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Draft Minutes

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

Date and Time of Meeting: **November 6, 2019**
9:30 a.m.

This meeting will be held via telephone conference from:

Las Vegas: Nevada Disability Advocacy and Law Center (NDALC)
2820 West Charleston Boulevard #11
Las Vegas, NV 89102

Reno: Nevada Disability Advocacy and Law Center (NDALC)
1875 Plumas Street #1
Reno, NV 89509

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Meeting Materials Available at: <http://adsd.nv.gov/Boards/SILC/Agendas/>

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

Members Present: Sam Lieberman, Kacy Curry, Vickie Essner, Mary Evilsizer, Cheyenne Pasquale

Members Absent: Dora Martinez, Patricia Unruh, Jennifer Kane, Dora Uchel,

Guests: Havander Davis, Janet Serial, Andy Walden, Renee Portnell, Mary Langdon, Christine Essex,

CART: 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).

Renee is going to re-submit her application. Dawn will send her the link to the application. Dora will also need to re-submit her application as the governor's office cannot locate either one. Janet will be submitting an application for membership.

Sam clarified that public comment is for comments with no discussions. This subject will be on the next agenda.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes from July 11, 2019 **(For Possible Action)**.
Sam Lieberman, Chair

Mary motioned to approve the minutes. Kacy 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 will re-send the application link to Renee.
Havander Davis was present and introduced himself to the Council.
Lynda Tourloukis was present and introduced herself to the Council.
Janet Serial was present and introduced herself to the Council.
Dawn will be talking with Eric Jimenez about applying.
Dora will re-apply for her second term.

Kacy motioned for the Council to approve Havander Davis, Lynda Tourloukis, Janet Serial to move forward with applying for Council membership. Sam seconded. Motion carried.

5. Progress Update on KPS3 Contract.
Sam Lieberman, Chair

Sam introduced Andy Walden, from KPS3. Andy stated that they are in the initial stage, called discovery, which gathers information from the surveys that were sent out previously. This feedback will be used to create a strategic plan on next steps. The next step would be to create a marketing website that will promote the SILC, as well as creating a data hub that allows for gathering and reporting on statistics that will tell the story and represent those in need.

6. Rural Outreach and Data Collection Report for Informing the Next State Plan for Independent Living.

Kacy Curry, SILC Member
Dawn Lyons, Executive Director

Dawn stated that she and Kacy had returned from their rural tour of Nevada, traveling some 1,566 miles and 13 counties. They visited many rural locations over the week of travel. There is interested in becoming a member of the SILC, an individual who experienced an interesting program in New Mexico that would like to present to the council. The biggest issues reported were housing and transportation. They connected with many people and organizations, gathered contact info and have the information to create a rural contact list. They found extreme need in the furthestmost rural towns.

7. Discussion and Make Possible Recommendations Regarding SILC Budget Plan for Fiscal Year 2020 **(For Possible Action)**.

Dawn Lyons, Executive Director

Dawn had provided meeting materials on this for Fiscal Years 18, 19, & 20. She noted that in Fiscal Year 18, some of the sub granted money was not spent. She will give final numbers after coordinating with the Fiscal department. Fiscal Year 19 shows the council being over budget, but again, will work with the Fiscal department for final numbers. She stated that she met a Colorado Fiscal person who is very involved. The Colorado group has invited the SILC to travel there and gather information about how they are working on fiscal matters.

8. Presentation of Federal Fiscal Year 20 SILC Competitive Funding Applications and Evaluations.

Cheyenne Pasquale, DSE Representative

Sam stated that he had worked with Dawn and Cheyenne on this. Cheyenne stated that the notice of funding opportunity, (NOFO), was released with applications due on September 24th. A total of \$70,000 was available. There were five priorities for this funding opportunity. The first and second, were addressing accessible and affordable housing. The third was services for traumatic and other brain injury services, focusing on peer support, research and education. The fourth was rural services for independent living. The fifth was transition services for students in Nevada. Proposals were received from "Southern Nevada Center for Independent Living", "Brain Injury Solutions" and "There is a Solution". "Brain Injury Solutions" was recommended for the \$70,000 funding.

In the future, the NOFO will be promoted more widely and in new ways. Currently, it was promoted to over 200 organizations.

9. Determination of Federal Fiscal Year 20 SILC Competitive Funding Awards Presented in Agenda Item 8 **(For Possible Action)**.

