

Executive Director Report
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1. **State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL).** Continuing

- a. **Deaf- Blind, Deaf, and Hard of Hearing IL Outreach Committee.**
Planning for January 30, 2009 Meeting.
- b. **Transportation-** I attended the second State Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) meeting on January 16th at the request of Shawn Murinko of Washington DOT .
- c. **Increasing Capacity/ Legislative.**
 - Worked with ACIL-WA to purchase items (folders and buttons) for their legislative packet
 - Attended two in-person and conference call meetings (December 2, 2008 and January 20, 2009) during the quarter and had numerous conversations with individual CIL directors:
- d. **Assistive Technology.**
 - Continuing work with Washington Assistive Technology Foundation (WATF) in capacity of board member. Meetings (in-person and phone): 10/26, 11/12, and 1/14/09
- e. **Deinstitutionalization.** Met with Liz Prince on October 27, 2008 to discuss updates on Roads to Community Living. Statewide, There have been approximately 80 individuals have moved from institutions to community-based living options. (This number is an estimate based on information I received from Liz in early December, 2008)

F. Emergency Preparedness- Met with John Erickson, Gail Zimmerman, and Margaret Hanson of the Department of Health (DOH) on November 10, 2009 to discuss state wide emergency preparation initiatives and to explain to the DOH employees the role of emergency preparation for people with disabilities in the State Plan for Independent Living.

f. **Marketing:**

- Second SILC newsletter went out electronically in late November. The next newsletter will be published in February.
- SILC LOGO contest- information about the SILC included in LOGO contest announcements.

g. **Youth Leadership Forum-** Attended and participated in planning meeting: December 10, 2009

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. (various dates)

3. **Miscellaneous**

- a. Participated in two Conference Calls with other SILC directors and SILC members from Region X to discuss issues relevant to SILCs. The calls consists of SILC personnel (primarily Executive Directors, but some SILC Chairs) in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and Alaska. December 15, 2008 and January 9, 2009
- b. Attended workshop on Blindness/ Low Vision and Employment, (held at Washington School for the Blind) January 13, 2009
- c. Attended Workshop on Rehabilitation Law, DVR office (Lacey). November 6, 2008
- d. Attended meeting on “Abuse System Reporting” sponsored by Disability Rights Washington, December 11th
- e. Attended and participated in the “Part B” meeting with DVR, CILs, and others in anticipation of the new focus of the Part B DVR-CIL contracts. November 13, 2008
- f. Participated in the “State Disability Organization” meeting to plan for Legislative Reception and to discuss upcoming legislative session. Members of the committee include: Governor’s Committee on Disability Issues and Employment, TBI Council, Washington State Rehabilitation Council, and Disability Rights Washington. November 18, 2008
- g. Presented at dRC (disAbility Resource Connections) Board meeting, November 19, 2008
- h. Worked with Peg Evans-Brown on the “Make A Difference Day- A Community Resource Fair.” DVR is planning to have a table at next year’s event, and the SILC will join them. December 12, 2009
- i. SILC Focus Group: Conference Call, December 17, 2008
- j. Met with Eric Raff to discuss SILC- ODHH relationships. Examining the possibility of getting an IL “slot” on the ODHH Advisory Board. January 22, 2009