

Delaware SILC SPIL GPS Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: February 6, 2024

Held via Zoom starting at 10:07 AM

Committee Members Present: Sandra Farina (SPIL GPS Committee Chairperson and SILC Representative), Blake Roberts (DE SILC Secretary and SILC Representative), Lillian Harrison (Executive Director, Independent Resources, INC) Ashley Spinden (Representative, Division for the Visually Impaired), Daniese McMullin-Powell (DE SILC member and Chairperson, Advocacy Committee) and Kathryn Burritt (DE SILC Executive Director).

Others Present: Mary Parker (Community Hub Manager, Independent Resources, INC) and Debbie Bain (former DE SILC Executive Director, non-voting member).

Meeting Commencement

Today's meeting commenced at 10:07 AM.

Approval of Minutes

Blake made a motion to approve the January 2, 2024 Minutes; Mary seconded. Minutes were approved with no questions, opposition or changes.

Old Business

SPIL Development (Sandra)

The Freedom Center for Independent Living previously sent a necessary chart for State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL) development. Lillian will send Independent Resources, INC. chart to Sandra.

Ashley said she would like to be part of the SPIL writing Committee. Sandra will send Qua Marketing's report and meeting invitation to Ashley. Attendees were asked about their perceptions of the Needs Assessment report. Blake stated from his perspective, some participants pointed out problems without offering solutions. He also emphasized importance of the survey responses and summary of 5 core issues identified in Your Voice Your plan forum sessions. Debbie said it would be beneficial to find overlaps between different methods of communication. The purpose of finding overlaps is goal identification. Debbie also suggested that the Committee review the 2019 mission statement from the previous three-year SPIL to determine if any of it is still relevant.

Debbie stated the value of reflecting on the needs assessment activities. Reflection includes what worked and what could have been improved. Sandra agreed about the value of reflection. Debbie said 3-year SPIL goals need to be simple, actionable, measurable and doable. This includes resource identification. Blake volunteered to identify topics which stand out from the Needs Assessment report.

Debbie and Daniese also expressed interest in identifying what stood out, with their focus being event transcripts. Sandra summarized that Blake will focus on the report. Daniese and Debbie will focus on transcripts of listening sessions.

Timeline

A draft SPIL will be completed by March. Public feedback will be sought in April. Feedback will include comments from the public on DE SILC website. There will also be a virtual public feedback session through Zoom and 3 in-person sessions at public libraries (one in each county). The final report will be provided in May. Submittal is expected in June.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Adjournment and Next Meeting

Today's meeting adjourned at 11:33 AM. The next monthly SPIL GPS Committee meeting is scheduled on March 5, 2024 at 10:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Blake Roberts, DE SILC Secretary