# NC Statewide Independent Living Council Meeting Minutes May 5, 2017

Country Inn & Suites, Burlington, NC

## Welcome/Mission /Minutes

The meeting was called to order at by Chair Keith Greenarch at 9:06am.

**SILC Mission** was read by Keith Greenarch

**Approval of Minutes of the February meeting  
Action:** (Jeff McLoud/Melea Williams) unanimous approval

**SILC Accessibility Reminders** was read by Keith Greenarch.

**Introductions:** Introductions were made by all.

**Absent members:** Kay Miley

**Approval of Agenda** –

Vicki Smith mentioned that she was asked to give a policy update, added to agenda

**Action:** (Sandy Ogburn/Melea Williams) moved to accept the agenda. Motion carried unanimously

**Standing Committees – written reports**

**Executive Committee Keith Greenarch, chair**

My written report is available on line, you received notification of such through the E-blast. The Executive committee meets monthly. We worked on the IL Summit which was held in March. We have accomplished some really good things and are moving forward. Our meetings are posted 10 days prior, feel free to bring items to us.

**Finance Committee/Goal 5 Kimlyn Lambert, Chair**

We meet monthly, our report is available on line. We go over the finances and reports line by line and review all. All looks good.

Items discussed:

* Line of credit was discussed. We moved to get a credit card with a $5,000 limit.
* The office received three donated large file cabinets.
* Lack of other committee meetings.
* Donation from amazon smile for $12.25. Please be sure you use smile.amazon and designate NCSILC as your non-profit any time you order on line.
* Refund for over charging on phone service.
* Getting a grant writer to help CILs write grants.

The finances are monitored closely. There is a posted 10-day notice for our meetings, feel free to join us.

Vicki Smith – I want to caution that federal money can’t be used to pay for fundraising/grant writing or interest.

**Membership Committee Kay Miley, Chair**

In Kay’s absence the report was given by Keith.

* Two applications are with Boards and Commission waiting for approval.
* Two others have applied, one on line and the other wanting to visit a SILC meeting before proceeding
* Packets of information and applications were sent to eleven VRIL local offices. Sandra Hicks has followed up with phone call.
* A written document of our membership procedure. This will help those who follow to know how membership was handled.
* Teresa Staley has checked references of applicants
* Jeff McLoud and Sandra Hicks will be representing us at NCIL in July
* Kimlyn Lambert, Jeff McLoud, Melea Williams and Kay Miley all have terms that expire in August. Kay has served her second full term and will be leaving the council. Some have and others are encouraged to reapply as soon as possible.

**Policy Committee Rene Cummins, Chair**

The policy committee handles the trainings specified in the SPIL and those on Thursday. Discussion:

* Two requested policies regarding travel to present today regarding travel reimbursement. They will be voted on one at a time.
  + The NCSILC non-profit office staff will determine mileage reimbursement for each NCSIL member based on the shortest distance from residence to NCSIL event. Any unforeseen event such as a detour or accident should be noted on the member’s reimbursement form. This is being done to create a consistent and uniform policy. This is an up or down vote.

**Action:** the vote was unanimous

* The next is the policy concerning meals. This is in line with various other entities and agencies.
  + NCSILC non-profit office staff will reimburse meals during travel to NCSILC events based on time of departure prior to 6:00am and arrival at destination after 8:00pm.

This is to make travel consistent based on the mileage information held for each member in the office. This allows as did the mileage for unforeseen interruptions.

Questions and comments followed

**Action:** (Sandy Ogburn/Gary Ray) Motion to table policy for further review. Unanimous

Rene Cummins, the policy will be reworked and submitted for an electronic vote from the members.

**Break 9:55 – 10:12**

**Disability Rights NC Ex. Officio report:**  **Vicki Smith, Executive Director**

Vicki Smith provided an update on legislation and items on which Disability Rights NC have been working. This information is available on their website: <http://www.disabilityrightsnc.org/>

**Goal Committee Reports**

**Goal 1 Provision of Quality Services** **Mark Steele, Chair**

Objective 1.1 Centers for Independent Living staff members are well trained.

