

Executive Director Report
State Independent Living Council
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A. State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL)

1. Received “approval e-mail” from Sean Barrett on October 2nd. The approval letter is “in the mail.”
2. Presented to CIL board members and executive directors the specifics on the SPIL. This presentation was an effort to get additional ideas on how to make this a successful SPIL in the next three years. (September 18, 2007).
3. The consensus is that the SPIL committee will continue to meet at least two times per year in person to review, monitor and evaluate (or even change) the document.
4. The SPIL is on the website:
<http://www.wasilc.org/documents/StatePlan.html>

B. Assistive Technology

1. As one of the “issue areas” in the SPIL, I have actively been working with the Washington Assistive Technology Foundation (WATF) and Washington Assistive Technology Act Program (WATAP) to develop relationships with the CILs in promoting accessible and affordable assistive technology. Project Director Debbie Cook and I are working on ways to get information to CILs and the consumers they serve.
2. Attended meetings on August 1 (WATAP advisory council meeting) and September 24th (WATF retreat and board meeting).
3. Center for Independence (CFI) assistive technology focus group. August 6th

C. Roads to Community Living

1. A large element in “De-Institutionalization” issue area.
2. Attended meetings on August 9th and September 27th to offer input on marketing program, incorporating assistive technology, and promoting the CIL role in this process.
3. Worked with consumers from The Alliance for People with Disabilities (Seattle CIL) and Center for Independence (Lakewood) on detailed survey. The purpose of the survey is to gather input from consumers on how to craft a program in this state that addresses the needs of individual consumers and their families. August 6th and 11th.
4. On September 26th, attended Long Term Care Advisory Committee at the John O’Brian building in the capitol complex. The major issue discussed was necessity (or not) of training for providers (personal attendants) of individuals with long-term care needs. (not specifically Roads to

Community Living, but the issue is a large one relating to deinstitutionalization)

D. Youth Leadership Forum

1. Attended week long forum for youth with disabilities. I was a “Lead Counselor”- leading small group discussions on topics relating to leadership.
2. Also presented on basic financial resources and independent living resources.
3. Event took place from August 11th to 17th

E. Beyond Disabilities Conference- Pasco September 13, 2007

1. Took part in two different panel discussions. One on advocacy and the other on independent living.
2. The outcome of my participation on the panels was that conference participants in the Tri-Cities area became more aware of effective advocacy strategies and more knowledgeable about the IL movement and IL in this state.

F. ACIL-WA training. September 17 and 18th

1. Presentation on the Rehabilitation Act and its implications for Independent Living
2. Presentation to CIL board members and CIL directors on SPIL and how to implement it. (same as A-2 above)

G. Miscellaneous

1. LEAD- Thurston County. Leadership development training for Thurston County. September 21st and 22nd
2. Met with Eric Raff, Director of the Office of Deaf and Hard of Hearing to discuss ways to advance the SPIL for Deaf and Hard of Hearing individuals. Aug 22nd
3. Met with Shawn Muriko of the State Department of Transportation about possible project for CILs involving surveying various transportation spots (ferries, terminals, etc.) in the state. September 20th.
4. Participated in meeting with various disability advocates and Representative Deb Wallace to discuss potential legislation in the upcoming year. September 6th.
5. Presentation to state employees (Labor and Industry) as part of Disability Awareness activities. October 2nd.
6. Met with Jim Baker and Representative Deb Wallace to strategize on ways to make state funding for CILs a reality. October 2nd.
7. LAST BUT NOT LEAST. Presentation to Kevin Nathan (with plaque) for his service to the SILC. There is a photo of the presentation on the SILC website. August 21st.

