



STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL

January 18, 2023

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

FULL SILC Meeting

IN-PERSON AND ZOOM

Members and Ex-Officios Attending: Second Vice-Chair Randy Pierce, Secretary and Immediate Past Chair Jeff Dickinson (Remote), Member Erin Hall (Remote), Member Michelle McConaughy, Member Sarah Sweeney (Remote), and DSE representative Daniel Frye.

Staff: Jennifer Beaulieu (SILC Assistant)

Guests: Matthew Greenwood (Member of the Public, Remote) and Jennifer Cook (Nominee, Remote)

Communication Access: Laurie Meyer (ASL Interpreter) and Rebekah Mallory-Patten (ASL Interpreter)

The SILC meeting was called to order at 1:15 PM by Second Vice-Chair Randy Pierce due to neither Chair Carrie Dudley nor First Vice-Chair Deborah Ritcey being in attendance. Attendance was taken via roll call.

*Quorum was reached.

The Chair will follow the federal health emergency guidelines as it relates to the rising cases of COVID and allow this body to be remote with the ability to meet with quorum while being remote.

Approval of Minutes of 11/16 Full SILC Meetings

*** Member Sarah Sweeney made a motion to approve the 11/16 Full SILC meeting minutes**

Second: Member Michelle McConaughy

Discussion: None

All in Favor: Yes **Abstaining: None**

Motion Carried.

Committee Updates

A. Membership Committee Report

Jeff Dickinson reported out for the Membership Committee. He gave an update on the orientation material. Between now and the next Committee meeting, the Committee will work on reviewing and making suggested edits to the documents. He noted that based on what happens at that meeting, the Committee will have finalized materials to present to the SILC for possible approval. Once approved, the documents can be used as a part of an orientation package for current and new members.

B. Governance Committee Report

Erin Hall reported out for the Governance Committee. The Committee has discussed looking at and working on the survey. The Committee also discussed having an outside entity conduct the surveys to improve the response rate. There were questions on if the response rate was affected by the fact that it was the vendors who were conducting the surveys. The Committee also discussed modifying the survey so all people could participate in the survey no matter their disability.

Randy Pierce noted that the goal is to remove a bias that exists when the existing agency is self-performing and to ensure there's a consistency in delivery that we hope will yield an improvement in results. The goal right now is to explore what outside entities could possibly be invited to conduct the surveys.

C. Advocacy Committee Report

Jennifer Cook reported out for the Advocacy Committee. She noted that the Committee has a question in terms of what our role really is regarding advocacy. She further noted that Carrie has shown us a document that said we were advocating for the Committee.

Daniel Frye noted that from the DSE's perspective, the SILC's Advocacy Committee is responsible for bringing to the core almost anything that is disability related and has a nexus to the independent living movement that they think is relevant and timely to address in NH.

There were questions regarding what document Carrie Dudley was referring to. Jennifer Beaulieu thinks it came from the SPIL. Daniel Frye mentioned that if the Advocacy Committee limited its role in the SPIL, the SPIL can be amended if the committee desires a larger role.

Jeff Dickinson noted that he agrees with what Daniel says. He further noted that historically the Committee focused on systems advocacy, policy advocacy, and legislation. Promoting the SILC wasn't something that the Committee focused on. Matthew Greenwood agreed with Jeff Dickinson and Daniel Frye regarding advocacy having a broader scope.

Sarah Sweeney noted she would like to be a part of the Committee.

SPIL Progress

Agenda item was tabled due to Carrie Dudley and Deborah Ritcey not being in attendance.

Discussion on Meeting Location and Audio Quality

Randy Peirce went around the room and asked everyone what their thoughts are on the audio quality of this location versus GSIL.

Minutes Recorded by Jennifer Beaulieu