



WASHINGTON

State Independent Living Council

WASILC QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, April 11, 2019

Oxford Suites
4051 Meridian Street
Bellingham, WA 98226

Members Present:

Mark Leeper, Center Director Representative, Pullman
Jana Finkbonner, VR Tribal Representative, Bellingham
Keith James, Advocate for Individuals with Disabilities, Seattle
Ryan Nabors, Advocate for Individuals with Disabilities, Tumwater
Michael Richardson, Advocate for Individuals with Disabilities, Seattle
Sheila Turner, Parent Guardian Representative, Pasco
Kayla Victor, Private Business Representative, Vancouver
Alyssa Adwell, Youth Representative, Seattle
Carl Johnston for (Rob Hines), Ex-Officio DVR, Olympia

Members Absent:

Davi Kallman, Advocate for Individuals with Disabilities, Pullman
Arlene Itou, Ex Officio Department of Services for the Blind (DSB), Seattle

Council Staff:

Kim Conner, Executive Director
Jim House, Disability Integration Manager
Nichole Kloepfer, Executive Assistant

Guests:

Kimberly Meck, Director, Alliance of people with DisAbilities
Kim Canaan, Program Specialist, UW Independent Living Program for the Older Blind (ILOB)
Patt Kosier, Director, Center for Independence
Josh Hackney, Central Washington Disability Resources
Marla Bronstein, Bellingham Theatre Guild
Emilio Velva Jr, Community Member
Andrew Fickes, DSHS/DVR
Margaret Tangedahl, CFI Youth Transition Coordinator Bellingham
Shawn Latham, CFI Bellingham
Dale Kosier, Community Member
Maria Siguenza, Director, Commission in Hispanic Affairs
Ray Avery, Samish Indian Nation VR program
Althea Ballew, Panelist
James "Dino" Christianson, Panelist
Lisa Manos, City of Bellingham
Mark Gardner, Council Member, City of Bellingham
Cindy McNeely, Community Member
Cindy Hagans, Community Member

Tammy Cooper-Woodrich, Tribal VR Counselor

Call to Order: Thursday April 11, at 9:05 a.m. by Keith James, Chair.

Review and Approve Agenda

Keith James asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

Motion: Approve the agenda as presented.

Motion: Jana Finkbonner

Second: Shelia Turner

Vote: Unanimous

Motion: Approve minutes as amended per discussion.

Motion: Michael Richardson

Second: Kayla Victor

Vote: Unanimous

Changes to January 2019 Minutes

- January 16th minutes, page 7, under debrief on legislative meetings. There should be a comment that states, “Kayla felt that the Council should visit their representatives 6 months prior to session starting and not to visit them unless there is an ask. “
- January 15th minutes, page 2, under membership committee, youth applicants, “Davi Kallman recommended Caitlin as a candidate to the Governor’s office, to hold a seat on the Council.”
- Michael Richardson will send his grammatical changes to Nichole.

Motion: Adjust agenda to review financial materials at 3pm.

Motion: Jana Finkbonner

Second: Michael Richardson

Vote: Unanimous

Center for Independence (CFI) - Patt Kosier

- Patt Kosier, CFI Director, gave an overview of their Center offices in Lakewood and Marysville and the services they provide.
- Jana Finkbonner asked where youth groups meet in Marysville. Patt Kosier said the next meeting is May 3rd at the Crown Plaza.
- Kayla Victor suggested that CFI Marysville reach out to NAMI’s youth program.
- For more information on CFI and their programs visit: <http://www.cfisouth.org/>

Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation Directors Presentation - Jana Finkbonner, Tammy Cooper, Ray Avery

- Jana Finkbonner, Director, gave an overview of their tribal vocational and behavioral health programs and other culturally appropriate services they provide.
- Ryan Nabors asked if there was a veteran program. Jana Finkbonner indicated that tribes have veterans in the program and work with the local offices.
- Margaret Tangedahl with the Center for Independent Living Bellingham office would like to work with tribal VR. Jana Finkbonner will bridge the gap and follow up with Margaret at the break.
- Jim House inquired about resources for deaf and hard of hearing. Carl Johnston from the Bellingham DVR office provides resources for those who identify as tribal or native ancestry.
- Kimberly Meck asked how can CIL’s be utilized as an adjunct service for the tribal DVR. Jana Finkbonner said that connecting with other tribal committees and affiliations and being mindful of cultural conflicts is crucial.

- For more information on their program please visit: <http://www.nivrp.org/>

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Public Comment Keith James, Chair

- Margaret Tangedahl from the Bellingham CFI office announced their Summer Workshop at University of Puget Sound, July 14-19, youth ages 16-21 for youth that live in their service areas. Margaret has business cards and fliers that she put on the back table for those who are interested.
- Marla Bronstein mentioned that being part of the theater community finding funding to accommodate those with disabilities is difficult. They just had an elevator installed in the theater and created a play with mostly sign. They do not have the funds for captioning program. For an arts community, how can they work together with CILs and the IL Network to make theater and arts accessible and not create a burden financially? Kimberly Meck suggested partnered with a Center in their area to write a grant. Jim House suggested having a script reader, have someone do the real time captioning during the songs.

