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## **MINUTES**

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

Date and Time of Meeting: March 6, 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  
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## **Agenda**

- I. Welcome and Introductions  
Lisa Bonie, Chairperson

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

Excused Members: Reggie Bennett

Public Present: Mary Evilsizer, Southern Nevada Center for Independent Living; Kari Horn, Nevada Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities; Samantha King, Nevada PEP; Jack Mayes, Nevada Disability Advocacy and Law Center;

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, Vicki Kemp, John Rosenlund, Diane Scully, Laura Valentine

A quorum being present the meeting was called to order at 11:05 a.m.

- II. **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. Curry notified the Council that she will be unavailable April 23-29, 2014. She restated her interest in expanding the membership of the Council.

- III. **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)).

Note: Goal 4 and Objectives 4.1, 4.2 and 4.3 were discussed at the February 27, 2014 meeting.

Mr. Rosenlund briefly reviewed what took place at the February 27, 2014 meeting. Discussion was resumed at Objective 4.4, followed by Goal 3 and its objectives. Relating to Objective 4.2, Ms. Mason briefly explained that as with corrective lenses, there are varying degrees of visual impairment. The amount of visual loss a person has would determine having a visual impairment or blindness. A certain level of loss of vision is needed to qualify for Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) services.

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

- **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.

*Goal 3 – Support a statewide network of centers for independent living (CILs).*

Mr. Youngs said he thinks the last part of the original goal, “develop a statewide survey on IL services being provided and needed” is the most important part. He asked if the SILC is really prioritizing where the money needs to go.

There was some discussion about using “support” or “expand.” Mr. Rosenlund said there is a provision in the SPIL for expanding CILs depending on available funding.

Ms. Gerber-Winn said she does see a need for a survey. Mr. Rosenlund noted there are different types of surveys and what needs to be decided first is what data is to be collected.

Ms. Bonie said for today the Goals and Objectives are being worked on and the specific action steps will be determined later.

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

Ms. Gerber-Winn said the term “fee-for-service” is a Medicaid term and probably not best used here. She suggested “grant related opportunities” or “State funded opportunities,” something that raises awareness of funding of CILs.

Ms. Valentine suggest 3.1 read, “Work with communities and stakeholders to explore ways to fund current and expand future CIL services.

Ms. Gerber-Winn is concerned that they have different timelines. Ms. Valentine said she would work on this and have something at the May 8, 2014 meeting when all the revisions will be reviewed.

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

Mr. Rosenlund noted that Objective 3.2 should read, “Explore options and develop a statewide survey on IL services and IL needs.”

Ms. Nelson suggested, “Use existing data to develop a State-wide data pool on independent living services and independent living needs.”

There was some discussion on the use of “data pool” or “data set” and what data was to be collected. Ms. Bonie asked Ms. Nelson to fine tune the wording and bring it to the May 8, 2014 meeting to finalize.

- **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.

*Objective 4.4 – Improve the availability and use of qualified interpreters.*

Mr. Mayes said he spoke to Shelley Hendren of the Department of Education, Training and Rehabilitation (DETR) who said it costs approximately \$5,000 to fly in Certified Deaf Interpreters (CDIs) from other states since Nevada doesn't have any. Ms. Hendren said she will look into the possibility of funding to train CDI's in Nevada. Ms. Balderson explained that a CDI is a deaf person who is specially trained to work with other deaf people with low level communications skills.

Ms. Balderson asked exactly what the SILC can do for this objective. Ms. Mason said they discussed seeking funding for programs, enforcement and training, and reaching out to IL partners to contact the Board of Regents in support of a program at UNR and UNLV. Ms. Balderson asked what the action steps would be. Mr. Mayes said they weren't getting into that now and the action steps will be determined later.

There was some discussion about using "qualified" or "certified". The decision was made to use qualified and Ms. Valentine said what determines qualified and what steps are needed to become certified will be spelled out in the action steps.

Lisa Bonie, Chairperson  
John Rosenlund, SILC Staff, ADSD

- IV. **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.)

There were no comments from the public.

- V. **Confirm Dates of Future Meeting, May 8, 2014** (For Possible Action)  
Lisa Bonie, Chairperson

The next meeting was confirmed for May 8, 2014. ADSD will provide a revised draft to the Council members on or before April 21, 2015.

A public hearing will need to be scheduled once the SPIL is revised. Thursday, June 26, 2014, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., was decided on.

Locations for both meetings will be determined based on availability.

- VI. **Adjournment** (For Possible Action)  
Lisa Bonie, Chairperson

Ms. Curry made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Zone seconded. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

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  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
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