14, 2024 16:51 CST\)](#)

Nafia Khan, Secretary

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