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Draft Minutes

Name of Organization: Nevada Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC)
State Plan for Independent Living Committee (SPIL)

Date and Time of Meeting: June 1, 2016 at 9:30 AM

This meeting will be a Teleconference to the following:

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

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Members present: Scott Youngs, Lisa Bonie, Mary Evilsizer, Kacy Curry, Mechelle Merrill, Mark Tadder, Mary Evilsizer, Alicia Santiago

Staff: Rique Robb, John Rosenlund, Desiree Bennett, Tanya Keith

1. Welcome, Roll Call and Introductions
Scott Youngs, Workgroup Leader
2. Verification of Posting
Scott Youngs, Workgroup Leader

Ms. Keith verified the posting of the meeting agenda.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes from May 23rd, 2016 Meeting (**For Possible Action**)
Scott Youngs, Workgroup Leader
Mr. Tadder made a motion to approve the minutes with spelling corrections made. Ms. Santiago seconded the motion. Motion passed.



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4. **First Public Comment Section** (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).

Scott Youngs, Workgroup Leader

Jennifer Whitcomb asked the committee chair to read comments on her behalf into the record (Attachment A).

5. **Draft, Review, and Approval of the SPIL Financial Plan (For Possible Action)**

Scott Youngs, Workgroup Leader

1.2B: Population

- **Remove:** At the conclusion of each year and, if a target population is not being adequately reached, a targeting plan will be developed to ensure services to underserved and unserved populations are being provided.
 - CIL Directors offered to create a data collection chart to be included in the 704 Report, that will help monitor the demographic data and will report this information to the SILC Annually.
 - List the populations being served as: Blind/Visually Impaired, Transitioning Youth, Institutionalization, Underserved Ethnicities

1.2B: Geographic

- **Remove:** Outreach efforts will target all geographic locations with emphasis in the rural and frontier areas; such as, Pahrump, Tonopah, Elko and Reservations. In addition, focus will be towards outreaching to youths and senior centers and organizations.
 - **Add:** "Outreach efforts will target all geographical locations statewide with an emphasis on specific areas identified in the census data and the Targeting Plan"

1.2B: Needs

- **Remove:** The needs of individuals with significant disabilities from minority groups will be determined based on the individual's input, staff understanding cultural issues and mutual respect for ones desires and needs. Data collected by the CILs and the statewide Independent Living Network will aid NVSILC in meeting the needs of the targeted population.

1.3: Financial Plan



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- NNCIL Added Total: \$419,366 – Will be combined with SNCIL \$420,395 for a total of 839,761 state total
 - Federal government is making an effort to provide additional funding for school to work transitions, at risk and institutionalization. But there is no guarantee
- Remove: pg. 13: 1.3B (1) Specify how the part B, part C and chapter 2 (Older Blind) funds, if applicable, will further the SPIL objectives.
 - Not applicable
- Resource Plan Estimate: \$80,564 approximately
 - Objectives A1 through A4, will be completed from the SILC Resource Plan in year 1
 - Objective A5 will be in Year 2 of the SILC Resource Plan
 - Objective A6 will be in Year 3 of the SILC Resource Plan
 - \$11,000 will be used for Objective A3, training
 - SILC Meeting Expenses \$15,268 @ 5% of the budget
 - ADSD Staff support \$50,465
 - Workers Comp \$311
 - IL Program Monitor \$9,000 is being moved back in to the SPIL Resource Plan to help cover additional Staff Costs
 - \$140,001 for IL Services
 - \$84,786 for SPIL activities – an increase from \$75,000 to \$84,000 = A difference of nearly \$10,00

1.3 B2: Financial Plan Narrative: Describe efforts to coordinate a Federal and State funding for centers and IL services, including the amounts, sources and purposes of the funding to be coordinated.

- Remove from Narrative: “As described elsewhere in this plan, this partnership enables the two agencies to help one another to direct benefited people who are receiving services.”
 - Answer to this question is same as 1.3b, N/A

1.3 B3: Financial Plan Narrative: N/A

1.3 B4: Financial Plan Narrative: N/A

1.4: Financial Plan Narrative: Chapter 1 of title VII and the CIL Work Plans

- Remove: “...ensuring consumer control in the provisions of service program applicants have full control of their IL plan through the cooperative assessment process.”



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And then it talks about providing peer support, and about the SILS, program staff, support referring group peer support, and it goes to encouraging a self-help attitude service, recipients are expected to play an active role in the IL service process, researching service options, contacting vendors, participating in assessment. It also talks about ensure self-determination. In addition to the empowering approaches outlined in above.