Activities:

\* Annually, a minimum of 8 Centers for Independent Living staff members receive training by attending conferences such as, but not limited to, National Council on Independent Living (NCIL), Association of Programs for Rural Independent Living (APRIL), Southeastern Center Directors Association (SECDA), National ADA Symposium, Disability Rights NC, GREAT Conference, etc.

* Many Centers have sent staff to various trainings included in the report. The Adaptables sent a staff member to the deaf blind conference at Atlantic Beach, a CIL director participated in the NON profit management intensive track through Duke University.

\* Annually, the Centers for Independent Living conduct 2 retreats to focus on network building, and development and dissemination of a uniform service delivery manual.

* As of this report there are no retreats to submit but we did have a retreat this week and we did schedule our second retreat so this activity will be complete by the end of the year.

\* Annually, the Centers for Independent Living meet in person at the Statewide Independent Living Council quarterly meetings to participate in the processes of the Statewide Independent Living Council to ensure collaboration and cooperation between the Centers for Independent Living and the Statewide Independent Living Council.

* Staff from all eight Centers attended the February SILC meeting

\* Upon request, the Centers for Independent Living provide information on "How to start a Center" for Independent Living to a Grassroots Advocacy Organization in an unserved area of NC.

* We did have a request in Henderson, Dave Wickstrom, Melea and myself met with their AAA (Area Agency on Aging) regarding the benefits of Centers. They were receptive and we are following up with them. One county that Alliance serves, Dave has been meeting with the ED.
* Partnership opportunities were shared by Dave Wickstrom
* Future investigation for starting a Center in the areas for Vance, Granville, Warren and Person Counties

The Centers are on track to spend the Part B funds allocated including the amendments that went into effect in March.

**Goal 2 Leadership and Empowerment of individuals with disabilities:   
Rene Cummins, Chair**

Goal 2 Committee Report—Youth Leadership & Empowerment

Activity 1—Youth Leadership Forum

At the February Quarterly Meeting, it was reported that a contract has been awarded in the amount of $24.257.  During the Executive Committee Meeting on April 18, 2017, the contractor notified the SILC that the contract was not going to be completed.  The Executive Committee identified that $4,257 in this YLF contract are Part B Funds in their second and final year, and will revert back to the Federal level after September 30, 2017.  Therefore, the Executive Committee has taken steps to work with the ILA (Independent Living Administration) staff to make a technical amendment to our current State Plan to allow the $4,257 to be used for another activity under this goal, specifically the activity of the SILC assisting youth with disabilities to attend the APRIL Youth Conference in October to gain leadership and independent living skills.

Activity 2—Training on IL for Youth with Disabilities

* disAbility Resource Center in Wilmington—1 IL Skills training
* Disability Advocates and Resource Center in Greenville – 0 IL Skills training
* The Adaptables in Winston Salem – 1 IL Skills training – Empowerment for Success with many collaborators serving at least 80 students. They have met and exceeded the outcomes in the state plan.
* Shabazz Center in Greensboro – 4 IL Skills trainings. They have met the outcomes
* Alliance of Disability Rights in Raleigh - 12 IL Skills. They have met and exceeded the outcomes.

To date Disability Rights and Resources in Charlotte, Disability Partners in Sylva and Disability Partners in Asheville have not reported an event on this activity

Activity 3—Outreach to Youth with Disabilities in Rural Areas

* Shabazz Center in Greensboro – 1 outreach, they have met this goal.
* DisAbility Resource Center in Wilmington – 1 outreach, they have met this goal.
* Disability Advocates and Resource Center in Greenville – 2 outreaches, they have met and exceeding this goal.

To date Disability Rights and Resources in Charlotte, Disability Partners in Sylva and Disability Partners in Asheville and Alliance in Raleigh have not reported an event for this activity

Activity 4—SILC assists 2 Youth with Disabilities to attend APRIL

No activity to report this quarter.

**Goal 3 Growth and Improvement of Independent Living Services:**

**Tavonne Enoch, Chair**

The report was read by Gerald Green.

Objective 3.1 Current service areas do not become unserved or underserved to a greater degree, and previously unserved consumers in North Carolina are served. At a minimum, the current level of funding for Centers for Independent Living is maintained, and funding increases are the optimum outcome.

