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SILC Quarterly Public Meeting Minutes

Thursday January 7, 2016

DVR Headquarters- Large Conference Room

4565 7th Ave SE, Lacey, WA 98503

Members Present: Mark Leeper, Center Director Representative, Pullman. Jana Finkbonner, VR Tribal Representative, Bellingham. Debbie Brown, DSB Ex-Officio, Spokane. Kayla Victor, Private Business Representative, Vancouver. Krysta Van Woert, General Public Representative, Tonasket. Andres Aguirre, DVR Ex-Officio, Olympia. Jason Ritchie, Private Business Representative, Issaquah. Keith James, Advocate for Individuals with Disabilities.

Members Absent: Almir Trejo, General Public Representative, Tacoma. Ryan Nabors, CIL Representative, Tumwater.

Council Staff: Emilio Vela, Jr., SILC ED, Olympia. Alexandria Hatcher, Inclusive Emergency Planning Manager, Lynnwood. Megan Holloway, SILC Executive Assistant, Olympia. Ericka Malamphy, Administrative Assistant, Lacey.

Guests: LouOma Durand, DSB Executive Director. Michael MacKillop, DSB Deputy Director. Teesha Kirschbaum, WSRC Executive Director. Jerry Johnsen, Client Assistant Program.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order on January 7, 2016, at 9:25 A.M. by Mark Leeper, SILC Chair.

Approval of July 2015 Minutes:

Motion: Motioned to change Zacchoreli from a guest representing CFI, to a guest of the community. With all in favor, motion carried.

Motion: Kayla motioned and seconded by Jana, to approve the minutes as amended. With all in favor, motion carried.

State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL) Public Hearings Summary: Emilio reported on a 4 page summary that was created from the State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL) Public Forums public feedback. This report was compiled with the communities responses to the 6 questions asked at each hearing. The summary also contains an abbreviated summary of the responses separated into categories; these categories were created from the most commonly mentioned issues statewide.

Emilio also stated that a document was created with the Communications Access Real-time Translation (CART), word for word; responses to each question, and separated by the location of the SPIL Hearing.

Emilio highlighted the fact that Washington State is currently serving 21 out of 39 counties.

Ericka Malamphy was introduced to the Council as the SILCs newest staff: a part time Administrative Assistant to the State Independent Living Council (SILC)'s Department of Health (DOH) Emergency Planning Project.

Motion: Jana motioned and seconded by Kayla, to go into executive session.

SILC Executive Director Report: Emilio informed the Council about the 2015 Association on Programs for Rural Independent Living (APRIL) Conference in Virginia Beach and how Washington State had the most youth present. Emilio spoke about the importance of peer to peer youth connections.

Debbie mentioned that the 2017 APRIL Conference will be in Spokane, Washington.

Emilio stated that Mark, Alex and himself will be leaving for the annual SILC Congress in Arizona the following week. They will be doing a presentation on Best Practices.

Alex informed the Council about the Coalition on Inclusive Emergency Planning (CIEP). They have also created a Steering Committee, which held their first meeting on January 6, 2016. February 5, 2016 will be the first meeting of the CIEP. Alex informed the Council on the deliverables of the DOH grant and the goals of CIEP.

Independent Living (IL) Proposed Rules Statutes Discussion: Emilio reported on the Proposed Rules and the importance of supplying comments on the rules affecting independent living. He would like to encourage the CILs to chime in to show our solidarity.

Emilio also went over the comments produced from the National Council of Independent Living (NCIL) on the proposed rules.

Emilio went on to read some of the new Proposed Rules and highlighted on the sections where feedback is requested. He also encouraged anyone who would like to, to call or email and share their comments with the Council.

SPIL Workgroups and Timeline/Guidelines Discussion: The date of submission for the 2017-2019 State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL) is 90 days prior to the ending date of the previous Plan. The SPIL Subcommittee is currently meeting one time every two weeks to discuss and develop a draft of the SPIL. The next SPIL Subcommittee meeting will be on January 13, 2016. Those who decide to participate are more than welcome.

IL Policy and Legislative Agenda: Emilio spoke about the upcoming Disabilities Legislative Reception on January 20, 2016, from 5:30-7:30pm. He informed the Council that SILC staff will be volunteering our time to set up and work the tables.

WSRC Representative Discussion: The council nominated Krysta and Keith for the Washington State Rehabilitation Council (WSRC) Representative. Krysta and Keith each spoke on what they can offer the WSRC.

Ultimately, Krysta is the new SILC Representative on the WSRC.

Ex-Officio Legislative Session/Representative Updates: LouOma Durand reported on how many consumers the Department of Services for the Blind (DSB) was able to serve with the Part B funds last year. She also spoke about the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) and the affects this may have on DSB.

Andres informed the Council that the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) is currently developing the Combined State Plan and they have now completed 2 Public Hearings. Andres also stated that DVR is still working on implementing the Pre-Employment Transition Services (PETS) program and they plan on establishing some internships with the Governors Committee for this next year.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.