Central Washington Disability Resources (CWDR) Presentation - Josh Hackney

- Josh Hackney gave an overview of CWDR and his role as the Youth Transition Program Coordinator. He is currently working with 28 youth, is networking within the community, and has a partnership with the local university.
- For more information on Central Washington Disability Resources visit their website at <https://mycwdr.com/>.

Partner Updates:

Tribal Report - Jana Finkbonner

- The Paddle Canoe Journey is July 24-28, 2019, Lummi Nation is hosting. Additional information can be found at <https://paddletolummi.org/>
- There is a POWWOW this weekend at Western University in Carver gym.

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) Report - Carl Johnston

- Carl Johnston updated the Council on the status of DVR funding, the audit, eligibility determination, and Order of Selection.
- For more information on DVR can be found at <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/office-of-the-secretary/division-vocational-rehabilitation>

Department of Services for the Blind (DSB) Report - Kim Canaan for Arlene Itou

- DSB is in Order of Selection like DVR. They were able to open category one and serve 20 people. An additional 10 clients were served that were at-risk.
- For more information about DSB and their Order of Selection process visit their website at <https://dsb.wa.gov/>.

University of Washington, Independent Living Program for the Older Blind (ILOB) - Kim Canaan

- Kim gave a budget, vendor, and general programs update.

- The Independent Living (IL) advisory group meets quarterly and is composed of providers and key stakeholders. There will be an update on spending, budget, and the results from the post closure survey at their June meeting.
- For more information on the program or the advisory committee please contact Kim Canaan at kimcan@uw.edu or (206) 616-6789.

Washington State Rehabilitation Council (WSRC) - Jerry Johnson for Keith James

- Jerry gave an overview of the Council's work around policy development, the effects of Order of Selection, and how staff training assists with customer service.
- The next WSRC meeting is Kennewick May 2-3, 2019.
- For more information on the WSRC please visit <http://www.wsrcwa.org/> or contact the Executive Director, Shelby Satko, at satkosm@dshs.wa.gov, (360) 725-3690.

Centers for Independent Living

- Patt Kosier and Josh Hackney reported in their presentations on their centers.
- Kimberly Meck, Seattle office is still trying to find a new office space.
- The CIL's have been working with Michael Richardson and the SPIL committee. This SPIL process has been learning experience and a pleasure to work as a team. Kimberly Meck gives credit to the SILC, great collaborative process.

Washington Assistive Technology Act Program (WATAP) - Kimberly Meck

- Kimberly gave a report from the last WATAP meeting.
- To read the details of the minutes please see attachment.
- For more information about WATAP visit <http://watap.org/>.

Client Assistance Program (CAP) - Jerry Johnson

- Jerry Johnson reported on the work around evaluating systemic aspects of advocacy, addressed the levels of bureaucracy in the supervisor approval processes that are required at the federal level and how statewide audits are too number focused and not being reviewed holistically.
- For more information on the CAP program visit <http://washingtoncap.org/>.

Working Lunch-

Panel Discussion -This is our Community: Althea Ballew, Mike Hudson, Dino Christianson

- Jana Finkbonner welcomed the panelist and asked the five questions surrounding barriers and successes from each of their experiences in their community.
- She distributed Lummi thank you necklaces to the panelist.
- A summary of the panel conversation is provided with the minutes. CART notes can be requested for verbatim conversation.

Financial Report- Kim Conner

- Kim Conner reported that the regular WASILC budget is currently at 48%. There is always NCIL travel in the 4th quarter and those expenses generally exceed 25% of the budget.
- The CIEP budget, 3rd quarter, is at 76%. The budget should level out in the 4th quarter.

- Budget line items report: Kim reminded the Council that DVR transitioned to OFM chart of accounts so there are some differences. The staff are unable to control classification of categories.

Motion: Accept the regular report and have corrections of categories changed and renamed to the itemized budget and review at next quarterly meeting.

Vote: Jana Finkbonner Second: Mark Leeper Vote: Unanimous Abstain: Keith James

Motion: Moving forward Council will approve estimated itemized and summary WASILC/CIEP budget and within two week time receive current numbers and approve final numbers at the following quarterly meeting.

Vote: Kayla Victor Second: Shelia Turner Vote: Unanimous

Action: Kim Conner to update itemized budget spreadsheet columns. Provide the Council with current numbers within two weeks.

Michael Richardson brought to the Council's attention that Kimberly Meck needed to leave before the SPIL report on day two of the meeting. He requested the SPIL report moved to 9:10am, Friday April 12. No formal motion made.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00pm.