Activities:

\* Annually, the Statewide Independent Living Council and the Centers for Independent Living facilitate a minimum of 8 meetings to educate legislators about Centers for Independent Living, and to advocate for state funding of the Centers for Independent Living of North Carolina.

* The SILC made multiple visits during the Independent Living Summit accomplishing this goal.
* Alliance of Disability Advocates in Raleigh completed 2
* The Adaptables in Winston-Salem completed 1
* Disability Rights and Resources none completed
* Disability and Rights and Resources completed 2
* Disability Resource Center – no information
* Joy A. Shabazz Center completed 1
* Disability Partners Sylva – no information
* Disability Partners Asheville – no information

\*Annually, the Statewide Independent Living Council maintains Title VII Part B funding levels for Part B and Part C Centers.

The following Centers did not provide an expenditure report, disAbility Rights and Resources, Disability Partners Sylva and Disability Partners Asheville.

The following Centers did provide reports Due to the inconsistency of the information on the expenditure report, I was not able to calculate the funding for Goal 3.

Alliance of Disability Advocates, The Adaptables, Disability Rights and Resources, Disability Advocates and Resource Center and the Joy A. Shabazz Center.

\* Annually, the Centers for Independent Living provide a minimum of 1,000 Information and Referrals. In addition, the Centers for Independent Living of North Carolina annually provide a minimum of 24 services each of advocacy, peer support and independent living skills.

* Alliance of Disability Advocates – 150 information and referrals, 21 IL Skills training, 93 peer support and 35 advocacy
* The Adaptables – 71 information and referrals, 5 IL Skills, 81 peer support and 46 advocacy
* Disability Rights and Resources – reported all outcomes completed
* Disability Advocates and Resource Center – 6,534 information and referrals, 3 IL Skills training, 7 peer support and 12 advocacy
* disAbility Resource Center – 225 information and referrals, 46 IL Skills training, 23 peer support and 23 advocacy
* Joy A. Shabazz Center – 217 information and referrals, 14 IL Skills training, 13 peer support and 11 advocacy
* Disability Partners Sylva – 445 information and referrals, 21 IL Skills training, 41 peer support and 8 advocacy
* Disability Partners Asheville – 13,255 information and referrals, 27 IL Skills training, 76 peer support and 7 advacac7

\* Annually, the Statewide Independent Living Council Coordinates Mental Health training for Centers for Independent Living staff and Statewide Independent Living Council members with key partners from mental health organizations.

* This was accomplished at the February Board Enrichment training.

Objective 3.2 People with disabilities have greater access to transportation in their communities.

Activities:

\* In year 1, the Statewide Independent Living Council forms a committee of not fewer than five members to meet at least once with a representative of disability compliance with the North Carolina Department of Transportation to discuss opportunities for Statewide Independent Living Council, Centers for Independent Living and North Carolina Department of Transportation to advocate for greater access for people with disabilities.

* There has been no action taken to form this committee. Please contact Tavonne Enoch if you are interested in serving on this committee.

\* In years 2 and 3, the Statewide Independent Living Council uses findings from year 1, in collaboration with North Carolina Department of Transportation, to implement at least one annual activity to further transportation access for people with disabilities. Activities may include at least one training in accessible transportation to local transit boards.

* No activity to report

\* Annually the Statewide Independent Living Council, in collaboration with North Carolina Department of Transportation, coordinates training on accessible transportation for Centers for Independent Living staff and Statewide Independent Living Council members.

* No activity to report

This report is not on the website but will be supplied for posting after this meeting.

**Goal 4 People with disabilities in NC live in the community of their choice  
Teresa Staley, Chair**

We met yesterday at 4pm. We talked about summarizing the information from the Centers since there were variations in the reporting forms. We adopted a standard teleconference time. The minutes will be posted. A handout was developed by Oshana.

Objective 4.1 Individuals with disabilities are not forced to live in institutions or shelters and have the opportunity for community-based living.