Goes on to explain that. Monitoring equal access, that we know is not enough to reach out to underserved populations, so we measure the percentages of underserved groups actually being served by our programs, and the annual outline in the plan to increase those percentages at least to the levels found in Nevada in terms of data. Facilitating individual and system advocacy, Nevada's disability community has built a reputation and credibility and sensibility with the state policymakers, therefore this plan is written to support their efforts rather than to direct them.

People with disabilities will continue to be on the front lines of change in Nevada independent living staff and program will supplement their work by providing resources, contacts and expertise."

- Add: "The SPIL objectives are consistent with the further -- and further the purpose of chapter 1 of title 7 of the Act, as stated in section 701 of the act and 34 CFR 364.2, as reflected by A3, B1, B2, C1, C2.

Ms. Robb reminded the SPIL workgroup about their time constraints, and stated the next meeting on June 9th will also be a workgroup meeting to complete the writing of the SPIL. The Federal submission deadline is June 30, 2016. ADSD staff still needs time to write the completed document and obtain the required signatures.

1.4B : Financial Plan Narrative: No changes made

1.5: Cooperation, Coordination, and Working Relationships among Various Entities:

3. Remove: Lastly, a representative from the SILC ~~is~~ appointed to serve on the Nevada State Rehabilitation Advisory Council (NSRC) to represent the SILC.

- Phrase "will be" will replace the word "is"

1.6: Coordination of Services:

- Remove: Deaf and Hard of Hearing Advocacy and Resource Center and replace with Deaf Centers of Nevada.

1.7: Independent living for individuals who are Older Blind:

No Change

Part II Narrative Section II – Scope, Extent, and Arrangements of Services pg. 16: No changes



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2.1B: Service Provisions Priorities:

- Positive Behavior Supports: "transition assistance for individuals who are moving from nursing facilities to community living."
- Youth Transitions: "Transition of children from early intervention To school, and school to adult life"

2.1C: If the State allows service providers:

- Remove: Indicate N/A if not applicable.

2.2: Arrangements for State-Provided Services: A discussion over the DSE/DSU designation took place. Ms. Robb reminded the group that the currently named DSE, DETR, chose to step down and pass the DSE assignment for the SILC over to ASD in the form of a letter to the Governor's Office. The SILC stated they were not aware that this change was taking place, as it was common for DETR to contract with other agencies to provide services. It was discussed that without a DSE signing the SPIL, the SILC may no longer be able to exist. The SILC would not be able to allocate the funding for the Part B and C funding as the SPIL directs.

Ms. Bonie suggested and the committee agreed to leave ASD as the current DES and to use the next 3 years to research the option of a different DSE for the next SPIL 2020-2023.

2.2B: State contracts or awards a grant to a center: No Change

Part III Narrative Section III – Design for the Statewide Network of Centers pg.19:

3.1: Existing Network:

- Remove: Northern Nevada Center for Independent Living (NNCIL) is located in the Reno/Sparks area with a ~~satellite office in Elko~~. The targeted service area includes all of Nevada except Clark County. The population services are all and any person with a disability who resides in the targeted service area.
 - Add: "A mobile office serves rural in frontier Nevada"
- Add: Southern Nevada Center for Independent Living (SNCIL) is located in Las Vegas *with a satellite office in North Las Vegas*. The targeted service includes only Clark County. The population services are all and any person with a disability who resides in the targeted service area.

3.2: Expanding Network: No Change

3.3: 723 States Only: Not Applicable



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3.3: 723 Priorities for allocating funds among centers within an state: Not Applicable

Part IV Narrative Section IV – Designated State Unit 21:

4.1 B: Monitors, grantees who are recipients for funding to provide IL services:

Clarification: Monies were removed from outside monitoring of IL Recipients and it was agreed to have ADSD continue with their standard Close of Case Surveys.

5.2: Establishment and placement:

- Remove: The SILC is established by Executive Order of the Governor as, "a private, nonprofit entity in the State of Nevada but shall not be an entity within a State agency." As NVSILC works towards becoming autonomous of the DSE, NVSILC and the DSE have agreed that the DSE will provide staffing support to NVSILC through an agreement jointly developed with the DSE and NVSILC. The agreement delineates out the roles and responsibilities of the DSE and NVSILC to ensure NVSILC remains independent of the DSE.
 - Add: Phrase "may be" a private, nonprofit...

