The Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) convened a meeting March 12th, 2020 at JCIL at 23 Federal Drive Jackson, TN 38305.

# Attendance

Council Present: Denise Wardle, Dora Easterling, Jack Spencer, Edward Mitchell

Council present by Zoom: Sandi Klink, Alicia Cones, Lisa Suttles, Rhonda Crenshaw

Public: Katherine Moore, Tim Wheat, Brandon Brown, Cindy Miles, Desiree Heckard, Beth James, and Brooke Rogers.

Welcome

Dora Easterling started the meeting at 9:04 am, Sandi Klink (Chair) was on Zoom and Edward Mitchell (Vice Chair) was late. She welcomed all attendees and asked them to introduce themselves.

# Minutes

Council reviewed the minutes, Jack Spencer made the motion minutes be approved, Clarissa Williams made the second. Motion passes unanimously.

Roll Call

Sandi Klink-Yes

Denise Wardle-Yes

Jack Spencer -Yes

Lisa Suttles -Yes

Rhonda Crenshaw-Yes

Clarissa Williams -Yes

Motion Passed

# Treasurer's Report

Denise Wardle reviewed Statement of Activities- October 1, 2019- February 29, 2020. Clarissa Williams made the motion to accept the Treasurer's report, Lisa Suttles seconded the motion.

Roll Call

Sandi Klink-Yes

Denise Wardle-Yes

Jack Spencer-Yes

Lisa Suttles-Yes

Rhonda Crenshaw-Yes

Clarissa Williams -Yes

Lisa Suttles-Yes

Motion Passed

## DSE Membership Report, DSE Report & Update Membership Report

Monthly review with Governors office- no update on open position

Denise said that Grayson Jennings said he received a call but no further update

6 members terms will expire November

Available for reappointment

Denise Wardle

Jack Spencer

Sandi Klink Last term

Lisa Suttles

Alisha Cone

Janie Hadley

New nominee's need to be submitted between now-and June

Make sure that resume matches application

Lisa asked if there are 3 applicants from the Chattanooga area- there have not been any applicants submitted from that area yet.

VR Update

The state fiscal year- July 3761 application completed

1000 additional application since last meeting

Average day to completed 52 plans to employment- the goal is 90 days

8790 active individuals in program

119-caseload average

Successful closures July- 1090

633 for federal year

Average wages 11.27

Average hours worked a week 28

Director Report:

Dora Easterling gave the SPIL Update from last December. The SPIL Retreat will follow this meeting

SILC mentorship- Request has been made to ILRU- If there is a cancellation this spring, Dora may get in-but will probably be next fall.

SPIL Financial Findings- While reviewing current SPIL there were some errors found. VR is working with the SILC to fix the discrepancies. There was a mathematical error that will result in an additional 17K for each participating CIL center in the current SPIL. The center directors have been alerted to be prepared to spend the funds. There is the possibility that there will be additional funds from previous years as this is further investigated.

Lisa asked when Knoxville would be able to participate in additional funding. Dora answered that the changes would take place in October.

Beth gave a report on JCIL activities

Brandon gave update on Tornado damage to their building and disaster plan. They were already set up for remote operations. They had laptops, internet connections, able to use CILS first. Contacted consumers through phones.

Google G Suite let them use google voice numbers.

Their phones are up and running-with calls being forwarded. SILC is allowing them to use the office for now. Plan on being remote for a while. No damage to their office-but they cannot get into the building. No electricity. They are looking for a new space.

Old Business

SPIL Retreat Dec 11

Discussed goals for new SPIL

Emergency Preparedness for Centers, Staff and Tennesseans with Disabilities

New Business

Nashville Office

Lease is ending on May 2020

We can keep the office with a 6% rent increase or close the office Currently $725--$768 next year

The office is not being utilized by the SILC at this time.

The rental would offer a short term lease if needed for Empower to continue to use the space.

If the office is closed the furnishing could be donated to non-profit, because noting is valued over $5,000.

Clarissa-Asked do you use the office at all? There is no reason to stop by the Office?

Dora said she has not used the office except for storage.

According to the by-laws there needs to be an office in Tennessee- that does not have to be in Nashville. Historical documents must be in a fire safe, which they are in one at JCIL. JCIL is also our official address.

Meetings would still be in Nashville, Homewood Suites No federal regulations about working from home.

Motion made by Edward Mitchell Second by Lisa Suttles

Roll Call

Sandi Klink-Yes

Denise Wardle-Yes

Jack Spencer-Yes

Lisa Suttles-Yes

Rhonda Crenshaw-Yes

Clarissa Williams-Yes

Edward Mitchell-Yes

Motion Passed

## Announcements-

Lisa-Is there any word about an investigation of the Chattanooga office?

Dora said she has not received any additional information at this time. She is not aware of any movement. Dora has not had any additional information or conversations with Regina. Denise reported she was told that as long as they turn in their reports and don't have any financial findings that they may not be moved on.

Tim announced 30-year anniversary of ADAPT

Public Comment

Desiree Heckard-TARP is serving 8 counties with outreach- 2 high schools with IL skills-Parent nights for transitions. Outreach fairs- Fish Fry- Movie night with youth in transition- game nights at TARP for social interaction. Active IL board served 55 new consumers- signing up for SS, job placement. Left one school because of lack of teacher involvement- school has contacted to have TARP return. 3 students have been accepted to college

Tim Wheat- Senior symposium next week. Weekly VR collaboration

Katherine Moore-Working with sporting groups

Round table for employers

Interns

Youth legislator committee

Bus riding skills

Emergency Prep Training- April 7

Restructuring ECF program-

Working on CILS 1st- still entering consumers 255 open clients

Cindy Miles

VR office destroyed in Nashville- They have reissued computers and found workstations. They are contacting clients. TEMA and FEMA offices are open. Cookeville office not damaged. Emergency funding to replace client's equipment.



MEETING MINUTES March 12th, 2020

Lisa

Will the SILC provide interpreters for the meetings. Yes with prior notification.

Denise Wardle made the motion to adjourn, Second by-Jack Spencer Meeting Adjourned

Next meeting is Thursday, June 25, 2020 —9am-12pm CST — Homewood Suites Nashville Airport