Activities:

\* Annually, the Centers for Independent Living assist a minimum of 16 transitions or diversions from institutions with potential partners including but not limited to, Money Follows the Person, NC Housing Finance Agency, Local Council on Governments, Housing Authorities and Department of Vocational Rehabilitation Independent Living Rehabilitation Program, etc.

* 8 transitions were provided this quarter partnering with 8 organizations with a total to date of 27. Breakdown follows.
  + Joy A Shabazz Center provided 2 transitions partnering with 1 other organization. 2 to date
  + The Adaptables provided 1 with 6 to date
  + Pathways Sylva reported no activity this quarter but 2 to date
  + disAbility Resource Center reported no activity this quarter by 6 to date
  + Disability Rights and Resource provided 3 this quarter with 2 partnering organizations, 7 to date
  + Alliance of Disability Advocates provided 1 transition this quarter with 2 partnering organizations and 3 to date
  + Disability Advocates and Resource Center provided 1 transition this quarter with 3 partnering organizations. 1 to date.

\* Annually, the Centers for Independent Living refer a minimum of 16 people with disabilities for affordable and/or accessible housing through the Key Program Targeted Housing.

* 13 referrals this quarter with 58 provided to date. Breakdown follows
  + Joy A. Shabazz Center provided 4 this quarter and 4 to date
  + The Adaptables provided 5 this quarter and 35 to date
  + disAbility Resources have provided 15 to date
  + Alliance of Disability Advocates provided 4 this quarter and to date

Mark Steele – If you look on the page about diversions and nursing home transitions, to date there are 27 individuals that are now living in their own apartments and homes in their community not in an institution. That is thanks to the Part B money given to the Centers. That’s a big number!

**Goal 6 DSUs Provide Independent Living Services**:  
**Pamela Lloyd-Ogoke and Patricia Sikes**

**Objective 6.2: DSB & DVR will provide Assistive Technology supports that will enable People with Disabilities to increase independence in their home and community**

**Activities:**

* **At a minimum, DSB will provide two (2) technology group trainings to consumers per year.**

During this quarter, DSB ILR and ILOB programs provided five technology group training sessions during Mini Centers which also provide instruction on a wide range of daily living skills needs and provide peer counseling as well as resource information. Instruction on technology for communications, identifying objects, money identification and money management was provided. DSB Independent Living Rehabilitation (ILR) and Independent Living Older Blind (ILOB) programs staff gave nine technology group training sessions. Our Mini Centers instructors teach on the use of technology for communications, talking clocks, talking watches, talking scales, labeling wands, dialing keypads on mobile phones, iPad, currency readers, recorders, and books. DSB Assistive Technology (AT) staff work one on one with training consumers on all AT needs.

* **At a minimum, DSB & DVR will provide assistive technology training to a minimum of 100 participants in the community.**

DSB ILR and ILOB programs staff provided AT group training sessions on various AT devices during this reporting period. A total of 218 DSB ILR and ILOB consumers received assistive technology services either in the home and/or in group training.

**Objective 6.3: DSB & DVR will enable Veterans with disabilities to receive seamless supports and services that allow them to live independently.**

**Activities:**

**• At a minimum, DSB & DVR will participate in five (5) events per year to increase communication and collaboration with the Veterans Administration and other programs serving veterans.**

DSB staff took part in 33 outreach events to increase communication and collaborative efforts with Veterans.

Four of these events partnered with the VA or other programs serving veterans.

Pamela Lloyd-Ogoke was not available to add to this report at this time.

**Public Comments on Goal Committee Report:**

Debbie Hippler – I want to commend the Goal Committee Chairs. This is one of the most informative reports that we have had of the expectations listed in the State Plan and outcomes achieved so far through the Center’s work.

Keith Greenarch – I want to ditto this. Thank you for being so diligent and completing these reports.

Mark Steele – the Center directors did discuss the performance reports. We did speak to the information being available during our retreat and hopefully as we move forward the information will be available in future reports.

