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Minutes

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

Date and Time of Meeting: March 14, 2016
3:00 p.m.

This meeting will be a Video Conference between the following:

Reno: Nevada Disability Advocacy and Law Center
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Reno, NV 89509
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1. Welcome, Roll Call and Introductions
Scott Youngs, Workgroup Leader

The Meeting was called to order at by Mr. Youngs at 3:00 p.m.

Members Present: Scott Youngs, Jennifer Whitcomb, Mark Tadder, Alicia Santiago, Kacey Curry, Lucia Mathis, Mary Evilsizer

Members Absent: Mechele Merril, Lisa Bonie

Guests: Jack Mayes, Sheree Cassiman, Rade Zone, Dora Uchel, David Davitson, Sherie Manning, Becky - CART Provider and Ryan Johnson – Interpretation

Staff: John Rosenlund, Tanya Keith

2. Verification of Posting
Scott Youngs, Workgroup Leader

Ms. Keith verified the meeting was posted in accordance with open meeting laws.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes from February 29, 2016 Meeting (For Possible Action)
Scott Youngs, Workgroup Leader

Ms. Santiago noted that the minutes stated the March 14th meeting was to start at 1:00 p.m., but it actually started at 3:00 p.m. And the March 31st meeting is scheduled for a Thursday, but is in the minutes as a Friday. Ms. Whitcomb and Mr. Tadder verified March 31st is a Thursday.

Mr. Youngs verified the meeting was originally to begin at 1:00 p.m. but due to scheduling conflicts the time was changed after the minutes were taken. Both he and Ms. Whitcomb verified that the minutes could not reflect a change made after a meeting had been concluded.

Ms. Evilsizer pointed out on page seven, Three paragraphs up from the top. The statement says Ms. Curry made the notion with an N as in Norma. I think it would be better to be an m as in motion.

Mr. Tadder made the motion to approve the minutes with the noted changes. Ms. Evilsizer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Ms. Sherry Manning, Executive Director of the Nevada Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities introduced herself.

There were no other public comments.

5. Presentation, Review, and Discussion of the State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL) Template.
Jennifer Whitcomb, ADSD

Ms. Whitcomb went through the entire SPIL Template. She answered all questions as by the Workgroup. The questions follow:



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- Q. Mr. Youngs had a question about parts A and B. He requested clarification on the disbursement of Part A and Part B money. The provision of State Independent Living services, is that where we disburse the part A money? And then how are the monies distributed to the centers?
- A. Ms. Whitcomb explained there's no part A money. There are part B funds, part C funds, and there are state funds. There's part B which is the federal money that comes down for the SILC. And then there's part C money of the federal dollars, but that goes straight to the centers. Then state dollars, all three are in the SPIL. Currently the funding is distributed through an RFP process.
- Q. Mr. Youngs asked if a plan would be written for a disabled person who was asking a general information inquiry? What is the referral process for Core Services? What types of services are there?
- A. Ms. Whitcomb replied that, she hasn't heard of an individual plan being developed because that's a straightforward information request and not a referral. Ms. Whitcomb replied that he was referring to the core services provided under the Centers for Independent Living for the SILs. That's one of the core services. So it's like we have the CIL and the Centers for Independent Living. The SILC does not provide the direct services. So what the core service under the CILs are the information for support, advocacy, Independent Living skills, training and transitional youth. Ms. Evilsizer added that wavers are available for those who are offered a plan, and do not want one.
- Q. Mr. Zone asked if the phrase "The state directly or through grants or contracts" needed to stay in the document because he found it vague and hard to understand.
- A. Mr. Youngs clarified that language actually comes from the Federal Government, and not us. So we cannot change it.
- Q. Mr. Zone asked what importance is the Parts B and C of Chapter 1 when we're really interested in is the state funds?
- A. Mr. Youngs answered Mr. Zone, informing him those are the funds that come from the feds to the state which are disbursed through the SILC.
- Q. Ms. Curry asked for clarification on which part they have to understand, Part One or Part Two?

