

N. C. Statewide Independent Living Council  
Quarterly Meeting Minutes  
August 10, 2018  
Country Inn & Suites, Burlington, NC

**Members Present:** Melea Williams, Cindy Arrington (Executive Director, NCSILC), Ricky Scott, Caroline Bradstock, Sandra Hicks, Marion Quirici, Sheila Winborne, Jan Withers, Mark Steele (on phone), Joshua Denton (on phone), Barry Washington (tardy), Deja Barber (tardy), Pat McGinnis (tardy).

**Members Absent:**

**Ex-Officios Present:** John Marens (NCCAP), Crystal Jackson Cheeks (NCDSB), Pamela Lloyd-Ogoke (NCDVR, on phone)

**Ex-Officios Absent:** Vicki Smith (DRNC), Chris Egan (NCCDD)

**Public:** Ken Weisse (NCSILC director of finance), Rene Cummins, Fred Johnson, Julia Sain, Helen Pase, Robert Hoe, Chris Rivera (ADANC), Dave Wickstrom (ADANC, on phone), Christy Wyatt (Money Follows the Person), Tracy Pakornsawat (Money Follows the Person), Teresa Bowman, Marty Musser (Disability Rights & Resources), Gloria Garten, Chuck Brammer, Shannon Dalkey, Kitty Barringer, Jenny Pleasant (DVR), Krista Hodge Stalling (DHHS)

**Welcome/Mission/Minutes**

In the absence of Mark Steele, Chairperson (on phone), the meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Melea Williams, Vice Chairperson.

**SILC Mission and SILC Accessibility Reminders**

Melea Williams read the mission and accessibility statement.

Members introduced themselves.

**Approval of the Agenda**

**MOTION:** Accept the agenda for today's meeting as submitted.

Made by Marion Quirici. Seconded by Ricky Scott. Carried unanimously.

**Approval of the Minutes**

**MOTION:** Approve the minutes from the May 2018 meeting as submitted.

Made by Marion Quirici. Seconded by Sandy Hicks. Carried unanimously.

**Cindy Arrington- Executive Director updates:**

The building our office is in in Raleigh is being renovated. All tenants need to be out by November. So we are in the process of looking for a new location. All members are asked to share information and ideas for a new location.

### **SPIL Development-**

Yesterday we had a training with Julia Sain and Cindy Arrington

### **Welcome Ken Wease, CPA, Director of Finance**

We are delighted to welcome Ken Weisse, our new CPA finance director. He started July 23.

### **Council member recommendation.**

We need a new chair and a secretary. We need a member at large to become a member of the executive committee. Exec committee elections are held the first meeting of the new year.

### **CIL director representative:**

Mark: CIL ED retreat on July 9, election, Benita Williams, ED of Center in Greensboro, will be the next representative of the directors on the SILC.

### **New member discussion:**

We have 10 vacancies on the Council, and 10 applicants to recommend.

Governance committee update:

We do not presently have a quorum, so we will table this.

### **NCIL updates:**

Two council members attended NCIL July 23-26 and provided feedback about the conference. Good discussion followed.

### **Discussion of NCSILC meeting dates for next fiscal year.**

Discussion about date and location of future meetings.

**MOTION:** To have the next meeting November 15-16 and subsequent meetings in the third week of the month.

Made by Ricky Scott, seconded by Barry Washington. Motion carries.

### **Standing Committee Updates**

#### Executive Committee

Mark: grateful to Cindy for her work as ED. Things have been moving forward more quickly. Executive committee meeting June 8. Discussion of membership, committee updates -- the fact that committees have not been meeting regularly discussion on SPIL development (we need SILC member involvement), discussion on future office location, potential budget revisions, reviewed 3 SILC applicants

#### Finance Committee

Caroline: will collaborate with Cindy, Mark and Ken. She welcomes Ken to the SILC.  
Reminder: reimbursement forms are due by the end of the meeting to Caroline or Cindy.  
Mark: Currently, through July we have a contract balance of 118K. Pam has not received the performance and expenditure report yet but Mark will get it to her by the end of the day. We have around 19K in our account with the July reimbursement being 14K.

10:20AM break.

Meeting resumes at 10:49.

### **Standing Committee Updates**

#### Governance Committee:

We now have 11 voting members present. So we have a quorum for a vote for the candidates who have applied to the SILC.

The committee presents 10 names for the Council's consideration. 9 individuals were approved by entire council with 1 individual being tabled for future consideration.

All approved candidates for Council membership will now be recommended to the Governor.

Council breaks for lunch at 12:00.

Meeting resumes 1:00 PM.

### **Standing Committee Updates**

#### Advocacy Committee

Marion Quirici: The committee has decided to put housing issues at the forefront of its agenda.

#### Action Committee

Melea Williams: Determining which kind of questions and surveys they want to send out for the new SPIL. Housing is also of concern to this committee.