**Ex. Officio Reports**

**Division of Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Jan Withers, Director**

**State Plan for Independent Living 2017 - 2019**

**Part II: Narrative**

**Section I: Goals, Objectives and Activities**

**1.5 Cooperation, Coordination, and Working Relationships among Various Entities**

**Activities:**

The Division of Services for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing (DSDHH) will:

* Provide training about DSDHH services for the SILC and Centers
* Provide updated information on hearing loss for the CIL staff and SILC members
* Receive training to learn more about Center services from collaborative training with a Center in the same or nearby region
* Engage in discussions with the Centers to identify potential partnerships or to strengthen partnerships to benefit individuals with hearing loss

**Status Update:**

* Jan Withers, DSDHH Director, and Tom Austin, Community Resources Program Manager, are engaging in dialogue with regional center managers and key members of DSDHH’s executive management team to determine the most efficacious and strategic approach for carrying out the above-listed activities.
* At least two DSDHH regional centers have engaged in discussions and trainings with CILs in their respective regions.
* A system for tracking and reporting the above-listed activities and their outcomes will be identified and developed.

**Announcements:**

* The NC Council for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing, the State’s only legislatively-mandated body charged with advising the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Public Instruction, will have its quarterly meeting on May 12, 2017. All meetings are open to the public. For more information: <https://www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/dsdhh/councils-commissions>
* May is Better Hearing and Speech Month and June is Deaf-Blind Awareness Month; DSDHH’s regional centers are conducting numerous activities throughout the state. Contact a regional center nearest you to find more information on the activities: <https://www.ncdhhs.gov/assistance/hearing-loss/regional-centers-for-the-deaf-hard-of-hearing>

**Client Assistance Program John Marens, Executive Director**

I would like to have discussion in regards to the content of my report.

We have had a significant increase in the number of independent living calls lately over the last 6 mo. Most have to do with delays in home modifications or vehicle modifications or just trying to get services. Housing as reported today by Teresa, we get a number of calls for housing. We refer to local housing authorities or the MFP program. We do not know if that ends in an actual transition or placement.

Clarification given that reports should be focused to the collaboration each Ex. Officio proposed to insert in the state plan.

Discussion followed regarding collaboration and the reporting of important issues.

**North Carolina Council on Developmental Disabilities   
Chris Egan, Executive Director**

Written report provided - Current Initiatives:

**Supported Living: Making the Difference**

Vaya Health (formerly known as Smoky Mountain MCO) launched the Supported Living initiative with a kick-off event on March 28-29 in Greensboro. The event had 280 attendees at cast a vision for what the supported living service could be in North Carolina. Vaya will convene several opportunities to have stakeholder involvement in the initiative. If you or someone from your center would like to be part of the stakeholder group, please send an e-mail to Jesse Smathers at [jesse.smathers@vayahealth.com](mailto:jesse.smathers@vayahealth.com).

With the four organizational partners, Vaya will support up to 24 individuals across the State to access the supported living service through their Innovations waiver. Through these demonstrations, all providers can learn about the barriers and successes of this service over the next three years. The four organizational partners participating in the initiative are Turning Point Services (TPS), FIRST, and Liberty Corner Enterprises (LCE), and The Arc of North Carolina. An overview of this initiative can be found on the nccdd.org website: <http://nccdd.org/supported-living-making-the-difference.html>

**Adult Care Home Transition**

The Council partnered with Disability Rights NC to carry out the goals of this initiative. The initiative wrapped up at the end of 2016 and you can view and/or download the final report at <https://nccdd.org/adult-care-home-transition-to-the-community.html?highlight=WyJhZHVsdCJd>. Vicki Smith from Disability Rights NC and SILC ex-officio member may share more information.

**Guardianship**

Now in its third year, the Rethinking Guardianship initiative, led by the DHHS Division of Aging and Adult Services along with the UNC School of Social Work Jordan Family Institute, have worked with members of the stakeholder group to introduce the Guardianship Bill of Rights at the NC General Assembly. You can see the bill that was filed here:  <http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2017/Bills/House/PDF/H821v0.pdf>

At the date this report was drafted, the Guardianship Bill of Rights was in the Rules Committee for review before sent to the floor for a vote.

