



**WASHINGTON**  
State Independent Living Council

**WASILC QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES**

**Thursday, April 12, 2018**

Red Lion Hotel- The Columbia Center  
1101 N Columbia Center Blvd  
Kennewick, WA

**Members Present:**

Mark Leeper, Center Director Representative, Pullman  
Jana Finkbonner, VR Tribal Representative, Bellingham  
Davi Kallman, Youth Representative, Pullman  
Hannah Langlie, Youth Representative, Seattle  
Ryan Nabors, CIL Representative, Tumwater  
Michael Richardson, Advocate for Individuals with Disabilities, Seattle  
Sheila Turner, Parent Guardian Representative, Pasco

**Per Phone:**

**Members Absent:**

Kayla Victor, Private Business Representative, Vancouver  
Deb Cook, Ex-Officio Department of Services for the Blind (DSB), Seattle  
Keith James, Advocate for Individuals with Disabilities, Seattle  
Rob Hines, Ex-Officio DVR, Olympia

**Council Staff:**

Kim Conner, Executive Director  
Jim House, Disability Integration Manager  
Cassi Villegas, Executive Assistant

**Guests:**

Kim Canaan, DSB  
Kimberly Meck, Director Alliance of People with disAbilities  
Teresa Kutsch, DVR, Spokane

### **Call to Order:**

- Called to Order: Thursday, April 12, 2018 at 9:10 by Mark Leeper, SILC Chair
- January 2018 Minutes- Motion for Approval

**Motion: Jana Finkbonner, "I motion to approve the January 2018 minutes."**

**Vote: All in favor, motion passes unanimously.**

### **Financial Report: Kim Conner**

- Reviewed financial report. We are on track per budget plan
- Discussed the increase in expenses for interpreters and CART
- Clarified the CIEP line items.

### **Executive Committee (EC) Report: Mark Leeper**

- The committee has been working on Part B funding and IL dollars, DSB had not utilized funding from last year. There was a previous agreement that DSB received increased funding from 15.5% to 16%, that agreement was honored.
- A large portion of the funds that were returned to DVR from CIL findings are being returned to ACL. Kim is following up to ensure where funds are going. Only a small portion will stay in Washington.
- Mark's exciting news: Increase in Independent Living funding (Part B & C).
- Discussed Council Survey results- high value in the trainings, meetings with legislators were valued, reviewed responses. Legislative Reception was not well attended and was not scored favorably. Discussed suggestions for future meetings.

### **Executive Director and SPIL Report: Kim Conner**

- Reviewed ED Report, covering some specific meetings and workgroups attended.
- SPIL Reporting- went through SPIL successes, accomplishments, and future plans.
- SILC needs to work with partners to report out on the SPIL to better track outcomes. CILs will send this info to Kim when they send it to DVR.

### **Coalition on Inclusive Emergency Planning Report: Jim House**

- Jim reported out on the SPIL goals and outcomes that are directly related to CIEP
- Jim discussed the work he has been doing with Pacific County and assisting them with rewriting their emergency plan.
- Davi discussed emergency response and would like to do a feature story with Jim for WSU
- There is interest in expanding the CIEP program and receiving activity based grants for CIEP. Kim has asked the council to think about this for the next SPIL.

### **Tribal Report: Jana Finkbonner**

- Tribes meet twice a year, once to do MOU in the Fall and once in June.
- Jana will have more information at the July QM after the June Tribal meeting.
- Tribal Vocational services are similar to DVR; they offer the same services as state that are culturally appropriate to each tribe. Tribes do not follow OOS currently. Each tribe has their own grant, service area, and service population. They are not required to participate in Pre-ETS and are not allowed to provide transition services.

### **Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR): Teresa Kutsch**

- Teresa presented on behalf of Rob Hines
- Discussed DVR's MOU with tribes
- DVR Advisory Workgroup is a newly formed workgroup intended to create leadership opportunities for succession planning. Current work includes:
  - Employee survey results
  - Focus on areas to make improvements "I receive clear communications on changes" "customer feedback to improve processes"- supervisors will create actions plans to focus on these areas.
- DVR has been rewriting WACs to align with WIOA. They are incorporating feedback from tribes, stakeholders, AG's office, etc. New WACs will be in place July 1.
- Order of Selection (OOS) - DVR applications have declined.
- Is DVR tracking where they refer customers? Is it possible to keep track of individuals receiving services from CILs? The SPIL Committee should consider how to effectively track consumers being referred to CILs by DVR.

### **Department of Services for the Blind (DSB): Kim Canaan**

- Young or Blind & Old or Blind Program overview:
  - Part B funds are used for Young or Blind Program. Old or Blind Program moved to UW from DSB because DSB could not support the program.
  - Combined funding of 1.5 million; 10% is Part B for Young or Blind (this is what is reported on 704 report).
  - Serves anyone from 24-up. Transition age people get services from DSB. Serves up to 100+ individuals, 1/3 have hearing loss, others have co-existing disabilities (more than half have multiple disabilities)
  - Services include activities of daily living (daily living tasks), communication tasks, limited counseling (not mental health), low-vision evaluations, assistive technology, etc.

### **Centers for Independent Living:**

- Mark- Working to develop new plan for the SPIL process
- Each center is continuing business, as usual

### **Alliance of People with disAbilitiets & Washington Assistive Technology Act Program (WATAP): Kimberly Meck**

- Congress passed a 2-year budget deal that included an increase of 2 million for the Assistive Technology (AT) Act Programs
- Still in negotiations with DVR with regards to the 2018-2020 contract which will have a start date of July 1, 2018. The contract is on track to look similar to the expiring contract and will hopefully provide funds for training, equipment for the WATAP Lending Library, and quarterly device lending fees.
- The NW Access Fund is working steadily toward lending targets in Washington to meet the goals set in the recently received CDFI (Community Development Financial Institution Program) grant. The Access Fund is also looking to expand its reach in Oregon.
- The Hearing, Speech, and Deafness Center continues to provide more hearing aids through modification of its business model where it schedules all fittings quarterly for those clients who need the reused hearing aids to maximize staffing resources and minimizing costs.
- WATAP attended the grand opening for the Eastside Adult Day Center Assistive Technology Lab in Bellevue. At the event, Comcast announced that Easter Seals will be receiving a second grant to expand the program into their 2 other adult day centers (South King and Kitsap). WATAP will be acting as consultant for the 2 new centers.

### **Public Forum & Panel Discussion**

- CART notes from this event are attached

**Adjourned @ 3:30 pm.**