6.2: Fiscal Accounting:

- Remove: Adoption of those fiscal control and fund accounting procedures as may be necessary to ensure the proper disbursement of and accounting for funds made available through parts B and C of chapter 1 of title VII of the Act, in addition to complying with applicable ~~EDGAR~~ fiscal and accounting requirements.
 - Add: "Appropriate accounting requirements"

6. Draft, Review and Approval of the SPIL Resource Plan (For Possible Action)

Scott Youngs, Workgroup Leader

7. Draft, Review and Finalization of the State Plan for Independent Living (For Possible Action)

Scott Youngs, Workgroup Leader

The workgroup reviewed, discussed and updated the part two narrative of the goals, objectives and activities of the SPIL.

Ms. Bonie stated that the Statewide Independent Living Council Congress stated the Nevada should be moving toward an independent 501(c) 3 SILC that works collaboratively with a state agency.

Mr. Rosenlund stated ADSD is not currently the Designated State Entity (DSE) until a state plan has been approved from Administration for Community Living (ACL) with language stating the SPIL's selection of a DSE.



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The committee discussed the disconnect between the SILC and the Centers for Independent Living. The objectives of the SPIL will improve how the SILC provides technical assistance to the CILs and how information will be shared. Ms. Bonie commented that it has become difficult trying to mirror the 704 report up the SPIL.

Ms. Robb stated that the SPIL Workgroup will need to present a finalized draft of the plan to the SILC on June 9th.

Modifications included:

- **Goal A description:** NVSILC, the DSE and interested community partners will collaborate to ensure the NVSILC is independent.
 - **Objective A.4:** Develop a working relationship with the Governor's office to strengthen NVSILC's composition and to ensure majority of its voting members to represent a cross section of disabilities. With a time frame change to three years (2016-2019).
 - **Objective A.5:** (2017-2018 time frame).
 - **Objective A.6:** Draft a strategic business plan to strengthen and move the NVSILC toward autonomy.
 - **Objective B.2:** Ensure effective communication between NVSILC and the CILs.
 - **Objective C.1:** The NVSILC and CILs will collaborate with programs and services throughout the state to develop a comprehensive state independent living network.
- **Goal D:** Develop data collection process.
 - Goal D description:** Research various data collection methods to inform the decision making process of the NVSILC.
 - **Objective D.1:** Research and develop an effective data collection strategy (2016-2017 time frame).
 - **Objective D.2:** Implement data collection strategies and review annually (2017-2019 time frame).
 - **Objective D.3:** Removed.

Explore partnerships with other agencies and community partners to develop a viable data collection tool- Can be moved to the evaluation or action step under D.1.

8. **Second Public Comment Section** (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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No comments were made.



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9. Discuss and Approve next meeting Agenda Items and Calendar Schedule **(For Possible Action)**

Scott Youngs, Workgroup Leader

10. Adjournment (Agenda items may be taken out of order, combined or consideration by the public body, and/or pulled or removed from the agenda at any time. Pursuant to NRS 241.020, no action may be taken upon a matter during a period devoted to comments by the general public until the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action may be taken.)

Scott Youngs, Workgroup Leader

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.

For additional Public Comment for the SPIL

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Current State Plan for Independent Living Subcommittee Members

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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, 2950 S. Rainbow Blvd, #220, 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 21st 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
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June 1, 2016 SPIL Meeting Testimony (Attachment A)

The oppression and repression among the disability community of Nevada is astonishing. Not only witnessed by me professionally, but personally, as well. As I mentioned before, the disability community and the CILs lack the ability to be empowered and strength if there is no strong SILC. It is my belief that for the next three years SPIL needs to focus on getting the SILC autonomous and staffed with a full time staff member. You must have a full time person to focus all their attention on the SILC. If you do not do this, you will continue to spin your wheels and you will not see upward mobility rising the community to empowerment.

In addition, I strongly encourage you to shop around for the DSE. A DSE who does not support, empower people with disabilities, represses the growth of the SILC and offers no assistance or guidance to get the SILC off the ground to become an empowering body, is not qualified to serve as the DSE. Do not be afraid to exercise



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your rights. Instead, band together as a united force to break the barriers of oppression and repression.

For now, I am in Reno and plan to be. I am available to assist the SILC in any way. As you know, I have lots of nonprofit experience and know how to get a nonprofit to become a 501 c 3. I offer my service, free of charge, to members of the SILC. Unfortunately, I cannot serve on the SILC do to employment obligations, however, know that I am available to you. As a community member in Nevada, I have a personal investment in seeing people with disabilities of Nevada take their right places in society, live their dreams and not be afraid of having their own voice.

Remember, the law is on your side. Know it, use it and plan your resources wisely. Money is not the name of the game here. People and a vision of making life better for the community. Carry the vision, think globally and know that money follows the vision. The vision does not follow the money.

Jennifer