Meetings of the Guardianship Stakeholder group are held in Raleigh at those with a guardian, those who at risk of having a guardian, family members and self-advocates are invited to be part of this stakeholder group. All 2017 meetings of the guardianship stakeholder group will be held at the Wake County Commons Building located at 4011 Carya Dr, Raleigh, NC 27610. The meetings are from 10 AM to 3 PM and the remaining 2017 meetings will be held May 18th, and October 19th. Thanks to Keith Greenarch for representing the Centers for Independent Living in this workgroup. Copies of the second year are report are available for distribution at the May SILC meeting. Additional copies are available for download at: <http://bit.ly/2jfUY4x>

**From Planning to Action: Integrated, Collaborative Care for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities**

The Council continues to invest in initiatives supporting healthcare for individuals with I/DD. The latest initiative is entitled “**From Planning to Action: Integrated, Collaborative Care for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities**.” This initiative will focus on (a) building capacity within primary and community healthcare providers to address medical needs of individuals with I/DD and (b) to create a healthcare navigator that can guide individuals and families through the complexities of healthcare, disability, and community service systems. The initiative launched January 1, 2017. More updates will be available by the August Council meeting.

**Upward to Financial Stability**

National Disability Institute has been working with the Council on this initiative. At the most recent activity for this initiative, NDI hosted 4 Train the Trainer Events across the State and trained 97 participants to provide practitioners, service professionals and self-advocates an understanding of how individuals with disabilities can become more self-sufficient, less dependent on benefits and build better a financial future that promotes choice and greater community participation. If the SILC board would like to request a training for the August or November Council meeting on the principles of financial stability, please notify Chris Egan at [chris.egan@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:chris.egan@dhhs.nc.gov).

**Safety and Security: Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault**

Coastal Horizons developed a training curriculum for domestic violence and/or sexual assault service providers to address the needs of victims who have intellectual and other developmental disabilities (I/DD). The training materials are available for download and use at no cost at:

<http://nccdd.org/safety-and-security-domestic-violence.html>

Please feel free to use the materials and distribute them throughout your networks.

**Emergency Preparation**

The Emergency Preparedness Initiative continues its good work into year #3. Please visit the nccdd.org website link, <http://nccdd.org/emergency-preparedness.html>, to see all the current resources. New resources will be available soon. Please check the website often.

**Conference Funding Support – FUNDING IS STILL AVAILABLE**

The NC Council supports individual with disabilities and their caregivers to participate in educational opportunities that will enhance their ability to be a better advocate or increase independence through the Jean Wolff Rossi Fund. This fund will provide financial support to attend conferences that will meet the goals of the Rossi Fund Program. Those interested in applying for funds may visit the NCCDD website for an application at [www.nccdd.org](http://www.nccdd.org) or call the office at 919-850-2901 to have an application mailed. Self-advocates and family members are encouraged to apply for support though the Jean Wolff Rossi Fund.

The 2017 independent living conferences are:

23rd Annual APRIL Conference and Youth Conference:

Spokane, Washington October 20th-23rd

<https://www.april-rural.org/index.php>

2017 Annual Conference on Independent Living

Washington, DC July 24th- 27th, 2017

<http://www.ncil.org/2017-annual-conference-on-independent-living/>

**5 Year Plan goals have been approved**

The Council’s new Five Year Plan submitted to the Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AIDD) was approved for implementation. The three large goals in the plan focus on **financial asset development**, **community living**, and **advocacy development**. Funding for initiatives in the next 5 years will address these key goals. To download a copy of the plan, you can visit the Council’s website or click the following link: <http://bit.ly/1MRMuGL>

**Council launches an online portal for new ideas for future initiatives:**

The Council has launched a link on NCCDD website to invite the public to submit new, innovative ideas that could lead to the funding of future initiatives to help accomplish the Council’s goals of improved financial stability for individuals with I/DD and their families, expanded community living opportunities and to strengthen advocacy in the area of I/DD as outlined in the new Five Year Plan.

Submit your idea by filling out the form at <https://nccdd.org/we-want-your-ideas>. The Council will consider all ideas that are received and your idea could lead to a request for applications (RFA) by the Council to implement the concept, or a possible sole-source proposal depending on the nature of the concept.

