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

Date and Time of Meeting: June 20, 2016 @ 9:00 a.m.

This meeting will be a Video Conference between the following:

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1. Welcome, Roll Call and Introductions
Lisa Bonie, Chairperson

Members: Rade Zone, Kacy Curry, Mark Tadder, Sam Lieberman, Lisa Bonie, Scott Youngs, Rique Robb, Mechelle Merrill

Guests: Desiree Bennett, Tanya Keith, Jack Mayes, Becky Van Auken, George McKinlay, Mary Evilsizer, Dora Utchell

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 am. A quorum was present. Ms. Bonie stated Public Comment will be allowed after each agenda item.

2. Verification of Posting
Lisa Bonie, Chairperson

Ms. Keith verified the posting was on time.

3. **Public Comment.** (Members of the public will be invited to speak; however, no action may be taken on a matter during public comment until the matter itself has been included on an agenda as an item for possible action. Please clearly state and spell your name. Public comment may be limited to 3 minutes, per person at the discretion of the chair).



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Mr. Jack Mayes from Nevada Disability and Advocacy Law Center (NDALC), representing the Community Acton Partnership (CAP) Agency introduced himself. He stated his comments are regarding the SPIL document. Ms. Bonie announced she would take public comment after each agenda item and she would like to hear his comment then, to keep in context.

No other public comment was made at this time.

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes from February 18, 2016 Meeting (**For Possible Action**)
Lisa Bonie, Chairperson

The Minutes from the February 18, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Stating no changes, Mr. Tadder motioned to accept the minutes as written. Ms. Curry seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Discuss, Revise and Approve Plan to FFY 17-19 Goals, Objectives and Funding of the State Plan for Independent Living (**For Possible Action**)
Lisa Bonie, Chairperson

(See Attachment A) Mr. Youngs gave an overview of the SPIL Document, the writing process and the document itself. He explained the compliance with the federal guidance on public meetings:

- 6 Town hall style meetings from around the state
- Created a survey
- Open acceptance of public comment from all meetings from January to the end of May, 2016.

He covered a summary of the goals, objectives and the compliance with various regulatory bodies:

- (See Attachment B) The transfer to Aging and Disability Services Division (ADSD) as the Designated State Entity (DSE). The transfer from the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation (DETR) to ADSD as the DSE was an Order from the Governor and set to start this next SPIL cycle of 2017-2019.
- He discussed how the objectives supported the goals, and how the goals supported the Independent Living Philosophy, establishing an Independent Living Network with providers and a Network with the Centers for Independent Living (CILs).
- He stated that the goals and objectives will interact with each other, and how one goal supports another, i.e. data collection in Goal D will support prioritizing needs in the other goals.



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- He explained the compliance with the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) regulations and the move to autonomy for the Council.
- He covered the breakdown of the Resources Chart, and Financial Plan Tables and how they further the purpose of Title VII of the WIOA.
- He explained if the DSE was changed Mid-SPIL, an amendment would have to be made to the SPIL, however changing at the time of creating a new SPIL, allows the change to be listed in the narrative section of the plan.

Ms. Robb read into the record and to the Council, the Governor's Order as follows: "Dear Ms. Blue, by the powers vested in me as chief executive officer, I hereby request the designated state agency to be changed from Department of Employment Training and Rehabilitation to the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Aging and Disabilities Division. I request the grantee authorizing official and grantee project director be changed from Shelly Hendren to Jane Gruner, Administrator, Aging and Disability Services."

- One of the federal guidelines is having a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) written to establish and enforce the relationship between the SILC and the DSE, to clarify that the SILC was autonomous from a state entity and working on its own.
- Mr. Youngs covered the Action Plan and the correlation between the goals and objectives.

Ms. Robb informed the Council that Mr. Kimball Gray notified her of the compliance analysis of the 704 Report. In general membership, the SILC membership was in compliance at 57%, however on Person with Disabilities (PWD) membership who were not associated or employed with the State or CIL, SILC was out of compliance. She did a little further investigation and found they were not truly out of compliance due to Mr. Lieberman being appointed, but not active. Mr. Youngs and Mr. Tadder had pending applications. Mr. Gray's Office said they understand it is something that happens in transitioning and with the Governor's Office. Ms. Robb discussed with Ms. Bonie before a response was sent. She will bring the response at a later meeting, once it is on the agenda. The response outlined the action plans written in the 2017-2019 SPIL and that the Council is aware there is a membership issue and will be addressing the membership questions immediately. Ms. Robb answered his concerns with an email and 2 verbal conversations.