### **SPIL Goal Updates**

Mark Steele

#### SPIL Goal 1: Quality services

Activity a: Centers will train their staff. Using part B funds, we have trained 15 staff by now. So we have accomplished that activity.

Activity b: We had a retreat in July.

Activity c: Centers attend the SILC meeting. We have accomplished this throughout the year.  
Activity d: upon request, provide info on how to start a CIL to a grassroots org. Julia's center did provide a training to a group.

#### Goal 2: Youth with Disabilities.

Activity a: Two centers have conducted that activity so far. Gloria's Center, and the Adaptables.

Activity b: Centers provide training on IL including transitions to 48 youth. CILs have worked with 75 youth.

Activity c: Outreach to rural areas. We accomplished 14.

Activity d: The SILC will assist 2 youth attending APRIL conference. We are still seeking one more.

#### Goal 3: IL services are improved.

Activity a: SILC provides part B funds to provide support to core services. There is a large portion of the state that is unserved.

Activity b: Council maintains part B funding level for the centers. That has been maintained throughout this year. There will be an increase next year.

Activity c: coordinate mental health training for centers. That was accomplished.

Activity d: Work with Department of Transportation. Presentation last year. During years 2 and 3, we are meant to further enhance access to transportation. We might need an ad-hoc committee.

#### Goal 4: Ensure that PWDs can live in the communities of their choice

Activity a: CILs assist a minimum of 16 transitions to community based living. We have transitioned 28 consumers.

Activity b: 16 transitions through Key program. We have referred 52.

#### Goal 5: Using I&E funds for the SILC to operate efficiently.

Activity a: We have conducted quarterly meetings

Activity b: disseminate information. There is information in the SILC office meeting room about various organization.

Activity c: Biannual IL summit. This has not been done. This year we will have to consider adding another IL summit.

Activity d: Governance committee identifies and recommends new members to the SILC. The Governance committee has referred 10 new members.

Activity e: Orientation and mentorship training for new members has been provided as needed.

#### Goal 6: DSB & VRIL

Pam (VR): Since the last meeting we have exceeded all goals and nothing has changed.

Crystal (DSB): 6.1: Assistive technology supports 2 technology groups trainings. We are at 20 technology groups so far.

6.2: 100 minimum: We have serviced 137

6.3: Veteran supports. We have participated in 57 outreach events.

### **Presentation from Money Follows the Person**

Christy Wyatt: Assistant Director of Money Follows the Person

Tracy Pakornsawat: Professional Development Coordinator for Money Follows the Person

Federal Funding for Money Follows the Person transitions ends December 31. Get as many applications in now as you can. People can still access the \$3000 in transition stability resource funds as long as they apply this year.

MFP will be folded into PHPs by 2023. Long term services will hopefully be folded into PHPs. Federal program closes in 2020.

MFP is not going away. It may change.

MFP has completed more than 1000 transitions since its creation.

Community living is less costly than institutionalization. \$518 million in savings across the state.

About a 43% reduction in costs.

### **Ex Officio Reports**

NCCDD: representative not present (DD Council meeting is currently being held in Asheville).

DRNC: representative not present (Vicki Smith is a voting member of the NCCDD Board and she is also at their Council meeting in Asheville).

### Division of Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Jan Withers: I Can Connect program: National Deaf Blind Employment for individuals at 400% of federal poverty level.

### Client Assistance Program

John Marens: Consumer relations with all agencies serving PWD's. Mediators when people are having trouble. Information & referral; education on policies; conflict resolution.

Rehabilitation Services Association have visited NC this year. DSB and VR were reviewed by the Feds.

### **Discussion: ex-officio report guidelines**

### **Old Business**

Barry: requests clarification on whether we are in compliance regarding the percentage of council members who work for CILs.

Cindy and Mark revisit the By-Laws and determine that we are in compliance: we have fewer than 50% of SILC members employed by CILs or a State agency.

**New Business**

Cindy: We thank all the new guest who have attended the meeting.

**Public Comment**

Rene Cummins (Southeast ADA Center): 28th anniversary of ADA just passed on July 26. Lack of recognition at the Federal Level.

**Announcements**

Cindy: NCCB convention Sept 22, Fayetteville.

APRIL conference Oct 5-7, Denver CO

NCATP Nov 5, Raleigh

NCRE Nov 7-9, Cary

Marion Quirici: there is a card going around to allow the council to congratulate the Council's former secretary,.

Pat: trying to get funding to go to Forum for Mental Health. They advise the World Health Organization. Can this Council help provide transportation?

Chris (ADANC): 5 travel training videos have been completed in partnership with Go Triangle. Will be shown at SSA offices and Medicaid offices on a loop. Still shots for safety precautions to post in the busses.

**Adjourn**

The Quarterly Meeting concludes at 3:45 PM.