**Council Meetings are open to the Public and members of the general public are invited to attend**

The Council meets four times per year. The remaining 2017 meeting dates are:

May 11-12, August 10-11, November 15-17

Agendas and handouts from the meeting are available on the Council website at [www.nccdd.org](http://www.nccdd.org).

There is a public comment period on Friday where visitors can address the Council. Meetings are held at the Hilton Garden Inn at 131 Columbus Avenue, Cary, NC. Please see our website for more information.

## Old Business: none

## New Business: none

**Public Comments:** Dave Wickstrom distributed copies of a reimbursement request, an email and a check. The validity of the reimbursement was questioned.

Discussion followed with reference being made to finance committee minutes approving the reimbursement. The funds to pay were taken from unrestricted funds.

The office of Executive Director was brought up.

Keith Greenarch answered that Debbie Hippler serves in that capacity under the title of Operations Manager. If changing the title is needed then so be it.

## Tavonne Enoch asked what happened with the YLF contract and could that be explained.

Dave Wickstrom answered that housing on NC State Campus caused delays, only 5 applicants were received and it did not make sense financially to continue.

Gary Ray asked if the Council received any YLF applications. Dave answered yes.

Melea Williams asked what happens to the money since the YLF will not be held.

Keith Greenarch answered that he had been in contact with ACL and rolling the $20,000 will roll over into next year. $4,257 will revert this year but a technical amendment is in the process to allow the SILC to use these funds to send additional youth to the APRIL youth conference.

Sandra Hicks asked for clarification that the money for this year will roll over into next year.

## Announcements:

Patricia Sikes - Services for the Blind has a director –Cynthia Speight has been serving as our intern Director and is not our new Director

Jan Withers - we are interviewed for an assistant director and should know by March or April.

The March and April issue of NC Medical Journal focuses on hearing and vision and healthcare. Cynthia Speight and I worked together on an article on accessibility in healthcare situation. Go to the website to read the article as well as all the other information.

Vicki Smith – Disability Rights NC is celebrating our 10th year anniversary. There will be an event in Raleigh on July 27.

Also the DOJ and a settlement with NCDHHS regarding those with mental illness being placed in adult care homes, group homes and institutions where proper services were not given. DRNC is looking into becoming a partner in this as the current administration is not a fan of enforcement of settlements. At some point stories may be asked for.

## Meeting Adjourned at 12:24

Attendees: P = Present / T= attending by Teleconference / A = Absent

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| **Members** |  | **Ex. Officio** |  | **Guests** |  |
| Rene Cummins | P | Pamela Lloyd-Ogoke VRIL | T | Jenny Pleasants - VR | P |
| Tavonne Enoch | P | Chris Egan DD Council | P | Crystal Jackson Cheek | P |
| Gerald Green | P | Patricia Sikes – DSB | P | Alan Martin | P |
| Keith Greenarch | P | John Marens CAP | P | Emily Katella | P |
| Sandra Hicks | P | Vicki Smith – DDNC | P | Becky Rosenthal | P |
| Mark Steele | P | Jan Withers – DDHH | P | Kevin Earp | P |
| Kay Miley | A |  |  | Jessica Mendelsohn | P |
| Kimlyn Lambert | P | **Center Directors/Reps** |  | Valene Reiser | P |
| Clare “Ping” Miller | P | Dave Wickstrom | P | Mamie Branch | T |
| Sandy Ogburn | P | Barbara Davis | P | Sarah Bennett | P |
| Gary Ray | P | Helen Pase | P | Mike Ogburn | P |
| Teresa Staley | P | Aaron Shabazz | P | Kenny Gibbs - VR | P |
| Oshana Watkins | P |  |  |  |  |
| Barry Washington | P | **Staff/Support** |  |  |  |
| Melea Williams | P | Debbie Hippler | P |  |  |
| Jeff McLoud | P | Mark Lineberger ASL | P |  |  |
|  |  | Jennifer Johnson ASL | P |  |  |
|  |  | Tim Sound | P |  |  |

## Next Meeting: August 4 at the Country Inn and Suites in Burlington, NC.

*Respectfully submitted, Debbie Hippler, SILC staff*

*The full recording of the meeting is available at the SILC office upon request*