

Executive Director Report
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1. **State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL).** The Annual “Monitoring and Review” meeting was held on September 10th in Kent. The notes to the meeting are attached for your review.

a. **Deaf- Blind, Deaf, and Hard of Hearing IL Outreach Committee.**

Conducted a fourth meeting on September 19th to brainstorm additional ideas on how IL can work with this population (considered an “underserved” population in the SPIL). Charley Lane attended this meeting. The next meeting will take place in either December or January. The focus of these meetings is on real solutions in the CILs for Deaf, Deaf Blind and Hard of Hearing.

Three CILs (dRC, CWDR, and CFI) have Video Phones, and this is a growing sign that the Centers are working on their outreach efforts to their local Deaf populations.

b. **Transportation-** I attended the first State Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) meeting on September 16th at the request of Shawn Murinko of Washington DOT . The purpose of the AAC is to examine how Washington state provides transportation services in a variety of modes: ferries, commuter rail, highways, bus transport, and so forth. The committee is looking at methods to make sure that the State is more compliant in (and aware of) existing accessibility laws- as well as making suggestions to DOT so the State can be more proactive in promoting accessible options for its citizens and tourists.

c. **Increasing Capacity/ Legislative.**

- In coordination with ACIL-WA, the SILC assisted with the printing and distribution of “What is Independent Living?” brochures.
- Attended two Candidates Forums events: Tacoma and Vancouver (I was the master of ceremonies at the Tacoma forum)
- Planning legislative projects during the September 11th and 12th ACIL-WA meetings.

d. **Assistive Technology.**

- Continuing work with Washington Assistive Technology Foundation (WATF) in capacity of board member. Meetings (in-person and phone): 9/22 and 10/20

- Assisting WATF in board member recruitment. Two potential WATF members are from Vancouver and Ellensburg, locations of two our state CILs.

- e. **Deinstitutionalization.** There was no formal Roads to Community Living (RTCL) meeting in the reporting period. Several of the CILs, CWDR being one, have already assisted approximately 10 individuals back into the community using RTCL and other tools.

I met with Liz Prince on October 16th to review the status of the project.

f. **Marketing:**

- First SILC newsletter went out electronically in late August. The next newsletter will be published in November.
- Presentation to Washington Home Care Authority, Oct. 21, 2008.

g. **Youth Leadership Forum-** I again attended the Forum as a “Co-Counselor.” I also provided a personal finance presentation that was well-received by the student delegates. 32 students attended the August 9-15 event held at The Evergreen State College.

2. **LEAD Thurston County.** The program is formally over for me, but I am still involved in a variety of the sub-committees (finance, curriculum, and marketing) to promote LEAD in the community. The reason that I am involved in several committees instead of one is that I am providing the “disability perspective” in these committees.
3. **Position Papers.** The following position papers were formally approved at the July Meeting. All are currently on the SILC Website for viewing (<http://www.wasilc.org/PositionPapers/Info.html>)
- a. 24-month waiting period for Medicare recipients
 - b. Housing
 - c. Veteran’s Returning from the Middle East
 - d. Migrant and Seasonal Farm Workers
 - e. Voting and Elections
 - f. Transition for Students with Disabilities
 - g. Long-Term Care

I am working with Jana Finkbonner of the SILC on finishing up the Native American position paper. This paper will be formally adopted at the October SILC meeting.

4. **Miscellaneous**

- a. I participated in two Conference Calls with other SILC directors and SILC members from Region X to discuss, among other things, RSA’s relationship with the SILCs, Part B funding differences between the states of Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington. This will be an on-going

conference call between Region X SILC partners. (September 22nd and 29th). The next call is on November 12th. The calls were hosted by CCER (Center for Continuing Education in Rehabilitation, Region X)

- b. Disability Studies & Collaboration between Eastern Washington University, the SILC, and ACIL-WA: Met with SILC Chair Romel Mackelprang, Charley Lane (director of dRC), and Linda McClain to discuss possible grants and other program ideas in the area of disability studies. (October 17th in Cheney)
- c. Participated in “SILC and Outcomes” Webcast on Oct. 2nd and 7th sponsored by the National Council on Independent Living (NCIL).
- d. Attended meeting on “Abuse System Reporting” sponsored by Disability Rights Washington, October 10th
- e. Attended “Say Hey” Olympia, October 14th