Sam Lieberman, Chair

Kacy Curry motioned for “Brain Injury Solutions” to be approved for the funding. As the only voting member present, who was not abstaining, she also seconded and voted on the motion.

10. Discussion and Make Recommendations Regarding the Next State Plan for Independent Living Draft **(For Possible Action)**.

Sam Lieberman, Chair

Dawn stated that the SPIL Timeline, which was provided as a meeting material, had the date adjustments from the last meeting. The Council should be presently in the process of writing the new SPIL, or the draft of it. She suggested the activation of a workgroup with December fifth and nineteenth as possible dates for meeting. The following people volunteered to be part of the SPIL workgroup: Sam Lieberman as the Chair, Havander Davis, Christine Essex, Janet Serial, Renee Portnell, Vickie Essner, the following people will be invited to join the workgroup: Bryan Hilbert, Lisa Bonie, Mark Tadder, John Rosenlund, Robin Kinkaid and Jack Mayes.

Dawn will send out the previous State Plan and stated that it is posted on both websites through Aging and Disability Services and the SILC’s own website.

Kacy motioned to have the meetings on December 5th and 19th with times to be determined. The meetings will be to write the 3-year State Plan for Independent Living. Mary seconded. Motion carried.

11. Update on the Independent Living Program through the State of Nevada.

John Rosenlund, Program Specialist, ADSD

Dawn stated that John had submitted his information as a meeting material. He was not able to be at the meeting however, anyone could submit questions via email to Dawn, and she would forward them to John.

She also stated that, “The statewide Independent Living Council provides \$140,000 in support for the independent living program through the state of Nevada. It’s a state program. Right now, our contract in providers for parameter are Easter Seals in the south and Care Chest in the north. And they provide independent living services according to the state program which is what John runs.

They have a total of I think it’s like \$1.3 million from the State. So, \$140,000 to them is a little bit of money but to us it’s a lot so we want to support that and so that’s what the SILC does.”

12. Report from the Centers for Independent Living in Nevada on the Subawards from Fiscal Year 2018.

Mary Evilsizer, Executive Director, SNCIL

Lisa Bonie, Executive Director, NNCIL

Mary stated that she had presented a similar report previously but provided the following information. She stated that both Centers for Independent Living have the opportunity, to appropriate funding from the SILC to establish housing programs. She stated the Southern Nevada Center for Independent Living (SNCIL), started with a waiting list of 300 individuals

with disabilities. They were able to assist 260 individuals apply for housing. There is a two to three-year waiting list.

She stated that both Northern and Southern centers have joined housing coalitions, both national and local.

Lisa Bonie sent her report and Wendy will send it out to the council.

13. Approve Next Meeting Agenda Items and Next Meeting Date **(For Possible Action)**

Next SPIL Workgroup Meeting TBD

Next SILC Meeting January 9, 2020 at NNCIL/SNCIL

Sam Lieberman, Chair

Agenda items for the next SILC meeting, include:

membership status,

the contract with KPS3,

the SPIL and possible approval of the draft,

Brain Injury Solutions report,

John Rosenlund to report on his presentation from this time,

upcoming conferences,

a possible presentation from a gentleman contacted during the rural tour,

a possible change in the bylaws regarding CIL voting memberships rotating on a yearly basis,

and an update on the SILC budget.

14. 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).

Janet stated that February is Black History Month and the Reno-Sparks NAACP will be hosting a health forum and is looking for a presenter on people with disabilities, particularly in the African American and other communities of color.

Mary thanked the Council for sponsorship to the APRIL Conference. The CILs are being encouraged to get more towards the fee for services in developing different programs. She noted that there was good Nevada representation at the conference.

Mary Langdon thanked the group for involvement and bringing awareness and education to the community. She stated that March is Brain Injury Awareness Month and she is working with a big organization in Las Vegas to get set up.

Kacy stated that she is intrigued by the APRIL conference and the possibility of more community events. She congratulated the newest membership applicants.

Lynda stated that it was currently National Caregivers Month and that caregivers are often forgotten, and that Brain Injury Solutions, celebrates them.

15. **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, Vice-Chair

Meeting adjourned at 11:12 am.

Contacts

For additional Public Comment for the SILC

Current Independent Living Council Members

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

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Southern Nevada Center for Independent Living, 2950 S. Rainbow Blvd, #220, N. Las Vegas Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89146

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Nevada Disability Advocacy & Law Center, 1875 Plumas St #1, Reno, NV 89509

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