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**MINUTES**

Name of Organization: Nevada Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC)

Date and Time of Meeting: February 20, 2014  
11:00 a.m.

The SILC will be reviewing Nevada's State Plan for Independent Living at three meetings held on February 20, 2014, February 27, 2014 and, if needed, March 6, 2014.

These meetings will be a Video Conference between the following:

Reno: Northern Nevada Center for Independent Living  
999 Pyramid Way  
Sparks, NV 89431  
(775) 353-3599

Las Vegas: Nevada Disability Advocacy and Law Center  
6039 Eldora Ave., Suite C  
Las Vegas, NV 89146  
(702) 257-8150

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I. Welcome and Introductions  
Lisa Bonie, Chairperson

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m.

Members Present: Reggie Bennett, Lisa Bonie, Kacy Curry, Lisa Ford, Melaine Mason, Rade Zone

Public Present: Brian Barnard, CARE Chest; Marcia Blake, Helping Hands of North Las Vegas; Bob Donnelly, CARE Chest; April Enloe, Storey County Senior Center; Mary Evilsizer, Southern Nevada Center for Independent Living; Anita Frantz, Nevada Disability Advocacy and Law Center (Las Vegas); Shelley

Hendren, Nevada Department of Training and Rehabilitation; Samantha King, Nevada PEP; Jack Mayes, Nevada Disability Advocacy and Law Center (Reno); John-Michael Mendoza, Storey County Sheriff's Office; Leslie Nelson, Nevada Department of Education; Scott Youngs, Nevada Center for Excellence in Disabilities

Aging and Disability Services Division (ADSD) Staff Present: Julie Balderson, Tina Gerber-Winn, Cheyenne Pasquale, John Rosenlund, Diane Scully, Laura Valentine

II. Approval of the Minutes from the December 12, 2013 Meeting (For Possible Action)  
Lisa Bonie, Chairperson

Mr. Bennett made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2013 meeting as written. Ms. Curry seconded. Motion carried.

III. Public Comment (No action may be taken upon a matter raised under public comment period unless the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an action item.)

Mr. Mayes said the Nevada Disability Advocacy and Law Center recently took over the Client Assistance Program and he handed out the overall statistics from the agency for fiscal year 2013. He noted that approximately 1,667 clients were served (see attachment A).

Mr. Mayes also wanted to let everyone know that this evening from 6-7 p.m. at the University of Nevada, Reno, Andy Imaparto, the National Director of the Association of University Centers on Disabilities, will be making a presentation titled, "Critical National Disability Issues," if anyone was interested in attending.

IV. Review and Possible Revision of the State Plan for Independent Living for Nevada FY 2014-2016 (For Possible Action) (Please review a copy of the plan before the meeting. The plan will be available by calling Aging and Disability Services Division at: 775-688-1930 ext. 2201 or by e-mail at [rosenlund@adsd.nv.gov](mailto:rosenlund@adsd.nv.gov)).

Ms. Gerber-Winn explained that the purpose of the review is to make sure the goals and objectives in the State Plan for Independent Living Fiscal Year 2014-2016 are still necessary for the plan or if they should be revised. If the Council decides to make changes there would have to be a public hearing, formal adoption and the Plan resubmitted to the RSA.

Mr. Mayes asked where funding for Independent Living Services (IL) comes from. Mr. Rosenlund responded that there are three funding sources: Part B, Federal Assistive Technology funds and the State General Fund.

Each goal and objective was read and discussed with the revision noted in *italics* following the original text.

For Goal 1, the phrase, “promoting the philosophy of independent living,” will be incorporated into the narrative in the “Mission and Vision Statement.”

- **Goal 1** – Support a comprehensive Statewide IL Services program. Promoting a philosophy of independent living, by: prioritizing consumer control through the use of independent living service plans among at least 90 percent of those applying for services; ensuring community integration and achieving diversity among those served through demographic tracking and targeted outreach.

*Goal 1 – Support a comprehensive Statewide Independent Living Services program.*

Objective 1.1 – Ensure that independent living services are provided in accordance with an independent living plan mutually developed between the consumer, service provider staff and, if appropriate, with input from a subject-matter expert. Such plans will be developed by at least 90 percent of those applying for services.

*Objective 1.1 – Independent Living plans will be developed by at least 90 percent of those applying for IL services.*

Objective 1.2 – Ensure that, to the greatest extent possible, services for people with disabilities are provided in the most integrated setting, by implementing the objectives outlined in Nevada’s Olmstead Plan.

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Objective 1.3 – Ensure that services to underserved populations are provided at least in proportion to their population in the latest census data.

Mr. Rosenlund said he has an idea on how to rework this to state the goal and determine who the underserved populations are and how to reach them (this will incorporate Objective 1.3 and 3.2). He will have it at the next meeting for further discussion.

