



# STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL

**January 20, 2026**

**2:00 p.m.**

**Membership Committee Meeting**

**ZOOM**

**Members Attending:** Committee Chair Ryan Witterschein, Andrew Harmon, and Rob Kallin

Guests: Matthew Greenwood and Danielle Murphy

**Staff:** Jennifer Beaulieu (SILC Assistant)

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair Ryan Witterschein at 2:04pm.

Danielle Murphy introduced herself. She works for WellSense Health Plan where she oversees transportation operations for their members. She has spent the last 15 plus years in transportation compliance policy and everything in between. She is a mom of three and was born and raised here.

Ryan Witterschein mentioned that both Randy Pierce and Sarah Sweeney have requested a leave of absence. At tomorrow's Full SILC Meeting, they will be discussing who can step into the role of Secretary. Ryan Witterschein has already been chosen to serve as Acting Chair. It just needs to be voted on. He noted that if anyone is interested in the Secretary position, to let him know. It was noted that the bylaws would allow the Secretary position to be absorbed within the current structure of the Executive Committee if there were vacancies and no one volunteered to take on the position. Ryan Witterschein mentioned that some people have expressed interest in the Secretary position.

### **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

Ryan Witterschein asked if everyone had a chance to review the last meeting minutes. There are three sets of minutes that they have to vote on.

\*Ryan Witterschein motioned for approval of September's minutes.

**Second: Andrew Harmon**

**Discussion: None**

**All in Favor: Yes      Abstention: None**

**Motion Carried.**

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Discussion ensued on whether Matthew Greenwood is a voting member of the committee. He wasn't officially appointed to the Membership Committee. Ryan Witterschein will follow up and do his own research on that. It will be placed on the agenda for the next committee meeting.

The minutes from November and December were tabled.

Andrew Harmon mentioned that there is a typo on Herbert Carpenter's last name in the December minutes. He will email that typo to Jennifer Beaulieu.

### **Current Membership Status Report**

Ryan Witterschein mentioned that Danielle Murphy has expressed interest in the Council. Later, he will give the committee time to ask questions. He mentioned that with Sarah Sweeney and Randy Pierce on leave, it puts the committee in a bit of a perilous position. He mentioned the idea of talking to your mentees or anyone else on the SILC to see if anyone is interested in joining the Membership Committee.

### **Recruitment and Outreach Initiatives**

Ryan Witterschein asked about recruitment and outreach initiatives. Andrew Harmon mentioned that he talked to Lily Willington by email to put our meetings on her horizon. He sent out an email today to let her know of the meeting location change. Ryan Witterschein mentioned that he has been doing some outreach to the substance misuse and mental health communities, because those are some of the goals that he would like to target in the next SPIL. Andrew Harmon mentioned that he also talked with Jennifer Buteau at the Alliance on Healthy Aging just in case Lily Willington couldn't make it.

### **Member Orientation and Development**

Ryan Witterschein introduced Danielle Murphy and opened the floor for questions. Andrew Harmon mentioned that he knows that she has been regularly attending Advocacy Committee meetings. He asked if she had a chance to review what the other committees do. If so, would she be sticking with the Advocacy Committee or would she prefer another committee. Danielle Murphy mentioned that she doesn't have a preference per say at this time. She has been reading through the SPIL over the past two months. She plans to attend tomorrow's Full SILC meeting, so she might have a preference at that time.

Jennifer Beaulieu noted how one of the objectives of the SPIL is about the MCOs and NEMT.

Rob Kallin mentioned that with all her transportation experience it would be good to maybe pilot some kind of initiative. He mentioned how in the last year SILCs across the country lost a bit of our clout, but we can still advise the Governor. We should be preparing some letters that talk about ways that through the existing framework we can improve things.

She noted that she works very closely with her peers at the other MCOs. If there is anything that comes into the state or through one of the MCOs and we think it's a shared issue or positive, we share it around. She mentioned how there is a lot of negative attention around transportation so they try to demonstrate where things are going well, where there may be gaps, and where there are opportunities for training, support, or resources. She mentioned how a few months ago, they did a lunch and learn with DHHS and Delta Dental for ABLE NH. It was an opportunity for them to work together because 99% of what we do is the same and we are all working for the same goal of making transportation easier and more accessible.

She mentioned how because she lives close to Concord Hospital and has a vehicle, she was able to be with her children when they had to stay in the hospital. She likes to remind herself what it would be like if she didn't have a personal vehicle because she thinks that transportation is something that people take for granted until they don't have access to it anymore. It's something that she has been dedicated to since she got into the industry, specifically for NEMT. She noted that she works for Adaptive Sport Partners of the

North Country which is based in Vermont which provides adaptive sports. She mentioned how there are a lot of agencies that do also provide adaptive sports. She also mentioned how it is something that she pushes out to their members because the social aspect is important for everyone's well-being. She also mentioned how there is a lot out there, it just needs to be easier to access the information about. Ryan Witterschein noted that that is one of our objectives of the SPIL to have a long list of different resources that people can go to.

Andrew Harmon asked if she would be representing herself or WellSense. She mentioned that she would be representing herself.

Ryan Witterschein noted that with the social aspect of what she was saying, next Spring into the next Fall they are going to be creating new SPIL goals. He would like to pick her brain towards recreation and the social aspect of wellbeing.

Danielle Murphy asked what she should expect at tomorrow's Full SILC meeting. Ryan Witterschein explained the whole process.

Jennifer Beaulieu will email Danielle Murphy the address for the meeting location.

**\*Rob Kallin made a motion on Danielle for Full SILC approval.**

**Second: Andrew Harmon**

**Discussion: None**

**All in Favor: Yes**

**Abstention: None**

**Motion Carried.**

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**Action Items and Next Steps**

Andrew Harmon asked if we had all the skill matrix surveys all together and placed into one document. Discussion ensued.. Andrew Harmon will email Deborah Ritcey about it and carbon copy Ryan Witterschein

**Adjournment of Meeting**

**\*Ryan Witterschein made a motion to adjourn.**

**Second: Rob Kallin**

**Discussion: None**

**All in Favor: Yes**

**Abstention: None**

**Motion Carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 2:28pm.