- A. Mr. Youngs answered, Part Two is the narrative, and is the one the group needs to understand. Ms. Whitcomb told the group it is important they understand the entire document.
- Q. Mr. Youngs asked about adopting some sort of a logic model to discuss the goals and objectives and the measurable outcomes.
- A. Ms. Whitcomb answered that we can do it any way that the group feels that's needed.
- Q. Ms. Curry inquired, knowing we can't change anything in section 1, but section 1 has four sections, particularly section two, section four, section five and section seven they all say blind, blind, blind, blind, and then section two finally says disabilities and she didn't understand how we get four out of seven blind and then for the rest of the document it mostly says disability.
- A. Mr. Youngs responded he thought they fell under the same allocation in federal flow-through money; the rehab act.
- Q. Ms. Evilsizer asked if we have a representative somewhere for the older blind working with us?
- A. Mr. Rosenlund said that technically the person that sits here for the DSU, which he believes is Ms. Merrill
- Q. Mr. Zone asked about the necessity of the federal language in sections 1.1, 1.5.
- A. Mr. Youngs answered that under Number 1.5, cooperation among the entities that is the -- that comes out of the code of federal regulations. So that language below that I term comes right out of that. So it might be helpful if you looked at the current SPIL and looked at how we answered that question.
- Q. Ms. Curry asked, 1.3 B parentheses B, it says plant. Is that like a building?
- A. Mr. Youngs answered that they're talking about a physical plant, like a building and facilities.
6. Presentation, Discussion, Monitoring and Recommendations for the Development, Writing, and Implementing of the SPIL Development Strategic Plan and Timeline **(For Possible Action)**
Scott Youngs, Workgroup Leader

Mr. Youngs opened this item and asked for thoughts from the workgroup.

Ms. Whitcomb responded that she doesn't mind drafting some of the standard verbiage, as long as the group doesn't pick apart the work and can see the concept of the work presented, but be respected. She wants the review of the documents to move quickly and easily and simple errors will be worked out in the process.

Ms. Evilsizer spoke, agreeing that as a group, we need to get started on the writing of the goals and objectives and action plans. She also agrees that if Ms. Whitcomb



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could help speed up the process by drafting the areas outside of the narratives. She has a concern that there may not be enough available data to use for the drafting process.

Ms. Curry stated that Ms. Whitcomb is good at tackling what is the meat of the things that we need to attack.

Mr. Youngs reminded the group that the data is coming from the Surveys and the Town Hall Meetings that are scheduled, and at this point we can get a feel of thoughts of disabled community based on the responses we currently received from the completed surveys.

Ms. Whitcomb suggested that with Ms. Robb coming in to train how to do the Town Hall, she can bring the copies verbiage for the workgroup to review. Ms. Whitcomb can bring in print out of the currently completed surveys and email responses to the March 31st meeting and they can be reviewed then.

Ms. Evilsizer agreed, and then commented that she thinks that will work.

Ms. Whitcomb agreed and then suggested that the members email her directly what their vision and thoughts are about what they desire to be included in the SPIL Document. Mr. Youngs discussed deadlines with the workgroup, and reached a consensus of a deadline for the idea submission is Monday, March 21, 2016.

Ms. Whitcomb said there was. She recalled a previous conversation with Ms. Keith who notified her of a time change at the Las Vegas Town Hall. Ms. Keith clarified that she had gotten an email this morning from Easter Seals, the location, of the Las Vegas Town Hall meeting that said that they were changing the time from 1:30 to 1 o'clock. She stated she didn't know if that needed to be updated on the notices.

Ms. Evilsizer said that after Ms. Keith contacted her in about the time change, she contacted Ms. Lani Salazar at Easter Seals. Ms. Salazar said there was a conflict with room preparation from a previous event being held that morning. She was concerned there was not enough time to have the room ready. The Easter Seals staff said it would help them a lot if we push back the start time to 2:00 to 4:00.

Ms. Whitcomb asked what Easter Seals needed to help them be ready for the Town Hall. Ms. Evilsizer volunteered her personal time to help set up the room, and suggested a contracted staffing company her office has used before to set up these sorts of events. Ms. Whitcomb agreed that was a good idea and to send the receipts to her for the set up costs, and it was a good idea for each facilitator to oversee the set up for their own Town Hall Meeting. Ms. Whitcomb then asked Ms. Keith to ensure the Town Hall Notices are updated with the new time and to be sent back out. She then reminded the group this is the last change that can be made to the Town Hall Meetings, any further changes the Town Hall will have to be canceled. Ms. Keith agreed.