Objective 1.4 – In mid-2010, a “report card” was issued outlining Nevada’s progress in complying with the Olmstead Decision. In response to that report, the SILC will present the report card to the Commission on Services for Persons with Disabilities (CSPD) and collaborate with them on ensure that the state Olmstead Plan is implemented.

It was determined that this objective is no longer needed and should be removed.

- **Goal 2** – Expand and improve the provision of IL Services throughout Nevada by: providing comprehensive IL services to at least 200 people

annually, coordinating services to older individuals who are blind; and expanding the availability of Positive Behavioral Supports (PBS) in Nevada.

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Objective 2.1 – Provide an appropriate, accessible, and affordable network of independent living rehabilitation services throughout Nevada, to at least 200 new individuals annually.

*Objective 2.1 – To eliminate the waitlist for IL services by 2016.*

Objective 2.2 – Coordinate services to older individuals who are blind through the execution of a cooperative agreement between the Designated State Unit's (DSU) Older Blind Independent Living Program (OBIL) and the Independent Living Services Program.

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Objective 2.3 – Monitor the utilization of, and encourage partners to establish collaborative opportunities and pursue fee based activities with Positive Behavioral Supports (PBS) and similar services so that individuals with difficult behaviors will be better able to receive services in their local community. Partnering agencies are encouraged to seek training and advanced technical assistance provided through PBS in order to develop capacity to provide behavior support that will increase the availability of these services on a resources basis as well as increase the availability of services to the individuals in need of such services.

*Objective 2.3 – Establish collaborative opportunities and pursue fee based activities with Positive Behavioral Supports (PBS) and similar services so that individuals with difficult behaviors will be better able to receive services in their local community.*

Ms. Bonie suggested Goals 3 and 4 be postponed for discussion at the February 27, 2014 meeting due to time limitations. The Council agreed.

- **Goal 3** – Support a statewide network of centers for independent living (CILs), operated by consumer-controlled, cross-disability, nonprofit agencies that are operated within local communities by individuals with disabilities and that provide an array of IL services, and strengthen this network by: creating a subcommittee to research best practices of other CIL's throughout the nation and develop a statewide survey on Independent Living services being provided and needed.

Objective 3.1 – Explore options to add fee-for-service operations to the menu of CIL services.

Objective 3.2 – Explore options to identify best practices used by successful CILs and determine if they can be adapted in Nevada.

- **Goal 4** – Support improvement, expansion and coordination of disability services throughout Nevada by: coordinating the transitions of children and youth with disabilities from early intervention to school, and from school to adult life; making all disability services more easily and universally accessible. In addition, expanding the resources available to blind adults in Nevada and improve the supports available to deaf Nevadans. Establish a collaboration with the Commission on Services for Persons with Disabilities (CSPD) to review Nevada’s Strategic Plan for People with Disabilities and the updated review completed 2010 to determine Nevada’s next step to ensure statewide Olmstead compliance.

Objective 4.1 – Create opportunities for Independent Living professionals to partner with students in the school transition process from Early Intervention to school, and from school to adult life. Coordination of Independent Living professionals within the school district process wherein Independent Living services becomes an active partner in the identified needs of the individual.

Objective 4.2 – Expand the availability of community-based training and supports for individuals who are blind or visually impaired.

Objective 4.3 – Monitor implementation and use of the accessible housing database to ensure it is a functional tool for persons seeking accessible housing.

Objective 4.4 – Expand the availability and use of qualified interpreters in medical and legal setting.

Lisa Bonie, Chairperson  
John Rosenlund, SILC Staff, ADSD

- V. **Public Comment** (No action may be taken upon a matter raised under public comment period unless the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an action item.)

Ms. Frantz asked if a draft of the revisions will be available at next weeks’ meeting. Ms. Gerber-Winn said it would be best to review the entire document first then distribute the revised draft.

- VI. **Confirm Dates of Future Meetings, February 27, 2014, March 6, 2014, and May 8, 2014** (For Possible Action)

Lisa Bonie, Chairperson

The next meeting will be February 27, 2014 to continue the review of the State Plan. It will be determined at that meeting if the March 6, 2014 meeting is needed.

Mr. Bennett said he will not be at the February 27 and March 6 meetings because of a schedule conflict. Ms. Bonie polled the other members and they all expect to be at both meetings so there should be a quorum.

