WASILC QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES

January 20, 2022

Council Members Present:
Alyssa Adwell, Chair, Young Adult Representative, Renton
Dion Graham, Advocate of and for Individuals with Disabilities, Seattle
Donna Adamson, VR Tribal Representative, Mount Vernon
Kimberly Meck, Center Director Representative, Seattle
Mona Fuerstenau, Advocate of and for Individuals with Disabilities, Vancouver
Ricardo Funes, Advocate of and for Individuals with Disabilities, Olympia
Ryan Nabors, Advocate of and for Individuals with Disabilities, Tumwater
Terry Redmon, Ex-Officio, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR)
Karin Morris, Advocate of and for Individuals with Disabilities
Naomi Marteeny, Advocate of and for Individuals with Disabilities

Council Staff Present:
Kim Conner, Executive Director
Jim House, Disability Integration Manager
Avivette Coles, Executive Assistant

Guests Present:
Jen Bean, Client Assistance Program
Angela Merritt
Mayra Colazo, Center Director, Central WA Disability Resources (CWDR)
Leah Velasco
Lewis Lujan, MIL
Mari Heusman, DVR
Elizabeth Gordon, GCDE
Call to Order

Alyssa Adwell, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:12am

Motion: Approve today’s agenda as presented.
First: Ryan Nabors Second: Kimberly Meck
Vote: Favor: All Opposed: None APPROVED

Motion: Approve the October 2021 Quarterly Meeting Minutes
First: Kimberly Meck Second: Ryan Nabors
Vote: Favor: All Opposed: None APPROVED

Motion: Approve the financials as presented
First: Mona Fuerstenau Second: Ricardo Funes
Vote: Favor: All Opposed: None APPROVED

Committee & Partner Updates

Executive Committee Chair Report: Alyssa Adwell
▪ Recruitment for 4 council members for October
▪ EC elected to pay dues to NASILC for voting power within their organization

Executive Director Update: Kim Conner
▪ HB1566 – getting at least 3 or 30% representation in the legislative work groups
  o Individual advocates are able to weigh on any bill – representing WASILC would be lobbying
▪ Crisis Standards of Care provides guidance on how to determine who gets care first based on available resources
  o Department of Health contracts with DMAC (made up of medical professionals who write the Crisis Standards of Care)
▪ Updating Council Blurbs for the Website
  o Avivette will reach out soon
Youth and Young Adult Committee: Alyssa Adwell

- Focus on membership before working on the charter
  - BIPOC community engagement
  - First round of flyers went out mid-January

Legislative Committee: Dion Graham

- Focus on
  - Membership
    - First round of flyers went out mid-January
  - Housing Challenges within the Disability Community
    - HB1511 – Affordable Accessible Housing which will allow affordable housing for purposes of using surplus public property for public benefit
    - HB1566 – Access and Representation for Individuals with disabilities in the legislative process

SPIL Committee & SPIL Monitoring Report: Kimberly Meck

- SPIL Monitoring Report has now switched to Survey Monkey
- New members Angela Merritt and Mels Felton on the SPIL Committee
- SPIL Committee Planning
  - Using Microsoft TEAMS for planning the new SPIL
  - Reviewing questions for the SPIL survey
  - Ten Year Plan for SPIL Development Review

CIEP Report:

- Cascadia Rising 2022, a high level statewide tabletop discussion about the state response to a mega-earthquake
  - Producing video on the scenario and the video will include AFN concepts baked in throughout
  - Accessible with ASL interpreter, captioning, and video description
  - Approved to receive free technical support from FEMA National Exercise Program to update its Standup Protocol for integration with Cascadia Rising
- Level 1 and Level 2 Standups as a result of the atmospheric river incidents near Bellingham
  - Four AFN requests
    - Three housing requests
    - One ADA Shower request
- Training requests with Pierce County
  - Public Information Officers (PIOs) on how to provide effective communications when working with the media
Pilot training on how to use gesturing and other types of nonverbal communications as an interim effective communication measure during the hours or days after a disaster until professional interpreters are at the scene

- Provided technical assistance on equitable vaccine distribution with the Washington Recovery Framework
  - Smoke alarms and other alerting devices for deaf and deafblind people
  - Set up of disability stakeholder networks in Pennsylvania
- Provided presentations on accessible emergency notifications and the Great Washington Shak-Out Day
- Participated on panels at the Delaware Conference and the APRIL Conference on strategies for engaging in inclusive emergency planning
- Received training on Coastal Hazard Awareness, the interface between Emergency Management Services and the Incident Command System, and Evacuation Lessons in wildfires
- CIEP Alert newsletter was published
  - Covered updates to Cascadia Rising noting the increased emphasis on AFN
  - Tips on how to prepare for floods
  - Email advisories were issued about ongoing disaster responses
  - FCC’s new 9-8-8 National Suicide Prevention Hotline will open this summer and include texting capabilities similar to 9-1-1

Ad Hoc: Bylaws, Policy & Procedures: Mona Fuerstenau

**Motion:** Approve increasing the size of voting members on the council from 9 to 15

**First:** Karin Morris  
**Second:** Kimberly Meck

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

- Bylaws, procedures, and policy recommendations will be submitted for review and approval at the April QM

