WASILC SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

March 25, 2021

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 *(absent for all motions)*
Ryan Nabor, Advocate of and for Individuals with Disabilities, Tumwater
Terry Redmon, Ex-Officio, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR)
Tricia Eyerly, Ex-Officio, Dept. of Services for the Blind (DSB)

Council Staff Present:

Kim Conner, Executive Director
Jim House, Disability Integration Manager
Jolie Ramsey, Executive Lead

Council Members Absent:

Sheila Turner, Parent Guardian Representative, Pasco

Guests Present:

Mark Leeper, Executive Director, Disability Action Center
Mayra Colazo, Executive Director, Central WA Disability Resources
Leah Vela, Executive Director, Center for Independence
Jessica Williams—The Alliance of People with disAbilities
Joshua Hackney—Central WA Disability Resources
Michelle Pappas—Disability Action Center
Mels Felton—Disability Action Center
Sandra Carr—WADHH, Spokane
Elizabeth Gordon, Executive Director, GCDE
Lisa Robbe, Regional Ombuds, ODD
Holly Chilinski, Spokane
David Carlson, Disability Rights Washington
Call to Order
Alyssa Adwell, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:00pm.
Land Acknowledgement read by Alyssa Adwell

Review and Approve Agenda:

Motion: Approve today’s agenda as presented.
First: Ryan Nabors Second: Kimberly Meck
Vote: Favor: All Opposed: None APPROVED: 6 members; ABSTAINED: 1 member

Center Closure Discussion:
- Background: Alyssa Adwell
- Focus of discussion:
  - FFY21 Part C & CARES Act funding
  - FFY22 & FFY23 Part C funding
- Recommendation from the SPIL Committee- Kimberly Meck

Public Comment:
Michelle Pappas: Self advocacy is imperative to people with disabilities. Only way to be realized is through the community.
Mels Felton: Extreme need in Eastern WA for IL philosophy. Grassroots organization run by and for PWD

David Carlson: Support and agree with building connections and strengthening BIPOC community

Holly Chilinski: Transportation, mobility, public transit for PWD are big issues in Spokane

Discussion:

- Mona Fuerstenau suggested to make a semantics change on page 20. It should read “will be” instead of “should be”.

Motion: “I would like to make a motion to approve the recommendations with changes to the SPIL on pg. 15 & 20 where it reads “should be directed”, changing should to will. And in addition from p. 20, where language states, Part C funding intended to be used in the Spokane region to change the word should to will.”

First: Dion Graham    Second: Mona Fuerstenau

Vote: Favor: All    Opposed: None    APPROVED: 6 members; ABSTAINED: 1 member

Motion: “Move that we authorize the Executive Committee to make the final decision on all three SPIL recommendations after the 30 day comment, as long as there’s no substantial changes necessary based on the comments.”

First: Kimberly Meck    Second: Dion Graham

Vote: Favor: All    Opposed: None    APPROVED: 6 members; ABSTAINED: 1 member

- Kim will email OILP to provide updates on SPIL recommendations, 30-day comment period, and when WASILC will submit SPIL. Let IL network know when funding becomes available. –ACTION

Motion: Adjourn the meeting.

First: Ryan Nabors    Second: Dion Graham

Vote: Favor: All    Opposed: None    APPROVED: 6 members; ABSTAINED: 1 member

Meeting Adjourned at 4:02pm.