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State Independent Living Council

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Executive Director Report: October 15, 2011 to January 12, 2012
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1. State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL).

- a. **Medicaid/ Anti Poverty Coalition.** Met with coalition on October 24th, December 19th, and January 9th to discuss and plan for revenue issues and service cuts.
- b. **Assistive Technology.**
 - **WATAP (Washington Assistive Technology Act Program):** Conference call: October 26th
 - **Washington Access Fund:** November 21st and December 19th
- c. **Deinstitutionalization.** I have been getting updates from CILs on how they are doing in their area. There have been some successes and some challenges, and this continues to be a work in progress.
 - Meeting With CIL directors (Von Elison and Linda McClain by phone) Lu Walls and Trina Forest and staff with Liz Prince of ADSA/ Roads to Community Living, purpose was to ask Liz questions and get guidance for providing better services.
- d. **Emergency Preparedness-**
 - October 12th SILC Public Forum: Emergency Preparation Panel
 - Pierce County Emergency Prep call: October 25th and November 22nd
- e. **Youth Transition:** Along with Debbie Himes of the Governor's Committee on Employment and Disability Concerns (GCED) met with Andres Aguirre regarding possible DVR funding for 2012 YLF.
 - Attended YLF planning meeting on November 17th.
 - December 13th: YLF conference call

f. Outreach to underserved and unserved groups:

- Working with Eric Raff of the Office of Deaf and Hard of Hearing to develop outreach strategies for Deaf and HH with CILs and Deaf Regional Centers. Meeting is scheduled for January 18th.
- Attended and made brief presentation at TBI Council meeting on January 5th
- ADRC statewide stakeholders meeting (Lacey), December 9th.

2. Marketing/ Presentations:

- a. Working on Newsletter for late January publication
- b. Presentations to CFI New Employees, Pierce County AAA regarding SILC and CIL history (presented alongside CFI staff and Lu Walls). This was part of the four-part training
- c. DVR New Employee Orientation presentation. January 3rd
- d. SILC Public Forum: January 12th in Olympia

3. Miscellaneous

- a. Attended Alliance of People with disabilities Open House on November 4th.
- b. SILC Position Paper meeting: November 28th
- c. Attended rally on at Capitol steps on November 28th
- d. Submitted SILC 704 Report with assistance from Department of Services for the Blind and Division of Vocational Rehabilitation to Rehabilitation Services Administration by the December 31st deadline. The report is on the SILC website at:
<http://www.wasilc.org/704Report.html>