General Meeting

Wednesday, March 16, 2016

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Center for People With Disabilities

1675 Range St.

Boulder, CO

Present: Joe Anzures, Chair

Martha Mason, Chair Elect

Chris Roe, Treasurer

Nancy Jackson

Steven Estes

Lana Mutters

Travis Morgan

Matthew Ruggles

James “Joe” Triplett

Jason Eaton

Karen Prince, IL/OIB Program Coordinator

Melissa Fishburn

Absent: Jerry Michel

Mario Rocha

Bill Wood, Secretary

Jennifer Scilacci

ASL Interpreters: Christine Pendley

Rebecca Konjevod

Guests: Joan La Belle, CPWD

David Robinson, CPWD

Tony Adams, Board President CPWD

Maria Stepanyan, CPWD

Aaron Pasterner, CPWD

Lisa, CPWD

Dixie Herring, The Independence Center

Mark Cunningham, Atlantis

**Minutes**

Call to Order(Joe)

* Approval of Agenda
  + Time keeping/Staying on task
  + Review of Material in Prep for Meetings
* Introductions
* Chairperson’s Remarks
* Follow-ups from last meeting’s notes
  + No actions moving forward
* Approving the minutes
  + Question page 4 – change surveys to services
  + Page 5 – change January to December
  + Martha moved to accept minutes as revised. James Triplett seconded. Motion passes

Old Business

* NCIL Conference July 25-28 2016 (Steven)
  + Steven has the conference agenda and hotel information.
  + It is in Washington DC
  + We are members of NCIL and APRIL and believe we should be sending people to the conferences that we are involved in.
* Steven’s Summit
  + No Barriers Summit is related to the CIL in Summit County. The Summit registration is going on now.
  + June 23-26 2016 in Copper Mountain, CO
  + Rates are $215 until March 31, 2016
    - $250 through June 18, 2016
    - $300 on site beginning June 23, 2016
  + Suggestions are to sponsor a person from the NWCCI CIL and have them provide a report
  + Steven is planning on attending
  + Joe made a motion that we consider funding 1 tuition from the NWCCI catchment area
    - Jason modified it to include a deadline of March 30 and that if the deadline is past that the individual is responsible for the additional tuition costs and will give a report to the SILC
    - Steven requests to modify it to someone not from Summit County
  + Steven stated they are looking for volunteers and booth presentations at no cost
  + Discussion on meeting report and changing meeting dates
  + Motion to provide a scholarship to No Barriers Summit. Motion seconded. Motion passed.
* No Wrong Door Grant Manager (Karen)
  + Mandated CIL to be involved in pilot project with AAA
  + Question what is the pilot amounts – hearing a $700,000 for the whole program, State keeping $200-300,000 for overhead and then depending on the number of grants given the amount may be in the range of $75,000
  + RFP to be released soon and evaluation scheduled for mid-June
    - Move to CDLE (Karen)
      * DVR will maintain the current structure they have once they are in CDLE.
      * The move is committed to be done by July 1, 2016.
        + The Administrative office’s physical move will be completed on June 11.
        + Contractor expects to be completed with the build out by April or May
      * Director’s Position
        + There is an open competitive process currently going on with 2 candidates remaining: one is Steve Anton the current Interim Director the other is unknown

Final interviews are being completed on March 16.

* + - * + Permanent Director will be chosen by the end of March.
        + Position will start on July 1 at CDLE
    - Retreat Planning (Jason)
      * All Executive Directors and SILC members in Alamosa June 2-4
        + Thursday evening will be a dinner meeting
        + Friday will be an all-day training
        + Sat am more training/activities and then release around noon
      * Sent a survey and only 8 responses
        + Please reply
      * Survey asks about facilitator for the meeting. Jason hasn’t had time to check into Facilitator costs. Suggestion to have someone in Alamosa to save on transportation costs
      * Goal is to build cohesion between CILs and SILC
      * Recommendation to invite local State Representative
      * Nancy is concerned about Matthew’s email in regards to interpreters in Alamosa. Need a team of 2 interpreters. It is really Karen’s job to handle the interpreters according to State rules.
      * Transportation for Grand Junction & Alamosa
        + SILC can rent a van and all can ride in it.
      * Video Conferencing
        + SILC purchased video conferencing technology but we have no service to provide the opportunity. Will need to create a committee to research and find a service.
        + Melissa will be the Chair. Steven Estes wants to participate.

Suggested service providers: Join me, Zoom, Go-to-meetings

Suggestion to talk with State employees on SILC to see if they can provide an already paid service.

Suggestion to talk with Janice Friddle from ACCIL. Nancy will provide the contact info

* + - * + Response back to April and will take vote in May

SPIL update (Martha)

* SPIL was reviewed
* Joe moved to approve the SPIL as written so far. James Triplett seconded. Motion passes.

Representative from the Center’s Director’s Report (Nancy)

* RFP Older Individuals who are Blind closes on March 24
* 2017 Statewide Independent Living Services contract is due April 11
* The Independence Center is starting their veterans HSBC with their first consumer. They are also on the committee and learned that the VA has an MOU with NCIL and APRIL and are supposed to refer to CILs. There will also be a survey coming out for all EDs to complete. Dixie will send the MOU to Karen Prince for distribution to SILC.

