



WASHINGTON
State Independent Living Council

WASILC QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES

Friday, April 13, 2018

Red Lion Hotel- The Columbia Center
1101 N Columbia Center Blvd
Kennewick, WA

Members Present:

Mark Leeper, Center Director Representative, Pullman
Jana Finkbonner, VR Tribal Representative, Bellingham
Davi Kallman, Youth Representative, Pullman
Hannah Langlie, Youth Representative, Seattle
Ryan Nabors, CIL Representative, Tumwater
Michael Richardson, Advocate for Individuals with Disabilities, Seattle
Sheila Turner, Parent Guardian Representative, Pasco

Members Absent:

Kayla Victor, Private Business Representative, Vancouver
Deb Cook, Ex-Officio Department of Services for the Blind (DSB), Seattle
Keith James, Advocate for Individuals with Disabilities, Seattle
Rob Hines, Ex-Officio DVR, Olympia

Council Staff:

Kim Conner, Executive Director
Jim House, Disability Integration Manager
Cassi Villegas, Executive Assistant

Guests:

Kim Canaan, DSB
Daniel Lipperelli, Executive Director, Edith Bishel Center

Call to Order:

- Called to Order: Friday, April 13, 2018 at 9:06 by Mark Leeper, SILC Chair

Northwest Access Fund Presentation: Hannah Langlie

- Northwest Access Fund is a nonprofit community development financial institution that provides funding for assistive technology to help Washingtonians and Oregonians achieve greater independence.
- NW Access Fund provides assistive technology loans, matched savings programs, free financial coaching, financial education workshops, and small business loans.

Edith Bishel Center Presentation: Daniel Lipparelli

- 20-30% increase in the people they are serving
- Contracts with DSB for in-home IL services
- 25 volunteers, 2 full time staff, 3 part time employees, relies on volunteer services
- Edith Bishel offers no corrective services
- DSB has an office in the Edith Bishel building to serve local clients
- They offer educational services and computer training, social activities for adults and children, such as a Beeping Easter Egg Hunt.
- Partnering with DSB for Pre-ETS workshops
- Support groups for families, workshops for families for people with blind family members, how to support individuals independence, low-vision iPhone and iPad training, video magnifier loaner program (sliding scale 10-25 a month, if over a certain level, you must but your own, received grant to buy 10 new ones, have 60 old ones
- Educational outreach, to educate students on blindness and vision loss, to create awareness
- Assistive tech- ORCAM- wearable AT, has given out 17 units. Direct seller and trainer for ORcam, the only org in WA that has this. Specialized equipment provider with AL TSA/DSHS
- SUNU Band- sonar band on arm to detect things in front of you that cane would not detect.
- Hand held video magnifier, Ruby 7
- 35% of cost is through DSB, annual dinner in the dark fund raiser (blind folded formal banquet,) 20% of cost, monthly donations 5-10%, retail store brings in a significant amount, lots of grants

Marketing Committee Report: Jana Finkbonner

- Last quarter has been working on updating information. Ensuring everyone on the Council has the same idea and direction of where the SILC is going. Reviewing the history and outreach to council members and partners. Creating one voice and unity in our message
- Responded to the three questions asked by the marketing committee.

Legislative Committee Report: Ryan Nabors

- Surveys from the trainings in Jan and day on the hill; created the org chart
- Increasing legislative relationships with legislators and partners.
- Meeting with Hunt and CFI, Kim and Ryan will attend.
- Monthly meetings,
- Discuss Kim having authority to send letters of support, future discussion
- HR 620; house vote and senate vote, with Senator Duckworth's letter
- IL funding increase
- Thank You's to senators, thanking state congress-people
- Ryan attended TBI Council Meetings
- Authority to have council staff make stances between QM's, add this discussion to the next QM Agenda!

SPIL Committee Report: Michael Richardson

- Met two times, monthly meetings
- Breaking down into smaller groups to do work on goals and then meeting again to discuss further.
- Old template would like to use the new one, although it is not available/approved yet.

Youth Committee: Hannah Langlie

- Received applications
- First Committee meeting will be April 30
- Will discuss priorities and goals at the first meeting.

Membership Committee (EC Committee)

- Keith, Sheila, & Hannah are terming off
- Membership committee will follow up with these individuals

SILC Congress Reports

- Davi and Sheila reported out on their experiences at SILC Congress
- Reports were provided to council via email.

New Business

SILC Priorities

- Reviewed responses to SPIL Survey
- The council and staff will move forward with the top three priorities that were voted on. Council agrees to follow through with focusing on these three objectives and attainable goals.
- Discussed priorities of the SILC and attending meetings with partners as often as possible.

Training Opportunities

- Discussed ILRU online trainings. Any member interested in taking a training that requires payment should contact staff.

Wrap Up

- Panel discussion, have panel participants ready with resume or for them to make a connection use it as an opportunity for networking
- Offering a networking table for people who attend or participate in the panel. For employers and employees.
- Jim suggested evening events, there are barriers to it.
- Possibility of networking mixers after discussion?
- The intent of the public forum starts to change if we start adding components.
- Break after panel and making connections is most important

Adjourned @ 12:57 pm.