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SILC Quarterly Public Meeting Minutes

Thursday April 7, 2016

Oxford Suites - Conference Room

115 W North River Dr., Spokane, WA 99201

Members Present: Mark Leeper, Center Director Representative, Pullman. Jana Finkbonner, VR Tribal Representative, Bellingham. Kayla Victor, Private Business Representative, Vancouver. Krysta Van Woert, General Public Representative, Tonasket. Andres Aguirre, DVR Ex-Officio, Olympia. Keith James, Advocate for Individuals with Disabilities. Almir Trejo, General Public Representative, Tacoma.

Members Present via Phone: Sheila Turner, Parent Guardian Representative, Pasco. Ryan Nabors, CIL Representative, Tumwater.

Members Absent: Jason Ritchie, Private Business Representative, Issaquah. Debbie Brown, DSB Ex-Officio, Spokane.

Council Staff: Emilio Vela, Jr., SILC ED, Olympia. Alexandria Hatcher, Inclusive Emergency Planning Manager, Lynnwood. Megan Holloway, SILC Executive Assistant, Olympia. Ericka Malamphy, Inclusive Emergency Management Project Administrative Assistant, Lacey.

Guests: Charley Lane. Jerry Johnsen. Teesha Kirschbaum. Bill Kane. Alysa Alonge. Kimberly Heymann. Pat Kosier. Todd Holloway.

Professional Service Providers/ Interpreters:

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order on April 7, 2016, at 9:13 A.M. by Mark Leeper, SILC Chair.

Approval of January 2016 Minutes:

Motion: Kayla motioned and seconded by Almir, to approve the minutes as amended. With all in favor, motion carried.

Spokane Center for Independence (SCIL) Update: Charley Lane introduced Bill Kane to the Council as the new Spokane Center for Independent Living (SCIL) Executive Director. Charley then went on to present a PowerPoint on SCIL.

SILC Business Executive Directors Report and Staff Report: Alex updated the Council on the Inclusive Emergency Planning Project. She spoke about the first Coalition on Inclusive Emergency Planning (CIEP) meeting that, which was held on February 5, 2016. Alex shared what the "Next Steps" are for the CIEP. She informed the Council that the next CIEP meeting will be on May 20, 2016, and the American Red Cross will be present as an observer.

Emilio reported that he has submitted his resignation, and his last day will be April 15, 2016. Emilio went on to read his letter of resignation to the Council. He addressed the SILC Staff, Council members and guests. Everyone had the opportunity to say their farewells to Emilio.

Public Comment

State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL) Review and Development:

The Council reviewed and discussed each Goal, Objective and Activity of the SPIL.

The council discussed options for measuring the effectiveness of the SPIL.

Quick Review of the Narrative: The Council reviewed the narrative of the SPIL. Discussion on changing the word “Responsibility” to another word like “Partners” or “Partnering Entities”, on all the Activities in the SPIL.

Changes to consider relating to the development of 2017-2019 SPIL

Part B Funds: It was stated that there has been a percentage taken out of these Part B Funds and set aside for Youth Development. Options for spending the rest of these funds were discussed.

The Council conversed on the possible uses for the Part B Funds. This included the idea that a center could be opened in an underserved area.

Another option could be to extend the reach of each CIL, resulting in a larger area being served.

Andres stated that, in the future as the DVR budget is taxed by the reallocation of funds, it will be more likely that the 15% Part B Funds will be used to support the CILs.

The Council and the CIL Directors discussed the need to develop capacity to provide services to the underserved population.

Conversation on Leverage Funding and working with community partners to integrate funding across the spectrum of a given area.

Resource Plan & Goals and Objectives: The Council and CIL Directors discussed having funding available to potentially update the technology and equipment in the CILs. It was stated that when purchasing equipment with federal funds there are specific allocations that need to be addressed.

If Part B is used to fund a new center, then that goal and objective would need to be added to the SPIL in order to allow for that use of the funds.

Discussion on a variety of options to form a center in the Tri-Cities or a branch office with specific projects and whether the goal for a new Center or a branch office needs to be created.

The Council reviewed and discussed each Goal, Objective and Activity of the SPIL.

Mark informed the Council and CIL Directors to make their comments, feedback and suggestions on the SPIL. The changes will be discussed until we can come to a consensus.

Discussion held on whether we need to add an objective to the SPIL for a committee/subcommittee to regularly monitor a process or outcome based system for accountability and review the process of the SPIL.

The Council and CIL Directors agreed to put the final SPIL draft out for public comments no later than the middle May 2016.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.