**Meet and Greet**

Tuesday, February 19, 2019

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

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**General Meeting**

Wednesday, February 20, 2019

9:00 AM – 4:30 PM

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Online video conferencing: Join from PC: https://zoom.us/j/575225957

ASL Interpreters: Lynda Remmel

Brian Herdt

**AGENDA for Wednesday, February 20, 2019**

**Purpose of the Meeting**: Council members will discuss and take action on committee proposals that advance the mission of the SILC. The goal of the meeting is to review the content of the committee proposals, discuss proposed action items and vote to ratify committee proposals.

Council Chair: Chris Roe

**Members Present:**

Joan LaBelle, Chair-Elect

Steve Heidenreich, Treasurer

Matthew Ruggles, Council Member

Jennifer Scilacci, Council Member

Joe Triplett, Council Member

Bill Wood, Council Member

Nancy Jackson, Council Member

Sam Jarris, Council Member

Olivia Tonti, Council Member

Louise Wilson, Council Member (Zoom)

Jacob Cowgill, Intern

**Members Absent:**

Charlotte Morgan, Secretary

Adam Tucker, Council Member

**GUESTS:**

Martha Mason, SWCI ED

Joe Anzures

Peter Pike, Program Mgr OILS

Jaimie Harrell, CSIC

Dixie Herring, CSIC ED

Ian Engle, NWCCI ED

Ray Jarman

Jenn Purrington, Disability Law

Evan Shockley, DRS

Katie Harper, DRS

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| Call to Order   * Introductions: SILC members and guests * Stand up Ed Roberts display was reviewed and Ed’s history was included. * Today’s agenda   + Meeting Ground Rules review * Approval of the November 13, 2018 Minutes * Nancy Jackson moved and Joe Triplett seconded to approve the minutes.   Motion passed.  Opening remarks by Chair   * Trainings Attended form – please complete the trainings that you have completed and give the form to Nancy Jackson, representing the Membership Committee in Charlotte’s absence   SILC Administration   * House Keeping * SILC Liaison Report * If you are having trouble with SILC emails, please let me know. |
| Strategic Planning Update (see attachment for presentation)   * Bill provided an introduction to what strategic planning is * SILC’s operational plan is the State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL) * Strategic plan was developed to cover long-term plans for the SILC * Strategic plan is dependent on the SPIL. We are waiting on direction from the Administration of Community Living about the SPIL to be able to take next steps on the Strategic Plan * Discussion on geographic representation and membership * Strategic planning goals were reviewed * Implementation steps will probably begin in the fall * Recommendation to add Strategic Plan to website * Discussion on reconvening strategic plan workgroup to retain the work that has occurred on the plan * Strategic Plan and SPIL committee Chairs will talk and provide an update at the May meeting about having a meeting |
| Committee Recommendations and Resolutions  **Standing Committees** |
| **Executive**   * Officers of the SILC: Chair, Chair-Elect, Treasurer, and Secretary * All Committee Chairs * Oversight of the SILC * Discuss work of the committees, general oversight of SILC business, set the agenda for full SILC meeting * Membership into the committee is closed. Is an open public meeting per Colorado Sunshine laws. Can have a closed Executive Session but it must be advertised to the public. * Meet the first Friday of the month at 8:30 am by Zoom |
| **Finance**   * Funds were received in full from ACL * Discussion on Meet and Greet. Only some SILC members and the CIL Directors have been in attendance. Is it financially responsible to continue? * Goals of Meet and Greet is to allow time to socialize outside of SILC meetings, introduce and invite the public to the SILC * Need for SILC members and CILs to disseminate information to have more people attend the Meet and Greet. * Suggestion to track the number of SILC and non-SILC members that attend the Meet and Greets and review in six months to see how well they are attended * The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation is tracking the SILC’s expenditures and asked for projections regarding spending. * Bill Wood moved to accept budget report and budget. Joe Triplett seconded. Motion passes. * Budget vote was needed because funding from ACL was received for the full year. Previous approved budget included funding for only one-half of the year. Budget vote will approve the full allocations of the budget for the whole year. |