VII. Adjournment (For Possible Action)  
Lisa Bonie, Chairperson

Mr. Bennett made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Curry seconded. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

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***Agenda Posted at the Following Locations:***

1. Aging and Disability Services Division, Carson City Office, 3416 Goni Road, Suite D-132, Carson City, NV 89706
  2. Aging and Disability Services Division, Las Vegas Office, 1860 East Sahara Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89104
  3. Aging and Disability Services Division, Reno Office, 445 Apple Street, Suite 104, Reno, NV 89502
  4. Aging and Disability Services Division, Elko Office, 1010 Ruby Vista Drive, Suite 104 Elko, NV 89801
  5. Southern Nevada Center for Independent Living 6039 El Dora St. H-8, N. Las Vegas Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89146
  6. Disability Resources, 50 Greg St Suite 102, Sparks, NV 89431
  7. Nevada State Library and Archives, 100 N. Stewart Street, Carson City, NV 89701
  8. Desert Regional Center, 1391 So. Jones Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89146
  9. Sierra Regional Center, 605 South 21<sup>st</sup> St., Reno, NV 89431
  10. Nevada Disability Advocacy & Law Center, 1865 Plumas St #2, Reno, NV 89509
  11. Northern Nevada Center for Independent Living, 999 Pyramid Way, Sparks, NV 89431
  12. NV Community Enrichment Programs, 2820 W. Charleston Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89146
  13. Department of Health and Human Services, 4126 Technology Way, Carson City, NV 89706
  14. Washoe ARC, 790 Sutro, Reno, NV 89512
  15. Rehabilitation Division, 1370 S. Curry St., Carson City, NV 89703
  16. Vocational Rehabilitation Job Connect, 1325 Corporate Blvd., Reno, NV 89502
- Notice of this meeting was posted on the Internet: <http://aging.state.nv.us/>



**NEVADA'S PROTECTION & ADVOCACY SYSTEM FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES**

**Fiscal Year 2013**

<b>GENDER</b>	<b>Clients</b>	<b>S/R</b>
Male	867	1005
Female	800	922
<b>REGION</b>	<b>Clients</b>	<b>S/R</b>
Northern	409	442
Southern	1075	1293
Rural	183	192
<b>AGE</b>	<b>Clients</b>	<b>S/R</b>
0-5	32	41
6-11	76	84
12-18	99	108
19-25	117	134
26-35	231	281
36-45	261	331
46-55	370	425
56-65	253	283
66-75	74	77
76+	27	28
Unknown	127	135
<b>ETHNICITY</b>	<b>Clients</b>	<b>S/R</b>
Alaskan Native	1	1
American Indian	18	18
Arab American	7	7
Asian	30	32
Asian (H/L)	2	3
Black	195	254
Black (H/L)	11	18
Hispanic/Latino	156	179
Multiracial	12	11
Multiracial (H/L)	1	1
Multiracial/Multiethnic	12	15
Native Hawaiian	1	1
Not Selected	9	9
Other	74	82
Pacific Islander	5	9
Unknown	9	9
White	1120	1274
White (H/L)	4	4

<b>PRIMARY DISABILITY</b>	<b>Clients</b>	<b>S/R</b>
Absence of Extremities	12	14
ADD/ADHD	7	9
Arthritis	9	11
Aspergers	4	4
Autism Spectrum Disorder	70	73
Auto-immune (non-AIDS/HIV)	1	1
Autoimmune Disease	5	6
Blindness (both eyes)	18	18
Cancer	12	13
Cerebral palsy	34	36
Deaf-Blind	1	1
Deafness	16	18
Diabetes	11	11
Digestive Disorders	6	6
Down Syndrome	11	14
Epilepsy	8	8
Genitourinary Conditions	5	5
Hard of Hearing/Hearing Impaired (not deaf)	16	18
Heart and Other Circulatory Conditions	39	42
HIV/AIDS	34	40
Learning Disabilities	34	36
Mental Illness	737	898
Mental Retardation	58	65
Multiple Sclerosis	10	11
Muscular Dystrophy	9	13
Muscular/Skeletal Impairment	72	74
Neurological Disorders	61	69
None	44	44
Not Selected	6	6
Other Emotional/Behavioral	5	6
Other Intellectual	2	2
Other Physical/Orthopedic	3	3
Physical/Orthopedic Impairments	180	202
Respiratory Disorders	16	18
Specific Learning Disabilities (SLD)	17	20
Speech Impairments	4	5
Spina Bifida	2	3
Substance Abuse (Drug/Alcohol)	2	2
Tourette Syndrome	1	1
Traumatic Brain Injuries (TBI)	46	58
Unknown	13	13
Visual Impairment (Not Blind)	19	22
Left Blank	7	8

Southern Counties: Clark  
 Northern Counties: Carson City, Douglas, Lyon, Storey, Washoe  
 Rural Counties: Churchill, Elko, Esmeralda, Eureka, Humboldt, Lander, Lincoln, Mineral, Nye, Out of State, Pershing, White Pine