



The picture above is the logo for the SILC. It shows a cartoon image of a blue house with the sun rising behind it. The words, Delaware Statewide, are written above the house. Below it the words Independent Living Council are written. The house, which is divided into four blocks, has the letters SILC.

DELAWARE STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes – June 24th, 2024

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Zoom Invite Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81244185215?pwd=TWtBeVJDSFdjc1htdUdqOV05S1FsZz09>

The meeting was called to order at 11:02 am.

The attendees were Sandra Farina, Chair, Arte Mays, Vice Chair, Lizzy Phillips, Marissa Band, Jackie Saez-Rasario, Jody Hougentogler, Lisa Furber, Elisha Jenkins, Emmanuel Jenkins, Zach Simpler, Mary Parker, Hope Vella.

The first order of business was a guest presentation by Emmanuel Jenkins from the Delaware Disabilities Council (DDC). This presentation was about the DDC Housing Survey. This is a housing survey around barriers for those with disabilities. The DDC encourages anyone with a disability or serving those with disabilities to please complete the survey. Their goal is to have 100 participants. Please complete the survey using the following link:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CZ6F78B?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTAAAR0QfR5YSmV0LYsIu4WsrHGiZWmd8KYvRm7HgCOnXZ0N5Zk7pRuIVhAX6d8_aem_AXK49ah3I4mXMW7zXuZtMPCa2rRsE2imj6bkGnda7ffbKMA8A1oLGMZgRs72jHKhVE0fRGXHZB3zAFBCc1tOaBy3

The second presentation was from CLASI about their IVG accomplishments and updates. Jackie Saez-Rasario walked us through her PowerPoint presentation (attached for your review) and demonstrated some of the YouTube video links which you can access here:

Supported Decision-Making Agreement

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5hYzXTnlKHM> (EN)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5i6uk_dy1Y4 (SP)

Power of Attorney

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=71MjDhQlsxE> (EN)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yQUUpmGmbL0> (SP)

Advanced Healthcare Directive/Healthcare Surrogate

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TYV4Z2krZKI> (EN)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pb6yBwGW_Do (SP)

Sandra Farina, Chairperson, and Kathryn Burritt, Executive Director shared updates on the public feedback from the website as it related to the SPIL. We reviewed the list of emails and the feedback was in support of the plan.

The next item was voting on the SPIL. The members voted in favor of the SPIL and submission to the Q90 portal and signatures will be happening this week.

The next item was voting on DHA/Emergency Management expenses with DELTA. The Executive Committee previously approved \$10,000 of the SILC's funding to be used to fund the DELTA work. The full SILC decided to table this vote to a future meeting once the CIL's and SILC have met and discussed other options.

The next item was voting on approval of NCIL Conference expenses for Kathryn Burritt to attend the NCIL Conference in Washington, D.C.

The following are the projected expenses:

Projected Expenses

NCIL CONFERENCE – JULY 22-26, Washington, D.C.

For 1 Representative to Attend (Kathryn Burritt)

Registration

- 1 early bird registration **\$300** (paid by Todd via credit card)

Hotel Reservations (5 nights stay @ the Grand Hyatt Washington 7/21-7/26)

- Cost **\$1,733.45** (paid by Todd via credit card)

Travel

- Mileage reimbursement 118 miles x 2 @ \$0.50/mile = **\$118.00**

Meals

At the conference, July 22-25 breakfast will be provided to those registered daily. Lunch and dinner for those dates @ the per diem rate are indicated below:

Lunch \$20/day X 1 person X 4 days = \$80

Dinner \$36 X 1 person X 4 days = \$144

Travel days July 21 and 26 Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner at the per diem rate:

Breakfast \$18 X 1 person X 2 days = \$36

Lunch \$20 X 1 person X 2 days = \$40

Dinner \$36 X 1 person X 2 days = \$72

TOTAL FOR MEALS = \$372

TOTAL COST FOR THE SILC \$2,523.45

The next item of business is committee reports.

The fiscal report was reviewed by Kathryn Burritt. There were 6 transactions in the month of May.

FY 2023 Monies

05/06/24 Kathryn Burritt – mileage reimbursement \$71.50

05/13/24 Deborah A Bain – phone reimbursement \$36.04

05/16/24 Qua Marketing SPIL GPS activities \$1,710.00

05/29/24 Sandra Farina – registration Dover Public Library event \$25.00

FY 2024 Monies

05/07/24 Kathryn Burritt – April 2024 invoice \$4,583.33

05/29/24 University of Delaware – UDiscover \$8,000.00

The SPIL GPS Writing Committee report was reviewed by Sandra Farina, Chair. The SPIL was completed and submitted for final public review, feedback and approval. The SPIL is being uploaded to the Q90 and will be submitted for signatures on or before June 30, 2024. The GPS meetings will continue and will focus on the upcoming Goals, Objectives, Activities, Measures, Outcomes and Outputs for the next three year period.

The Website and Social Media Committee report was reviewed by Lizzy Phillips, Chair, and Sandra Farina. Our Facebook presence and reach are up. We are always seeking new content and feedback to publish so please share ideas or flyers and we will promote. We are working on the next Acronym of the Month which is PTSD and we will be linking to the Veteran's Affairs information as well. The article is almost finished.

The Membership Committee report was reviewed by Arte Mays, Chair. We are seeking members as we are down several and have vacancies for Secretary and Treasurer as well as members at large. We have two applications pending with the Governor's office for Lauren Jumps of DSAPPD and Lisa Furber of CLASI. We are hopeful Zach Simpler will seek reappointment and Carol King has expressed interest and we have a meeting set up to complete the interview process.

There was no report for Independent Resources. Lillian Harrison, Executive Director will email any new updates.

The Freedom Center report was reviewed by Jody Hougentogler, Executive Director. The Grand opening was held on June 11, 2024 and was successful with a large turnout.

Freedom Center has used all of the Home Mod. Funding and have a small wait list. A woman in a nursing home has all the updates to her home except for her bathroom modification which has been an ongoing process that Freedom Center has been working on for a long period of time.

Jody Presented to Partners in Policy Making and spoke about Independent Living. People stated they couldn't find resources or find suitable resources.

There was no report for the Division for the Visually Impaired.

There was no report for the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation from Director Elisha Jenkins, but Elisha did comment on the SPIL and was enthusiastic about the turnout and the identified direction of the SILC.

There was no public comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:16 p.m.