

MTSILC Meeting Minutes

September 9, 2024

Hybrid Meeting

Summary

Attendees:

- **Council Members:** Savannah Smith, Jean Schroeder, June Hermanson, Scott Williamson, Chris Johnsrud, Nichole Lowrance, Heather Giese, Melanie Beagle, Julie Williams, Mike Manhardt, and Tami Hoar (CIL Director)
- **Absent:** Hannah Thompson & Tom Thompson
- **CIL Directors:** Margaret Keener
- **DET Staff:** Alice Lewis, Hannah Stokes, Desiree Dean-Kaldor, and Julia Arnold
- **Guests:** Matthew Giese

Budget Report

- Hannah Stokes gave a budget report and shared the General Funds Administrative costs have been 95% expended. Part B contracts are in the process of getting fully expended as the Federal fiscal year ends in September. General Funds for the CILs are 95% expended with Summit fully spent. The ARPA contract is 81% expended and is expected to be fully spent by the end of the month. Summit has spent \$7,600, although the remainder is already invoiced. Hannah reviewed the present SILC budget and honorarium criteria was reviewed.

Committee Reports

- June Hermanson and Tami Hoar shared an update on the Olmstead Committee and their work. June Hermanson discussed her testimony on HB872 at the Capitol and plans for an Olmstead working group that evaluates where/how to integrate Olmstead into the BHSFG recommendations.

Centers for Independent Living (CIL) Reports

- LIFTT: no report given as LIFTT was in Missoula receiving an award for Innovation in Technology. Carlos emailed LIFTT is the first CIL in the nation to create an App for access to services from the Missoula Library.
- Ability Montana: no report given
- Summit: Tami Hoar gave an update on activities at Summit. Summit held their ADA Celebration in June and Adaptive Recreation was in attendance. Base has produced several films lately. They were part of the Roxy Film Festival, an international film festival in Missoula. One additional film is in Orlando, Florida also at a Film Festival. September 18th Summit is hosting Disability Rights, a photographic documentation of the civil rights movement. The photographs were taken by Tom Olin. Had a table at the Missoula Fair and the vaccination clinic has

days scheduled this fall. Additionally, Summit bought a new building that it plans to move into within several months.

- NCILS: Margaret Keener was welcomed as the new Director of NCILS. She reported NCILS again sponsored the Youth Leadership Forum and Step II and she gave a summary of both that were held this year. NCILS is also getting ready for the Youth Transition Conference in November.

Motions

- Motion by June Hermanson to approve minutes for the April 16 & 17, 2024 meetings (SILC and SILC/SRC). Jean Schroeder seconded the motion, and all were in favor.
- A close of meeting at 11:03 was motioned by Savannah Smith and Tami Hoar seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Other Topics and Considerations

- Savannah Smith and Julia Arnold shared an update regarding the ADA Celebration & Resource Fair to be held at FPCC on September 25, 2024.
- Julia Arnold shared that the State Plan was approved.

Upcoming Events:

- September 19, 2024: Disability Roots @ Summit
- September 25, 2024: ADA Celebration & Resource Fair at FPCC
- November 20, 2024: Fall SILC Board meeting
- January 27, 2025: Legislative Day
- March 19, 2025: Rally Day

Committee Meeting Dates:

- Membership Committee meets monthly: 4th Monday of the month at 2pm
- Policy/Procedure Committee meets bi-monthly: 4th Tuesday of the month at 1pm
- Executive Committee meets the last week of the month
- Olmstead Committee meets bi-weekly, on Monday at 11am