Mr. Youngs noted a few corrections and additions:

- Page 23, the Governor's order needed to be included in the Narrative.
- Page 13, 2/3 down the page, there is a sentence appeared dangling that reads "The description must identify the entities within the DSE and –" A space will be added



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(See Attachment C) Mr. Youngs made a few remarks about potential changes to the Independent Living Indicators for the Councils. He indicated that a new draft was released approximately June 1, 2016 and it gives an indication of how the Administration would like Community Living (ACL) the SILCs to operate as far as autonomy and independent from the DSE are concerned. He encouraged everyone to look at that document, and pointed out there is explicit language in regards to an executive director. He mentioned this may affect the resource plan, the rules and responsibilities of the SILC, and it may be something to check compliance against. Please see the following link, 3rd bullet down:

<http://www.acl.gov/Programs/AoD/ILA/Index.aspx>

Public Comment:

Mr. Mayes wanted to compliment the SPIL Workgroup and the Committee for all the work the put into the SPIL Document. He noted it took a few years of struggle for the SILC to find a focus and he is seeing it pay off. He stated CAP wanted to be involved in the focus, and helping with the success of the 2017-2019 SPIL. He suggested the SILC use the Developmental Disabilities Council (DD) as a potential model for independence. He wasn't sure that with limited budget, moving out of state government is financially feasible; however the DD Council was also with ACL, and has worked on their autonomy. The DD Council had an executive director, and may suggest things to look out for that the federal government may like to see.

Mr. Mayes also asked who the SILC considers a CIL. Deaf Centers of Nevada is trying to create itself as more or less a Center for Independent Living, and is focused on the needs of people with hearing loss. They may be a resource to consider for both council membership and expanding the Network. He also suggested the Partners and Policy Making Program out of University of Nevada, Reno (UNR). They educate individuals on being involved with policy on policy boards and programs. He has a few board members from another council that came from that program. They are eager to participate and are educated which make them good members.

Mr. Mayes also suggested a 2 page summary of the SPIL document that summarizes the goals, objectives and evaluations. This may help with connecting the dots and as a condensed document can be readily shared with the public.

There was no further public comment.

Mr. Tadder motioned to approve the SPIL document with changes noted. Mr. Lieberman Seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Robb clarified the next steps:



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- Contact Ms. Shelly Hendren from DETR to sign for the signature for the Older Blind portion of the SPIL document
- Ms. Jane Gruner would sign as the DSE Administrator
- Ms. Lisa Bonie would sign as the current Chairperson and Northern Nevada Center for Independent Living Director.
- Once the signatures are completed, the document will be uploaded to the Management Information System (MIS). Mr. Rosenlund offered to assist in the uploading of the document to the MIS system by June 30, 2016
- Once it's been reviewed, any questions or comments will be returned to the SILC.

Ms. Bonie observed she will be out of the office after June 28th. Ms. Robb stated her goal was to have all of the signatures before then.

6. Discuss, Review and Approve Current SPIL Goals and Objectives for FFY 16 (For Possible Action)

Lisa Bonie, Chairperson

(Attachment D) Ms. Bonie referred to the excerpt of the current SPIL 2013-2016. Goal C and D were the items under review.

(Attachment E) Ms. Robb observed these goals had very specific funding allocations and it may have been a challenge due to the goals did not change annually. Goal D had a balance of \$18,999.00 available for spending. Goal C, after the costs of the Town Hall meetings and SPIL Outreach was removed had a balance of \$40,846.00.

Ms. Robb stated last year the SILC:

- Spent \$25,000.00 on the Older Blind Technology
- Outreach campaign
- Purchased technology to be used by individuals in their kitchens
- A small portion went to direct service

She then pointed out, CILs needed to report the outcomes of those expenditures. She suggested if needed, inquiring with DETR about an option to put this funding into direct service.

Ms. Evilsizer recalled two separate outreach campaigns for the CILs. One was in the North and the other was in the South. Their purpose was to develop awareness of what the CILs could do and awareness for the individuals who are visually impaired. An adaptive equipment program from Northern Nevada Center for Independent Living (NNCIL) - the iPhone Project, was included. If the iPhones were a success in the North, then Southern Nevada Center for



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Independent Living (SNCIL) would try to initiate a mirror of the program in the South, if no other organizations were doing a similar program.

