



# WASHINGTON

## State Independent Living Council

### WASILC QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES

**Thursday, October 11, 2018**

Red Lion River Inn, 700 N Division  
Spokane, WA 99202

#### **Members Present:**

Mark Leeper, Center Director Representative, Pullman  
Jana Finkbonner, VR Tribal Representative, Bellingham  
Arlene Itou, Ex-Officio Department of Services for the Blind (DSB), Seattle  
Keith James, Advocate for Individuals with Disabilities, Seattle  
Davi Kallman, Advocate for Individuals with Disabilities, Pullman  
Ryan Nabors, Advocate for Individuals with Disabilities, Tumwater  
Michael Richardson, Advocate for Individuals with Disabilities, Seattle  
Sheila Turner, Parent Guardian Representative, Pasco

#### **Members Absent:**

Rob Hines, Ex-Officio DVR, Olympia  
Kayla Victor, Private Business Representative, Vancouver

#### **Council Staff:**

Kim Conner, Executive Director  
Jim House, Disability Integration Manager  
Nichole Kloepfer, Executive Assistant

#### **Guests:**

Aaron Riley, Regional LTC Ombudsman  
Kim Canaan, University of WA, Older Blind and IL Programs  
Kimberly Meck, Director, Alliance of People with disAbilities  
Mels Felton, Spokane Youth Transition Coordinator  
Debbie Brown, DSB  
Bill Kane, Executive Director, Spokane Center for Independent Living

**Call to Order:** Thursday, October 11, 2018 at 9:10 by Mark Leeper, SILC Chair

**Motion to approve July 2018 quarterly meeting minutes as amended.**

***Motion: Michael Richardson***

***Second: Ryan Nabors***

***Vote: Unanimous***

**Financial Report: Kim Conner**

- Reviewed WASILC financial report.
- Overall FFY18 WASILC was approximately \$16,000 under spent.
- There are changes to OFM/DVR fiscal report formatting. This will change how the budget report will look when presented to the Council.
- The CIEP budget runs from July 1-June 30. It's in line with projected spending.

**Tribal Report: Jana Finkbonner**

- Tribes met last week to work on MOU agreement. Will be signing soon.
- The group discussed the Order of Selection process and transition.

**Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR): Kim Conner for Rob Hines**

- DVR has submitted one Decision Package requesting an additional \$2 million for the next biennium. The additional funds were requested to assist with MSD (most significantly disabled) increasing expenditures.
- DVR targeting two areas identified in the 2017 Employee Survey for improvement: I receive clear information about changes being made within the agency. We use customer feedback to improve our work processes. Action is being taken to address the identified areas.
- Current State Plan Goals and Priorities include:
  - Improve Employment Outcomes for Individuals with Disabilities
  - Improve the Quality of Customer Services
  - Promote DVR's role in advancing effective services for people with disabilities, as a leader in the Workforce Development System
  - Improve DVR's Systems and Performance

**Department of Services for the Blind (DSB): Arlene Itou**

- Arlene gave an overview of Youth programs. LEAP (ages 14-21), SWAG at Eastern Washington University (ages 18-21), assisting with life skills and small business management.
- DSB implemented the Order of Selection wait list as of October 1, 2018. They continue to serve and act as a referral service. As of October, there is currently 27 people on the waitlist.
- DSB had a stakeholder-facilitated retreat by Mark Leeper on September 12. Out of it came two workgroups. Statewide Resource Management and Strategic Planning and Making the Case for IL.
- The intent is to develop concrete action items and determine what data is needed to fill gaps.
- The Spokane DSB moved to new offices and are pleased with the transition.

**WSRC: Keith James**

- WSRC is in progress of recruiting for a new Executive Assistant, working on a Customer Services Manual, and engaged in a DVR Equity and Diversity Project.

- They are also recruiting a customer and labor seat for the board.
- Their next meeting is October 18-19 in Bellevue, WA.

**Blind IL Program: Kim Canaan**

- 20% cut to vendors for the older blind program.
- Looking forward to participating in the workgroup Arlene mentioned.
- Younger blind program – only 3 out of 8 vendors received direct contract funds. The others will still be able to provide services, but they'll be competing for those funds out of a \$10K pot.
- Will continue to provide services until funding runs out.

**Centers for Independent Living: Mark Leeper**

- Mark has been busy as Chair with the SPIL. Planning is moving forward.
- Bob Williams indicated there will be a delay in 704 reporting.
- Annual Report for CILS- PPR is typically the last day of December. New deadline is unknown, but they will prepare to submit at the regular deadline.
- Title C & B increased funding.
- Amended contracts from DVR to distribute additional Part B funds and unused Part B funds have been executed for all CILs using the current formula.

**Spokane Center for Independent Living: Bill Kane**

- Bill noted many changes. They have a small dynamic staff. They have rebuilt their Board of Directors twice.
- The Center just completed their 1<sup>st</sup>, one-year strategic plan. The board is adjusting to the rebirth and rebranding of the Center.
- Other CIL directors provided guidance during the transitions.

**Alliance of People with disAbilities: Kimberly Meck**

- In July Kimberly went to D.C. to attend the NCIL conference. Wonderful turnout and great inspiration.
- Adam Smith and Maria Cantwell are supporting the Disability Integration Action bill.
- The Alliance is going through rebranding. DisAbilities offices are moving, and they are looking for space for same amount of money. Trying to stay within the same area and close to public transportation.

**Washington Assistive Technology Act Program (WATAP): Kimberly Meck**

- They are recruiting at the University of Washington campus.
- They currently have four members. They have 6 meetings a year.
- Kimberly is the Region 10 representative for NICL. If anyone wants more information, they can reach out to her.

**Client Assistant Program: Jerry Johnsen**

- No report at this time.

**Youth in Spokane: Panel Discussion**

- Mark Leeper gave brief history of the organization.
- Debbie Brown discussed DSB's week long youth conference, and other youth activities DSB provides.
- Mels Felton, Spokane Youth Transition Coordinator, with the Disability Action Center, gave an overview on the youth programs offered.

**SNAP Presentation**

- Aaron Riley, Regional LTC Ombudsman gave an overview of his programs and explained that trained volunteers in the Eastern Washington Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program advocate for residents of nursing homes, adult family homes assisted living facilities and enhanced services facilities.
- Their purpose is to protect and promote the Residents' Rights guaranteed residents under Federal and State law and regulations. Volunteers are trained to receive complaints and resolve problems in situations involving quality of care, use of restraints, transfer and discharge, abuse and other aspects of resident dignity and rights.
- More information on them and the services that they offer can be found at <https://www.snapwa.org/>

**SPIL Public Forum** - CART notes from this event are available.

**Adjourned @ 3:30 pm.**