| **Membership, Nomination, and Training**   * Members are: Charlotte Morgan, Chair; Nancy Jackson, Karen Prince, Joan LaBelle, Joe Triplett, Olivia Tonti * Meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month at 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm. Potential SILC member interviews are usually held following the meeting. * 2 current vacancies on the SILC. Both for a person with a disability not employed by the State of CILS. Would like to fill the vacancies with people from non-Denver metro area. Also looking for people who are in specific trades (lawyer, accountant, etc.). * Olivia Tonti will be designated into the youth slot on the SILC * Suggestion to video trainings and have them available for later review. * Suggestion to have excused absences listed for people who are not able to access Zoom. |
| **Public Policy**   * Jennifer Scilacci is Chair * A survey was done of CIL EDs to see what they determined were areas of concern: Employment, housing, rural initiatives, transportation, regularly review legislation that is disability related * Meet the third Monday of every month at 9 am * Committee would like to have 7 members, only have 4 presently |
| **SPIL**   * Joan LaBelle is Chair * CIL Directors are involved in this committee * ACL is currently revising the Program Performance Report (PPR, previously known as the 704). SPIL is also being revised and ACL has instructed SILC’s to either extend or amend their current SPIL until the directions for next steps are identified. There will be more information at the SILC Congress next week. * SPIL meetings are currently on hiatus waiting for direction from ACL. |
| **Youth**   * Bill Wood is the Chair, see handout for membership * All the goals and objectives listed in the SPIL for the youth committee have been accomplished or are in progress   + **YLF update**   + Working with the Colorado Developmental Disability Council (CDDC) to have another YLF this year. CDDC provided financial support last year of $45k, they will be providing $60K this year.   + See budget in handouts   + Office of Independent Living Services is fiscal sponsor   + Have retained a Youth Leadership Coordinator through NWCCI. Carlos Santos will be the Coordinator, was the Assistant Coordinator last year. Rosemary Horita was the logistics coordinator last year and will be Assistant Coordinator for this year. For 2020, goal is to have a full time Coordinator starting with the federal fiscal year (Oct 1, 2019)   + Proposed date is June 23-28. Need to confirm dates with availability and quotes from colleges. CILs may have difficulty with providing staff during these dates due to the end of the fiscal year.   + Already have 8 alumni volunteering for this year’s event. They will be peer counselors in the teams.   + Discussion on potential activities and connections   + Alumni are working to have a presentation at the Legislative Luncheon in February. There is a bill with the JBC to fund the YLF and alumni will have opportunities to possibly testify on the bill.   + Bill Wood and Joe Anzures are working to make the YLF a non-profit 501(c)3   + **Youth Advisory Council** is inactive and will be merged with the Alumni Association for the YLF   + **Intern Report**   + Center For Independence in Grand Junction has the PACT and YETI youth initiatives   + North West Colorado Center for Independence in Steamboat Springs is working with DVR to increase employment connections for youth   + Atlantis Community Inc. in Denver is preparing for the YLF and working with youth who are experiencing bullying and discrimination in their schools due to their disability   + Louise Wilson from the Ute tribal program are working to expand experiences and access for youth with disabilities in the Ute tribe   + Jacob had trouble connecting with all the CILs |
| **Ad Hoc Committees** |
| **501(c)3**   * Chris Roe is Chair; Joan LaBelle, Joleen Schaake, DVR, Peter Pike, Ian Engle * Scheduled for 1st Thursday of every month * SILC is moving forward with the nonprofit status * Joan is working on revising Bylaws * Chris is working on updating Policies and Procedures * There is a work plan already drafted for nonprofit status by Bill Wood |
| **Deaf and HOH**   * Group refers to themselves as Deaf\* to include all people with any hearing loss * Matthew is Chair; Ellie Evengood, Stacy Nichols, Judith Ferguson, Jenny Miller, Janelle Bardo, Genelle, Amelia Smith, Ody Allen, Leigh Delong * Working to standardize services across the State * Planning to have a 1 ½ day meeting before the end of the fiscal year * Working on Interpreter Certification bill. Addresses the lack of interpreters despite the growing community. * There is a pilot through the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Commission in rural areas for interpreting services * There has been an effort to increase training for support service providers (SSP) for people who are Deaf/Blind |
