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Draft Minutes

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

Date and Time of Meeting: January 9, 2020
9:30 a.m.

This meeting will be held via telephone and video-conference from:

Las Vegas: Southern Nevada Center for Independent Living (SNCIL)
2950 S Rainbow Blvd, Suite 220
Las Vegas, NV 89146

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1. Welcome, Roll Call and Introductions
Sam Lieberman, Chair

Members Present: Patricia Unruh, Kacy Curry, Mary Evilsizer, Sam Lieberman, Jennifer Kane, Janet Serial, Cheyenne Pasquale

Members Absent: Vicki Essner

Guests: Bryan Hilbert, Mark Tadder, Eric Himenez, Stacy Sherrard, Lynda Turloukis, Renee Portnell

CART Provider: Becky Van Auken

Staff: Dawn Lyons, Wendy Thornley

2. 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).

Mary stated that the Southern Nevada Center for Independent Living has partnered with Southern Nevada regional housing authority and received 111 additional vouchers for housing for individuals ages 18 to 62. They currently have a waiting list of 260 individuals in that age range, and so they have sent out a letter advising that there is a potential for vouchers at this time. They are partnering with the Clark County school district to work with transition coordinators to engage youth in the program. Besides the age criteria, the participants must not have any felonies, be at or below poverty level, have a disability, and have a source of income or Social Security, with the addition of having a disability. These are the same eligibility requirements as HUD housing. After eligibility is established, the housing authority takes over the process.

Dawn stated that she has Transportation Summit summary booklets for anyone who would like one. She will be sending one to: Sam, Patricia, and Kacy.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes from November 6, 2019 **(For Possible Action)**.
Sam Lieberman, Chair

Mary motioned to approve the minutes. Patricia seconded. Motion carried.

4. Update on Membership Status and Make Recommendations to Endorse Interested Parties as New Members to the Governor's Office **(For Possible Action)**.
Sam Lieberman, Chair

Dawn stated that she and Cheyenne Pasquale had contacted the Governor's office regarding membership applications. The Governor's office stated to them that all submitted applications are in process. Dawn stated that an interested person emailed her and that perhaps they would attend the next meeting. Dawn stated that she was in communication about membership, with a young adult she connected with at the Youth Leadership Transition Summit. Dawn appreciates the patience of the applicants, with the Governor's office process.

5. Review of Open Meeting Law Rules and Requirements Regarding Public Comment from the Nevada Open Meeting Law Manual, 12th Edition, 2016.
Dawn Lyons, Executive Director

Dawn stated that she handed out page 68 of the Open Meeting Law (OML), and highlighted sections that discussed Public Comment. She read the following, out loud, "Discussion of public comment is specifically allowed under NRS 241.020, section 2 d3. This statute was amended in 1991. Now it allows discussion of public comment with the public body.

NRS 241.020 provides the public body must allow periods devoted to comments by the general public, if any, and discussion of those comments if the public body chooses to engage in the public discussion. The statute does not mandate discussion with the public, but it does allow discussion. A public body may not inform the public that it legally is prohibited from

discussing public comments either among themselves or with speakers from the public. NRS 241.020 clearly allows discussion with members of the public. Of course, no matter raised in public comment may be the subject of either deliberation or action.” Dawn will clarify this with the Deputy Attorney General (DAG), and bring information to the next meeting.

6. Update Regarding Progress on the State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL) by the SPIL Work Group and Information About the Latest Adjustment to the SPIL Timeline.
Sam Lieberman, Chair

Dawn stated that she had provided meeting materials regarding the progress of the SPIL Work Group in defining goals, with the second page beginning the indicators pertaining to those goals. She also included the new timeline for the SPIL based on the prior timeline developed by Mark Tadder. She extended the dates because it is going to take a bit longer that was expected to complete the state plan.

7. Discussion and Make Recommendations Regarding the Next State Plan for Independent Living Draft **(For Possible Action)**.
Sam Lieberman, Chair

Dawn invited the group to email her with ideas to put on the next SPIL or clarified. Mary stated that she saw improvement from the last SPIL. She also expressed appreciation for Dawn providing SPILs from other states for the members to read and compare. Dawn stated that she hopes that the indicators will get more specific. Sam stated that the SILC’s communications firm is doing personal interviews with several people in order to put together a website and a communications plan, and that perhaps more ideas will come forward.

8. Report from the Northern Center for Independent Living in Nevada on the Subaward from Fiscal Year 2018.
Lisa Bonie, Executive Director, NNCIL

Lisa Bonie was not in attendance; however, she had provided a report. She welcomed any questions from the group for her or towards Dawn.

9. Approve Next Meeting Agenda Items and Next Meeting Date **(For Possible Action)**
Next SPIL Workgroup Meeting February 13, 2020 at 2pm at
SNCIL/Zoom/Teleconference
Next SILC Meeting TBD (March 5, 2020 at 9:30 am) regularly scheduled next meeting
April 9, 2020 at 9:30am SNCIL/Zoom/Teleconference/NNCIL
Report from KPS3
Sam Lieberman, Chair

10. 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).

Dawn stated that four members and herself will be attending the 2020 SILC Congress and that the travel requests were in process.

Janet Serial stated that she was having some difficulties with accessing the meeting materials sent to her and thus would like to have a physical meeting place in Reno.

Renee Portnell asked that information be brought back to the group from the SILC Congress.

Patricia wondered if the meetings could just take place via ZOOM.

Sam stated that he is more comfortable with a physical meeting space.

Dawn stated that technical difficulties were currently being addressed by NNCIL and she did not anticipate any further issues. Dawn and Wendy will conduct a test of the system soon.

Mary stated that SNCIL had been notified that Social Security offices are reinstating older business hours and that they would be open till 4:00pm. Also, Social Security is in the process of hiring 1,100 additional direct service workers.

Linda asked for more information about the SILC Congress. Dawn will get that to her.

Bryan suggested she research the National Council for Independent Living Conference. Dawn will give Linda more information.

11. 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.)

Sam Lieberman, Chair

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 am.

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Current Independent Living Council Members

Sam Lieberman (Chair), Mary Evilsizer, Kacy Curry, Jennifer Kane, Vickie Essner, Patricia Unruh, Cheyenne Pasquale

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