

### **Meet and Greet**

Tuesday, May 14, 2019  
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

### **The Steamboat Grand, Steamboat Springs, Colorado**

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### **General Meeting**

Wednesday, May 15, 2019  
9:00 AM – 4:30 PM

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### **AGENDA for Wednesday, May 15, 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:

Steve Heidenreich, Treasurer  
Charlotte Morgan, Secretary  
Matthew Ruggles, Council Member  
Jennifer Scilacci, Council Member  
Joe” Triplett, Council Member  
Bill Wood, Council Member

Joan LaBelle, Council Member  
Nancy Jackson, Council Member  
Adam Tucker, Council Member (zoom)  
Sam Jarris, Council Member  
Louise Wilson, Council Member  
Jacob Cowgill, Intern

#### Members absent:

Olivia Tonti, Council Member

#### Guests:

Peter Pike, Program Manager OILS

#### Prospective New Members:

Jessie Lorenz  
Ty Smith



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## Agenda

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9:00 A.M.

#### Call to Order

- Introductions: SILC members and guests
- Changes to today's agenda:
  1. A report from the Northwest Colorado Center for Independent Living will be given during lunch.
  2. Training will be given by Joan and Chris concerning the duties of board members for a nonprofit organization.
- Approval of the February 2018 Minutes
  1. Minutes for February were amended by Nancy, Louise, and Matthew.
  2. Amended minutes were approved with Bill abstaining.
  3. Bill suggested that a written summary of committee reports be submitted to the chair and would automatically be part of the minutes.
  4. Nancy suggested that the time of adjournment should be added to minutes.

#### Opening remarks by Chair

1. There were two work sessions held. YLF planning and a SPIL development with the Directors had been held that week.
2. Three posters were displayed with the mission statement, vision, and ground rules.

#### SILC Administration

- Proposed 2019-2020 Schedule
  - Strategic Planning Meeting--TBD
  - Aug-21, 2019-Grand Junction
  - Nov 20, 2019-Greeley
  - Feb, 19,2020-Colorado Springs
  - May 20, 2020-DurangoProposed schedule for 2019-2020 was approved.
- SILC Liaison Report: Peter Pike
  1. Guidebooks for SILC Chairperson/Members were issued.
  2. There is a job opening for Independent Living Program Coordinator.
  3. Steve Anton, Director of DVR, is retiring 9/1.
  4. Kristin Corash will be new director. She has been Deputy Director of the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment.
  5. Nancy suggested inviting her to the SILC meetings.



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Discussion re: legislation affecting persons with disabilities  
Legislation will be discussed in the Public Policy report.

#### Committee Recommendations and Resolutions

##### **Standing Committees**

- Executive  
Chris deferred the Executive report to each committee chair report.
  
- Membership, Nomination, and Training: Charlotte
  1. Jessie and Ty were introduced as prospective new members.
  2. The Council voted to recommend Jessie and Ty to the Boards and Commissions to be appointed by the governor to the SILC.
  3. Matthew and Nancy will be stepping down at the end of their terms.
  4. Olivia is the youth representative.

- Public Policy: Jennifer
  1. H.R.555 Disability Integration Act prohibits government entities and insurance providers from denying community-based services to individuals with disabilities that require long-term service or support. It would enable such individuals to live in the community and lead an independent life.
  2. There is also a bill about raising the minimum wage and deleting wording for sub-minimum wage.
  3. Thanks to CDCC for researching state bills.
  4. Joe discussed 2 state bills concerning property taxes and the ACA.
  5. There is new legislation to fund an Office of Employment 1<sup>st</sup> with 7 employees including a director and 4 evaluators.
  6. There is also funding for the DVR for 4 new positions for 3 years.
  7. There is a bill that would create a certification system through the Colorado Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing for American sign language interpreters.
  8. Peter discussed DVR being involved in benefit counseling and planning.
  9. Joan stated that the Administration for Community Living is being reorganized which may affect disability issues.
  10. Charlotte testified at a hearing for a bill that would make voting for the blind more accessible.

- Finance: Steve
  1. SILC has funding to cover expenses for the year.
  2. There are some areas that are underfunded and others that are overfunded. Peter, Joan, Chris and Steve will meet and move budget items around to update budget.
  3. There are funds to send Joan, Steve, and 2 youth to the NCIL conference. Jacob will be one of the youth delegates going.
  4. Nancy asked about the discussion concerning the meet and greet. Executive Committee decided to keep the meet and greet to foster community involvement.
  5. Peter explained that some of the NCIL and travel expenses will be on next state fiscal year budget.
  6. There are 3 revenues streams: DVR section 10, Part B 2018, and Part B 2019. DVR sect 10 money must be spent by June 30 every year or you lose it. Peter explained that we need to prioritize which money stream we spend first.
  