Ms. Robb read goal D, objective D2 aloud and asked how the blind community has been involved in the actions taken? Ms. Bonie answered that a peer support group has been created at NNCIL for blind and visually impaired consumers. The Center has purchased iPhones and given them to their blind or visually impaired end users for a 90 day period with data plans included to see if it will assist in their daily tasks. The test program would be ending soon and exit interviews will be done. The greatest concern of the consumers is the costs of the data plans, and if they would financially be able to continue them once they are out of the program. Mr. Youngs added they are working to bridge the gap between what's available on the short-term loan library and the monies received from the AT Act project, to when an individual acquires a device in the future. Data plans may be an issue. The collaboration with NNCIL was to ensure they had an Independent Living Plan, goals and objectives in place. They attended a user group every Tuesday at NNCIL. The group is led by the users, however facilitated by Mr. McKinlay and Mr. Youngs. He does not recall any negative feedback from the users other than the length of time it takes to learn the device and the data plans going forward. He feels the financial piece of it could be resolved in the Independent Living Plan, and examining an individual's finances. This has not been piloted in the rural/frontier areas, and has not been tested in the South. He feels looking at other organizations and their similar projects to see if there is a way the SILC could partner with them, and assist with resources.

Ms. Merrill suggested the CIL see if the end users who graduate from the iPhone test program, and want to tie that into Vocational Rehabilitation services. Seeking and obtaining employment may solve the data plan issues.

Ms. Evilsizer agreed that the Southern Nevada Center for Independent Living (SNCIL) may be able to make it work using NNCIL's example. Mr. Youngs reiterated that this process will not work without an Independent Living Plan or goals; and suggested that any money left over for goal D2 be used to fund partial positions to support the iPhone program. Ms. Robb added that he had a valid point and it should be in the the goals of the individual, the focus is more than giving them technology. She asked what the goal is for the consumer and how does that goal meet objective D2, while collaborating with objective C3?

Ms. Merrill asked what the definition of independence was. Ms. Robb answered it depends on the individual and what their needs are.

At this time Mr. Lieberman notified the SILC he was leaving within the next few minutes. Once he left, the quorum would be lost.



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Mr. Lieberman motioned to table Items 6 and 7 for the next meeting. Mr. Tadder Seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Discuss, Review and Approve Current SPIL Financials for FFY 16 (For Possible Action)
Lisa Bonie, Chairperson

This agenda item was tabled until the next meeting due to a loss of quorum.

8. **Public Comment.** (Members of the public will be invited to speak, however, no action may be taken on a matter during public comment until the matter itself has been included on an agenda as an item for possible action. Please clearly state and spell your name. Public comment may be limited to 3 minutes, per person at the discretion of the chair).

Ms. Evilsizer shared Disability Awareness day on October 15, 2016. Vendors will be present to share with the individuals with disabilities and consumers what they offer. They will have vendors such as Medicaid, and housing. It's a day of equal ground for everyone to speak openly with public and elective officials who also have booths and mingle causally with members of the community. This is a yearly function that has a data collection survey included. There is a tablet for a person who completes an intake with SNCIL. A sponsor has proved a Big Screen TV door prize. The vendors and consumers are invited to come in Halloween Costumes for a contest. Vendors are encouraged to bring goodies for the kids to come Trick or Treating. They will have a wheelchair Wash and Tune, and Vendors can look at Consumer's equipment to see how they may work with them, SILC members or Community Partners can have the booth fees waived.

Ms. Bonie announced NNCIL has developed a new Independent Living Skills Program that was 4 weeks long. They put classes together 4 - 6 students at time. The classes are Tuesday through Thursday night from 9:00 am to 1:30-2:00 pm. They meet at the center but mostly community-based and situational, experiential learning. The curriculum is covering Grocery shopping, budgeting, hygiene, and transportation. It's in response to the Town Hall meetings. The first group is graduating next week. Kristin Darnell is the Independent Life Skills Manager, and she put it together. All you have to do is contact the center. You do apply for the program but only to be able to place people with like-skills together for people who are at the same learning levels. There is a flyer available for anyone who would like a copy.

9. Adjournment
Lisa Bonie, Chairperson

Mr. Tadder motioned the meeting be adjourned. Ms. Curry seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:43 am.



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Contacts

For additional Public Comment for the SPIL

For public comment on the State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL), please email: nvsilc@adsd.nv.gov

Current Independent Living Council Members

Lisa Bonie (Chairperson), Kacy Curry, Mechele Merrill, Rade Zone, Mark Tadder, Scott Youngs, Sam Lieberman, Rique Robb

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