



WASILC QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 21, 2020

Council Members Present:

Sheila Turner, Chair, Parent Guardian Representative, Pasco
Mark Leeper, Center Director Representative, Pullman
Dion Graham, Advocate for Individuals with Disabilities, Seattle
Jana Finkbonner, VR Tribal Representative, Bellingham
Ryan Nabors, Advocate for Individuals with Disabilities, Tumwater
Alyssa Adwell, Youth Representative, Renton

Council Members Absent:

Davi Kallman, Advocate for Individuals with Disabilities, Pullman
Robert Hines, Ex-Officio, Director of Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR)
Bill Kane, Executive Director, Spokane Center for Independent Living (SCIL)

Council Staff Present:

Kim Conner, Executive Director
Jolie Ramsey, Executive Lead

Members and Guests Present:

Kimberly Meck, Director, Alliance of People with DisAbilities
Shelby Satko, Executive Director, WSRC
Kim Canaan, Program Specialist, UW Independent Living Program for the Older Blind (ILOB)
Leah Velasco, Interim Director, Center for Independence (CFI)
Jess Chrivoli, CFI Intern
Jerry Johnsen, Client Assistance Program, DSHS/DVR
Lexie Bartunek, Community Living Connections Program Manager, DSHS/ALTSA
Marietta Bobba, Planning & Program Development Manager, DSHS/ALTSA
Emerson Sekins, Deputy Director, Northwest Access Fund
Ryan Keith, Panelist, Management Analyst, Healthcare Authority, DBHR
Raeann Katz, Panelist
Lisa Barton, Panelist
Catherine Forte, Panelist

Call to Order and Introductions: Sheila Turner, Chair, called meeting to order at 9:06am. Council members and guests introduced themselves.

Review and Approve Agenda:

Motion: Approve the agenda as presented *with changes discussed*

First: Ryan Nabors: "I, Ryan, make a motion to approve the agenda as amended." **Second:** Mark Leeper

Discussion: Kim Conner requested to add David Lord to the partner updates.

Vote: Favor: All **Opposed:** None **APPROVED**

Meeting Norms: Sheila read and gave overview of WASILC meeting norms.

Motion: Approve October 2019 Quarterly Meeting minutes *with changes discussed*

First: Jana Finkbonner: "I make a motion to approve the Oct 3 and Oct 4th minutes as amended." **Second:** Mark Leeper

Discussion: One agenda for Friday 10/04 under Executive Director Transition: It was Executive Committee that asked for her to commute long-term.

Vote: Favor: All **Opposed:** None **APPROVED**

Financial Report: Alyssa Adwell

- Reviewed financials

Partner Updates:

- **DVR Report:** Kristina Zawisza
 - Kristina was not able to attend, no report
- **Washington State Rehabilitation Council:** Shelby Satko
 - Sheila Turner is the new WASILC representative
 - Currently recruiting for 3 positions on council; particularly in eastern WA
 - WSRC just completed annual report
 - WSRC has been working on the Client Services Needs Assessment (CSNA) report

- **Tribal Report:** Jana Finkbonner
 - Tribes submitted annual reports
 - Many tribes applying for grants for the next 5 years
 - Helping people be aware that DVR is coming off its order of selection
 - Disseminating info about tribal VR
- **DSB Report:** Kim Canaan
 - Arlene Itou and LouOma Durand retired, they are working on establishing executive team
- **Younger Blind Independent Living Program:** Kim Canaan
 - IL program is running much smoother with the addition of service providers
- **Centers for Independent Living:**
 - CWDR:** Josh Hackney
 - Recently relocated office space in downtown Ellensburg. Updating printed materials with new address
 - Outreach has been strong in Moses Lake and Wenatchee. Meeting with more customers from these communities. Collaborates with work source to use meeting space
 - Youth transition program: holding workshops to utilize virtual reality. Three schools are involved in the program. Goal is five schools
 - CFI:** Leah Velasco
 - New website is www.cfi-wa.org
 - Submitted annual 704 report
 - Strong program for transitioning people from facility to assisted living or independent living
 - Teaching work readiness programs at various local HS. Peer support programs. Driver's Ed prep class in Marysville office
 - DAC:** Mark Leeper
 - PPR reports submitted
 - Spokane youth office is very busy. Additional staff hired to cover service area.
 - Youth transition: Robust services assisting youth with various aspects of transitioning from high school to college/vocational goals. Program based out of the 25 W. Main, Spokane location
 - Alliance:** Kimberly Meck
 - Relocated office space to new, bigger office during the first week of January. New address: 1401 E. Jefferson, Suite 506, Seattle 98122. Now have sufficient meeting space that is wheelchair accessible. Open house in late February/early

March to see new space. Kimberly will send the invite to SILC staff, who will disseminate open house invite

- Busy in grant writing process. Veterans Seniors Human Services Levy, includes people with disabilities
- Educating people who design programs in King County on needs of disability community such as high needs for access to Metro transportation. Making city metro services fully accessible. Taskforce now a commission
- King county building low income housing. Undergoing rezoning and Kim asked to provide info to see how the rezoning will affect the disability community. Very involved in advocacy in King County
- **WA Assistive Technology Act Program (WATAP):** Kimberly Meck
 - Currently recruiting for more members on advisory council. Time commitment lessened. Meeting quarterly; via Zoom meeting
 - Individuals with disabilities who are technology users can serve on committee
 - Dion said Kimberly can reach out to him
- **Client Assistance Program (CAP):** Jerry Johnson
 - Spoke to the order of selection process and prioritizing vocational rehab services nationwide and more directly in WA state
 - Don Kay retired
 - Comprehensive needs assessment and the process of meeting customer needs discussed. Conversated about working partnership between CILs and VR training

NW Access Fund Presentation: Emerson Sekins

- See power point presentation

Working Lunch

- Public Comment: No comments
- Council preparations for panel

Public Panel Forum: See CART Notes

Meeting adjourned at 2:15pm