DVR Report: Terry Redmon

- Justin DeFour is now the permanent Deputy Director
- Angela Merritt new Community Programs Manager
- Road to recovery
  - Employees working on a hybrid model – except essential workers
  - Phone lines being forwarded to cell phones to limit missed communication
Customers by appointment only

Order of selection as of January 1st
- Working through the waitlist of 1,408
- Serving customers at category

WIOA update will be submitted in 2022
- Public Hearing February 10th

Needs assessment to be completed in 2022

Replacement of STARS
- New case management system to go live July 1, 2022

Tribal Report: Donna Adamson

- Training being developed for a more even client satisfaction data
- Donna to continue to serve on council as a regular member until a replacement is found

WSRC Report: Dion Graham

- 2021 Annual Report (link is in the packet)
- Next Quarterly Meeting on February 10th

GCDE: Elizabeth Gordon

- Quarterly Meeting January 28, 2022
  - Legislative session focus
  - Past years work and future priorities
- Universal Basic Income Pilot Group
  - What it would take to implement a pilot study on giving a group of people basic income every month?
  - What it would look like in WA?
  - How that would help people with disabilities?
- Training for state human resource directors
  - Roundtables for people who work for the state who can advocate for needed accommodations in the workplace
- Youth Leadership Forum - 5 day immersive leadership experience for Pre-employment and training services
  - Summer plans for an in person meeting

Centers for Independent Living: Mark Leeper, Mayra Colazo, Kimberly Meck, Leah Velasco

- Technology act in the state was able to receive funding where WATAP received 80K
  - May use funds to hire a PT employee to work on doing more technology
demonstrations

- **CWDR Update**
  - Hosted a vaccine clinic in December – Goal was to serve 100 individuals, served 78
  - Will be hosting another vaccine clinic on January 21, 2022 at the request of the public
  - Seattle Foundation awarded funds for COVID outreach
    - Used on cash incentives for vaccines
  - Applying for additional funding
  - New Grant through the VA for veterans in need starting in February

- **DACNW**
  - INDEex has been opened in Spokane
  - Connecting with Spokane Tribal and other marginalized communities in the area
  - Building on relationships with current Tribal connections

- **CFI**
  - Combined peer groups, including Youth and Adults, meeting once a month
  - Been providing pre-employment services for students at Mt Tahoma high school, working on creating programs at other schools
  - Fundraisers
    - Online fundraiser campaign through Facebook on Giving Tuesday
    - Main fundraiser through CFI website
    - Raised over 2K
  - Received 10K grant for additional accessibility

- **Challenges**
  - Shortage of hospital staff causing a demand in transitional services from the hospital to homes
  - Looking to hire staff specifically for transitional programs

- Website now has an accessible feature
- Marysville office is now almost fully staffed
Referrals still coming in from DVR
  o Leah going on Maternity Leave in April, Todd Holloway will be taking over at the next QM
  ▪ Alliance of People with Disabilities
    o Anticipating a name change which will be announced prior to the April QM with the new logo and new marketing materials
    o ED will be retiring, looking for a new Executive Director
    o Opening for an IL specialist and Executive Assistant
    o Hosting an intern from Walden University, will be a full employee in June
    o Completing DVR application to be an IL vendor

New Business

Ad Hoc Committee for Statewide Needs Assessment
  ▪ Met with consultants to work on creating the assessment
  ▪ Members of the committee would include Non-SILC members
  ▪ Ad Hoc Committee
    o Karin Morris
    o Naomi Marteeny
    o Alyssa Adwell
    o Mayra Colazo

**Motion:** Approve creating an Ad Hoc Committee for the Statewide Needs Assessment without going through the application process for membership.

**First:** Kimberly Meck  
**Second:** Dion Graham

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

2022 NCIL Conference being held in person on July 25th - 28th Interested Members
  ▪ Mona Fuerstenau – Hybrid Only
  ▪ Karin Morris
**Motion:** Allow Karin as a SILC member and two Staff as chosen by the SILC Director to attend the in person NCIL conference July 2022 and additionally allow a revisit of this discussion should a hybrid version appears to allow additional attendees.

*First:* Alyssa Adwell  
*Second:* Ryan Nabors  
*Vote: Favor:* All  
*Opposed:* None  
**APPROVED**

Review and Approval of the 2021 PPR Report

**Motion:** Approve the 2021 PPR as it is written.

*First:* Kimberly Meck  
*Second:* Donna Adamson  
*Vote: Favor:* All  
*Opposed:* None  
**APPROVED**

SILC Congress Update

- Currently in person
- Avivette and Dion are going but keeping an eye on the pandemic situation, they may change their minds if things take a turn

Membership Recruitment

- Executive Committee is the acting Membership Committee currently
- Four seats are open for recruitment, one is ex-officio position with DSB

NASILC Dues

- Allows WASILC to have voting power in the organization of NASILC

April QM

**Motion:** Set the date for April 14th, 2022 for a virtual meeting.

*First:* Kimberly Meck  
*Second:* Dion Graham  
*Vote: Favor:* All  
*Opposed:* None  
**APPROVED**
Council Trainings and Conferences

- Will look into transferring the forms over to Survey Monkey, if possible.
- Suggestion to create a form for updates in the community

Meeting Adjourned at 2:47pm