- SPIL
  1. Executive Directors met Tuesday to work on SPIL. The committee is setting up work groups to focus on specific areas of SPIL.
  2. Those areas include IL Network, Outreach Community Education, System Advocacy, and becoming a 723 state.
  3. The SPIL is being extended to 10/1/2020 due to issues at federal level.
  4. Chris indicated there would be a strategic planning meeting next fiscal year including the directors.
  5. Bill stated the youth committee had input to the SPIL concerning their goals and objectives.

- Youth
  1. The Youth Committee has transitioned to the YLF steering committee.
    - YLF update
      1. Carlos Santos was hired as YLF coordinator.
      2. Adam and Jacob talked about their YLF experiences.
      3. Colorado is the 32<sup>nd</sup> state to host a YLF.
      4. YLF has enough committed funds to cover expenses.
      5. YLF planning meeting on 5/14 was attended by more than 30 persons including 14 of 19 YLF alumni from last year.
      6. YLF will be held 6/29-7/3 hosting 30 delegates with the theme 'Youth Today Leaders Tomorrow'.
      7. Matthew asked about the types of disabilities and geographical locations of the delegates.
      8. Bill discussed various aspects of planning the YLF including curriculum and presenters.
      9. Bill discussed budget indicating there was a working budget of \$85,000-\$90,000.
      10. Chris mentioned needing to have a meeting about much the SILC can support YLF.
      11. Carlos was complimented on the job he was doing as coordinator.
    - Intern Report
      1. Jacob discussed the planning meeting and ways to improve the YLF.
      2. Jacob mentioned having a conference with the Alaska YLF.

### **Ad Hoc Committees**

- Deaf and HOH
  1. Matthew will meet in June with Chris, Joan, Peter, and Steve to work on budget.

- 501(c)3
  1. 501(c)3 committee is meeting monthly.
  2. The committee has developed a 3-year proposed budget for a non-profit.
  3. The committee is developing a policy and procedures document and bylaws.
  4. The committee is ready to start the application process and needs to inform the state. Joan, Peter and Chris are meeting with Steve Anton May 21. Suggested to invite Kristen to meeting.

Lunch—Presentation by Northwest Colorado Center for Independence

1. Ian, his staff, satellite staff, board of directors, and consumers gave presentations about their programs, duties, experiences, and activities.
2. Some of the satellite staff included Collette, Kristin, Joy, Carlos, Weston, and Staci.
3. Some of the Ian's staff included Pam, Candice, Michael, and Ian White.
4. Christine Ebert of the Board of Directors spoke.

Public Comment (Sign-up sheet by the door) (no one signed up)

Coordinating Activities with Other State Entities

- SRC Report – Representative Steve Heidenreich  
No additions
  
- DVR Report –Representative Jennifer Scilacci
  1. DVR tracks earnings for the quarter. Average earnings for clients are \$3800/quarter at an average hourly rate of \$14.95/hour.
  2. Average retention with the same employer is 67%.
  3. DVR serves approximately 8800 after services clients/month vs. 15,000 open cases.
  4. DVR has received \$350,000 for customized employment pilot project across state.
  5. Jesse asked about blind services on the western slope. Jennifer acknowledged the problem and said it was being addressed.



- HCPF Report-Adam Tucker
  1. Bill SB18-145 Implementation of Employment 1<sup>st</sup> was discussed.
  2. A pilot program for employment services was being implemented.
  3. IL philosophy and language was being implemented into the HCPF department.
  
- Office of Independent Living Services: Peter
  1. Kristin Corash will be new director of DVR.
  2. There is a job opening for Independent Living Program Coordinator.
  3. OILS is developing contracts for the CIL's for SFY 2020.
  4. OILS is a fiscal sponsor for the YLF.
  
- Colorado Developmental Disabilities Council  
(Was not represented)

#### SILC Member Training

1. Joan and Chris discussed the role of the SILC as a 501C3.
2. The SILC will become a board of directors for a nonprofit as well as a council.
3. Board members will have new responsibilities and need more training.
4. There will be more work in planning, coordinating, contracting and accounting.
5. Financial statements and budgets will be more involved and have more accountability.
6. There will be more reporting responsibilities and schedules.
7. A big part of the board's responsibilities will be resource development.
8. Jessie questioned the reasoning for becoming a 501C3. Chris suggested that it was to have more autonomy from the state and more flexibility in direction.

Center Director's Report – Joan LaBelle

1. Joan reported on the Fort Collins Disabled Resource Services. DRS is buying a building in Loveland and mentioned the wine fest event.
2. Martha reported on the Grand Junction Center for Independence. She mentioned a housing boot camp or how not to lose your housing and a vista position opening.
3. Martha's report for Durango Southwest Center for Independence included her work list for May and issues the center deals with.
4. Bill reported on the Pueblo Center for Disabilities. The center is in the middle of several gang territories and had a warming shelter during the winter. The center is formulating a stronger youth transition program. He also mentioned a success story with a young lady who likes animals and got employment at a vet school.

Adjournment 2:50P