**Purpose of Public Policy Committee:**

1. To work on advocacy issues as identified in the SPIL or as they arise and are approved by SILC;
2. To research and present information and position statements approved by SILC and on behalf of SILC to the disability community, policy makers, press and general public; and
3. To draft educational advocacy letters to state and federal policy makers for SILC approval.**(By-Laws – Section IX, C, 3)**

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| **SILC (Name) Committee Notes** | | |
| **Attendees** | **Jennifer Scilacci, James Triplett, Matthew Ruggles, Steve Heidenreich, Adam Tucker** | **Date: 1/14/19**  **Time: 10:00am**  **Teleconference Call**:  877-820-7831  871677 # |
| **Absent** | **Adam Tucker and Steve Heidenreich** |
| **Guests** |  |
| **Topic: White Paper Topics (held over from last meeting)** | | |
| **Key Discussion Points:**  Employment **– Jennifer (done)**  Employment, Deaf/Hard of Hearing - **Matthew**  Housing - Need  Transportation - **Joe**  Rural – **Steve and Jennifer**  Youth - **Adam**  **Discussion:**  We want to research where there are existing policy papers on these topics. When researching, look at other SILCs, look at federal agencies, ILRU, etc. that may have created policy on these topics.  **Jennifer: See links for papers on rural:**  [**http://rtc.ruralinstitute.umt.edu/research-findings/geography/**](http://rtc.ruralinstitute.umt.edu/research-findings/geography/)  [**http://rtc.ruralinstitute.umt.edu/community-participation-independent-living/project-ecology-of-rural-disability/**](http://rtc.ruralinstitute.umt.edu/community-participation-independent-living/project-ecology-of-rural-disability/)  [**Youth and Rural**](http://rtc.ruralinstitute.umt.edu/community-participation-independent-living/project-participation-in-events-measuring-opportunity-in-rural-environments/)  [Rural Data](http://rtc.ruralinstitute.umt.edu/community-participation-independent-living/expanding-the-availability-and-quality-of-rural-data/)  [Rural Resource Analysis](http://rtc.ruralinstitute.umt.edu/community-participation-independent-living/rural-resource-analysis/)  [Personal Assistance Services in Rural](http://rtc.ruralinstitute.umt.edu/community-participation-independent-living/personal-assistant-services/)  [Rural Transportation Options](http://rtc.ruralinstitute.umt.edu/community-participation-independent-living/rural-transportation-options/) | | |
| **Topic: Legislation - Federal Level And State** | | |
| **Key Discussion Points:**  Local Reminder: Department of Local Affairs – Home Modification Tax Credit HB 18-1267  Federal: Disability Integration Act (DIA) to address the concern that people needing Long Term Services and Supports (LTSS) are forced into institutions and lose their basic civil rights.  This bill prohibits states or local governments that provide institutional placements for individuals with disabilities who need long-term assistance with daily living activities or health-related tasks, and prohibits insurance providers that fund such long-term services, from denying community-based services that would enable such individuals to live in the community and lead an independent life. Community-based services must be offered to individuals with such disabilities prior to institutionalization. Institutionalized individuals must be notified regularly of community-based alternatives.  **Comment:**  **Comment:**  **Action Item**:  **Action Item**: | | |
| **Topic: Federal Disability Integration – Educational Piece** | | |
| **Key Discussion Points:** New Community Coordinator at the CIL, getting deaf more involved in community in Colorado Springs, more grass roots education. The IL Center in Colorado Springs is trying to talk more about this and educate individuals about this particular piece of upcoming legislation.  Discussed accessible communication methods for the blind – such as word or text, PDFs are not accessible to the blind.  **Action Item**: | | |
| **Topic: Website** | | |
| **Key Discussion Points:** Who is responsible for the website and uploading documents? Karen Prince.  **Action Item**: Send any needed white papers to Jennifer and she will coordinate with Karen to upload  **Action Item:** | | |
| **Other Topics: Certification for Interpreters** | | |
| * Certification process for interpreters – the Commission for the Deaf and Blind is working to change the requirements in CO so RID is not the only interpreter certification allowed in CO through the Colorado Consumer Protection Act | | |
| **Next Meeting Time: Cancel February due to Holiday and Meet in March 18th, 2019 9:00am** | | |
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