| Working Lunch—Presentation on Fragrance Allergies-- Jaime Harrell |
| Public Comment (Sign-up sheet by the door)   * Stephen Heidenreich – spoke about vision assessment * Ian Engle – YLF * Nancy Jackson – Holocaust Event at CSU tonight * Jenn Purrington – Center for Disability Law * Jenny Miller – Deaf\* |
| Coordinating Activities with Other State Entities |
| * **SRC Report – Representative Steve Heidenreich** |
| * **DVR Report –Representative Jennifer Scilacci** |
| * **HCPF Report-Adam Tucker** * No Report |
| * **Office of Independent Living Services – Peter Pike** * Program Performance Report (PPR aka 704) was submitted on time for the Part B centers, the SILC, and the DSE * The remainder of the Part B funds were received from the ACL and funds were disbursed to CILs and the SILC * Working on starting contracts for SFY 2020 to start on July 1 * OILS is the fiscal sponsor for the YLF this year * Disability and Research Project application is being coordinated with the CILs and the SILC to apply for funding for applying for SSA disability funding at the same time as working with DVR to find employment. There is one award for $500k per year for 5 years. * JFK Partners invited OILS and the CILs to present to a class of 16 fellows. Class will be on March 5th. |
| * **Colorado Developmental Disabilities Council** * No Report |
| **SILC Member Training—Membership Committee**   * **SILC Relationship with DSE** (see attachment) |
| Center Director’s Report – Joan LaBelle   * Connections for Independent Living has increased peer support groups. Connections has been able to increase connections with the Greeley Recreation and have been able to have activities made inclusive. * Center for Self-Reliance (aka Center For Disabilities). Have hired an outreach director and revamped website, taking steps to develop a presence on social media. CSR was selected to be one of 12 CILs working on housing issues nationally. Working with CCDC. Working on strategic planning. * The Independence Center has begun a YouTube channel for podcasts. Will also be available on Apple and Android. All podcasts will be captioned. The IC is also part of the housing collaboration. Veterans In Charge has 100 consumers. There was a Disability Integration Act watch party which received positive response. * North West Colorado Center for Independence is connected with Mindsource the State’s traumatic brain injury program. They currently have ASL classes ongoing. Making strong connections with partner organizations. There are workshops going on to help people with lived experiences on how to talk to legislators. Beginning to see outcomes in relation to benefits planning and work incentives counseling. Strong supporter of YLF. DVR vendor services are a positive connection. * Southwest Center for Independence is short on staff. Had a Disability Integration Act watch party. Starting a Veteran Directed Care program with a staff member who is a disabled veteran. Still struggling with nursing home transitions due to problems with single entry point and receiving funds. Southwest Rides is providing fully accessible transportation, struggling to find local buy-in for financial support. |
| Disabled Resource Services – Tom Richard, Evan Shockley and Katie Harper   * **CCT** is as person centered directed as possible based on requirements of the program * Shortage of affordable housing is a large issue. They have vouchers but have run into issues where the landlord is amendable to accepting a housing voucher. * Transportation is a problem in CCT * **Youth program** * Helped with advocacy, food stamps, yearlong bus pass, SSDI & SSI, employment at DRS, budgeting, stable housing. Results were increased self-confidence, being able to self-advocate, has made a year without having a seizure and is medically able to get a license restored. * **Community collaboration/Advocacy** * Provides services at Murphy Center. Issues are housing. Lack of money to apply for housing. Have vouchers from ARC. Work with Volunteers of America and their veterans program. |
| Member feedback loop   * Suggestion to move CIL presentation to earlier in the agenda * Suggestion to have CIL presentation during working lunch * Chris related how much he appreciates the SILC members and the CIL Executive Directors |