Ms. Curry asked if the Tonopah Town Hall was still at the Convention Center or moved to the Tonopah Station's Bingo Hall. Ms. Keith verified that it was at the Bingo Hall due to a scheduling conflict at the Convention Center. Ms. Curry was confused as to why her copy of the notice was not updated with that change. Ms. Keith clarified; the change was made after Ms. Curry's Packet was mailed out.

Ms. Whitcomb then offered to write a brief agenda of public comment for each of the Town Hall meetings to go out for posting. The group agreed that was fine.

7. **Second Public Comments 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

Ms. Whitcomb asked the group to return their SILC Binder's if they have one, because we want to update these with current information. She suggested herself and Ms. Keith can collect them at the Town Hall meetings.

Mr. Davitson was next to speak. He asked about what the federal definition of a severe disability was. He said that to a person who others may perceive as a severely disabled, to their point of reference, they are not disabled at all. To them it is their daily way of life; they know no other way and do not feel that they themselves are disabled in any way. To call them with the term "Severely Disabled" may be insulting, oppressive or discriminatory. So, to help them become independent, and having to classify their level of disability could stereotype them and can make their life more difficult. When they graduate school, they go to IL programs to help them become independent and not seen as severely disabled, regardless of where they might be in the path of recovering or becoming independent.

So some areas like -- some of the rural areas that might not be represented quite as much, those areas might be quite a bit further behind in services than we are in this area whether it's interpreting, deaf or other services that are available, they may be quite a bit behind. So we need to figure out who's going to be making those types of decisions. I think it's important for us to be helping in those rural areas right now those services can be in a very, very desperate need. The



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DHHARC in the South, they have it down there. They have a budget for those types of things, but here in the North we don't. So I don't know if you guys are willing to take on those types of roles and responsibilities. They can't fill with the DHH or DRA up here; but I know we're missing a lot of service population in those rural areas. So I think it would be good to get more people involved in service there for this to be successful and as a group we should probably address those issues.

Ms. Uchel asked if she could ask a question. She was trying to follow the SPIL template, but not being a member, did not receive a copy of the document before the meeting. She wanted to say thanks to Ms. Keith, she did send a really helpful agenda. She didn't have to click on any links. She had that option in the email; it was right below her signature. She would like to know if other documents can be sent at the same time, or is that not allowed? It would make it easier for us to see so we can sort of follow when Ms. Whitcomb is talking. And also with the survey, having a copy of the survey she could complete rather than be online would be easier because she is blind, and she feels she could totally give some input. To help you guys write the SPIL. Because we're blind, we're living this thing every day. With our disability and trying to -- Mr. Youngs interjected that if she wanted to give him a call, and let me know what format you want that in, we'll try to get that done for you. He said it's available online now, but he was not sure what format would work best for her. Ms. Uchel replied that she tried to look for the link but it didn't come up. Mr. Tadder asked if she was inquiring on the survey. Ms. Uchel said no, specifically the SPIL template document that Ms. Whitcomb was reading from. Ms. Whitcomb added that she will check into it.

There were no further public comments.

8. Discuss next meeting Agenda Items (For Possible Action)
Scott Youngs, Workgroup Leader

Ms. Whitcomb reminded Mr. Youngs of a conversation at the previous meeting, to discuss the March 31, 2016 meeting. Items Discussed:

- a. She said we'll have the town hall training from Rique
- b. Compiled responses she will get from the group for the SPIL
- c. She'll have some preliminary draft language for the sections of the SPIL

- d. And then starting some of the actual writing
- e. Reviewing the survey results of what we have to date.

Ms. Curry requested that the group make sure we always have about what our calendar is going to be scheduling. Meeting schedule.

Mr. Youngs agreed that would make a pretty full agenda

9. **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

Ms. Evilsizer motioned to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Tadder Seconded the motion. It carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 4:56 pm

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

Scott Youngs (Workgroup Leader), Lisa Bonie, Kacy Curry, Mechelle Merrill, Mark Tadder, Mary Evilsizer, Jennifer Whitcomb, Alicia Santiago, Lucia Mathis

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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
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