Committee Updates

* Executive (Joe)
  + - * Met and reviewed agenda
    - Membership (Joe)
      * Reviewed expiring members
      * Chris Roe is retiring from State Employment on May 2nd. He is looking for a replacement for the SILC. This will be his last SILC meeting. Need a new Treasurer and Finance Chair
      * Jerry Michel will be leaving and we are looking for someone from the NE region of the State who has a disability
    - Website/Social Media (Jason)
      * Website has been updated to notify people that Mile High has closed and referred to Atlantis or CPWD
* Youth (Bill)
  + No update
    - Public Policy (Matthew/James)
      * No update
* Finance (Chris)
  + Budget was reviewed
  + Estimates were reviewed
  + NCIL was reviewed. Registration is $169. Hotels are around $200/night. Total expected costs could be around $1500-2000.
  + Joe made a motion to send one person to NCIL. James seconded. Motion passes
  + Finance Committee needs to examine the SPIL and rectify it against the SILC budget
* SRC Report (Melissa)
  + 6 weeks since appointment – hasn’t attended yet
    - DVR (Karen)
      * SB 15-240 Rule Formulation
        + The rule was accepted by the State Board of Human Services and will become effective May 1.
      * SILS numbers
        + The number of consumers and services by month and by CIL were distributed (see attachment)
    - Region 8 update
      * Meeting is tomorrow

Lunch provided by CPWD: presentation/round table

Public Comment

* One commenter spoke on his history
* Independent Living Experience has partnered with Denver Works and Cherry Creek school district for April 21 transition job fair. It will be at Aurora Community College

New Business

* Part C Grant from Mile High Closure
  + Deb Cotter joined us by phone from ACL/ILA
    - Part C funds go out for bid in a competitive process. Anyone who is eligible may apply. Then is sent to a team of reviewers
    - The RFP would be for the current areas that were served by MHILC
      * Question: the two CILs who picked up the extra consumers could apply for the grant. Have not seen the grants being split but the two centers could apply together. But would need to set up another office.
    - Current funds must be expended in the current year
    - The amount of $ would be the amount of $ left from MHILC and would receive a regular continuation award on October 1, 2016
  + Part B and SGF were distributed in accord with State laws, rules, and regulations
  + To include Denver as an under-served area it would need to be included in the new SPIL or a SPIL Amendment.
  + Letter authorizing following the SPIL was adopted and signed
  + Posted in Federal Register, then grants.gov to make application
* SPIL Amendment (Martha/Karen)
  + Missing members voted to accept the changes and put the amendment out for public comment
* Smooth as SILC/Orientation to IL Trainings/ILRU Trainings
  + Required to take the Boards and Commissions training. Website is <https://sites.google.com/a/state.co.us/cdhs-pso-bc/jpb> to take the training
  + Required to take Smooth as SILC next class is in August.
  + Additional trainings are available at ILRU. Almost all past trainings are available in the archive at no cost
* NFB Local Chapter (Melissa)
  + Melissa has been elected the President of the new NFB Chapter in Lakewood and Golden
  + NFB Conference will be June 30 – July 5 in Orlando, FL
  + The NFB can come to areas that do not have a chapter or many services for individuals who are blind can come and present on issues related to individuals who are blind and to discuss starting a chapter. Anyone with an interest in blind and low vision issues can become a member whether they are sighted or not
  + Transportation is a problem in rural areas. Many chapters start as ride shares.
  + Question: what are the best ways to be assist at meetings – be descriptive when talking, use page numbers, Word is the best way to receive documents
* Deaf and Hard of Hearing Status in the State (Matthew)
  + The ADA has not been effective for the Deaf community and seems to have caused more barriers and people are angry. Example: ADA requires interpreters but does not state who will pay for it
  + There will be a rally on May 4 for Deaf education, employment, and rights
  + IDEA has a negative effect on Deaf children and tends to isolate them. Before IDEA, 80% of Deaf students were in a Deaf school and 20% were in mainstream. Since IDEA it has reversed.
  + Colorado School of Deaf and Blind (CSDB) has a transition program for 18-21 and they do not have soft skills to become independent and have serious communication difficulties.
  + Colorado Association for the Deaf (CAD) is addressing the issues that Colorado does not require licensure and relies on certification only
  + Denver Mental Health has a new facility called the Dahlia Campus near the old airport in Stapleton for communication access
  + Question: what happens when a person in their 60-70s lose their hearing. Can receive services from HLA Hearing Loss Association and can receive hearing aids, loop systems, if no residual hearing then they could learn sign language. Best way to learn is to work with someone who uses the language.
  + Colorado Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing is addressing qualifications for teaching ASL.
  + Question: are there different types of dialect? Yes there are and there are accents in ASL. ASL is not an English based language. ASL is a conceptual language.

Next Meeting

May 4, Grand Junction

Rooming list is due April 11

Those interested in van need to let Karen Prince know.

James Triplett – hotel & van

Melissa Fishburn – hotel & van

Jason Eaton – hotel

Steven Estes – hotel & van

Martha Mason – hotel

Travis Morgan - hotel

Nancy Jackson - hotel