



CT State Independent
Living Council

CT State Independent Living Council Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 27, 2023 1:00PM

Board Members Present: Jaclyn Pinney, David Morgana, Gary Allen, Gretchen Knauff, Melissa Taylor, Rich Luby, Kate Smolinsky, Josiane Alix, Jonathan Sigworth, Darryll Ruopp, Mark Linabury, Emily Zambrello, Kim Smith, Carmen Correa Rios, Farrah Garland, Barbara Lombardi, Michelle Johnson

Staff: Molly Cole, SILC Exec Director, and Lone Ranger

Absent Board Members: George Michna, Katie Smolensky, Josiane Alix, Rich Luby, Jonathan Sigworth

Guests: Todd Johnston, Past President, Eileen Healy, Executive Director IN, Sharon Heddle, Chairperson CACIL, Charlie Conway, Executive Director AI,

Action	Agenda Item
Quorum established	Call to Order at 1:15 pm - Quorum established.
Public Comment	There was no public comment.
Minutes from July 19, 2023	Mark Linabury moved to accept the minutes. Carmen Correa-Rios seconded. The minutes were approved with no amendments.
Financial Report	<p>Due to the absence of the treasurer, Gretchen reviewed the financial report from Greg DeFrank, CPA.</p> <p>The revised budget now includes the addition of \$115,000 in I&E funds and represents projected expenditures for Oct. 1, 2023, through Sept. 30, 2024. SILC will receive \$159,088 in additional funds from the DSE – Aging and Disability Services. That will bring the total of funds for SILC to \$310,040. SILC is requesting the Board approve use of funds to hire one part time statewide data coordinator and one half time administrative assistant. The budget includes salaries</p>

	<p>and any fringe benefits costs for each position.</p> <p><i>ACTION:</i> Michelle Johnson moved to approve the use of funds to hire one statewide data coordinator (half time) and one administrative assistant (half time). Jaclyn Pinney seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously.</p>
<p>Bylaws</p>	<p>Gretchen Knauff reviewed all the bylaw changes and the reason for each change. This represented the first reading of the proposed bylaw amendments. The second reading and vote will take place at the November meeting.</p>
<p>Committee Reports</p>	<p><u>Data Tech Report</u> - Eileen Healy reached out to Data Systems to consolidate reports and track hours. The intent is to let Legislators know more accurately what is happening.</p> <p><u>Emergency Preparedness</u> - There was no Emergency Preparedness update due to the absence of the committee chair.</p> <p><u>State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL) Committee Report</u> - Melissa Taylor encouraged all CIL directors to ask communities what they would like to see on the next plan and stated that the plan activities are on target. The Committee should wrap up public input by the end of October or early November.</p> <p><u>Membership Committee</u> – No update. Michelle asked what is being done to recruit people of color. Molly reported that there are currently 18 directors on the Board. The maximum number is 21 directors. SILC is required to ensure that a majority of members are people with disabilities. Currently, we comply with this requirement, but we need to be careful to maintain compliance as we add people. Gretchen suggested having a recruitment meeting to see how to reach other communities. Molly said it is important to have to have more diverse backgrounds and to include a broad array of geographic areas.</p> <p><u>Wheelchair Repair Committee</u>– This committee continues to meet weekly with the other appointed members of the task force established in legislation. Review their Facebook page – CT Wheelchair Reform Coalition - for more information.</p>

<p>Updates and Announcements</p>	<p>October 4, 2023 - Event at the Legislative Office Building addressing the right of all people with disabilities to live in their communities and not in institutional settings including Southbury Training School and the Regional Centers. It will be streamed on CTN from 10 AM-11:30 AM.</p> <p>November 9, 2023 – Supported Decision-Making Summit – All day. Sheraton Hartford South, Rocky Hill. Jenny Hatch, the first person to win a case allowing her to use Supported Decision-Making (SDM) rather than be subjected to guardianship. Jonathan Martinis, national expert who represented Jenny Hatch will be presenting. Jonathan has been working with the SDM Coalition to bring SDM to Connecticut.</p>
<p>Adjourn</p>	<p>David Morgana made a motion to adjourn, Carmen Correa-Rios seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 3pm.</p>