

MTSILC Meeting Minutes

January 25, 2023

Hybrid Meeting

Summary

Attendees:

- **Council Members:** Tom Thompson, Molly Kimmel, Savannah Smith, Mike Manhardt, Allyson Talaska, Jean Schroeder, June Hermanson, Joel Pedan, Scott Williamson, Brent Morris, and Tami Hoar
- **Absent:** Emma Hixon
- **CIL Directors:** Scott Birkenbuel, Carlos Ramalho, and Tom Osborn
- **DET Staff:** Hannah Stokes, Anna Gibbs, Desiree Dean-Kaldor, and Lacey Conzelman

Budget Report

- FFY23 Budget: \$21,823
- YTD Actual Expenses: \$1005
- % of Budget Spent YTD: 4.61%
- Current YTD Budget: \$20,818

Independent Living Program Manager

- 7 applicants for the position so far.
- Brent and June on the hiring committee for the IL PM with 2 State staff, Lacey and another.
- Lacey will screen applicants, send application materials to Brent and June, write interview questions, and review question with Tami by February 17th.

Committee Reports

- SPIL Evaluation – Committee has not met yet this year. Desiree is coordinating a meeting time for this committee to get all 2023 meeting dates on the calendar. New SPIL will be written in 2024.
- Olmstead – LC 3482 is the Olmstead bill the committee has been working on with DPHHS.
- Membership – Committee has reached out to potential new members and will continue recruitment efforts.

Centers for Independent Living (CIL) Reports

- LIFTT:
 - Experiencing an increased demand for IL services in the areas of housing and transition to adulthood.
 - Completed PPR in December.
 - Hiring for IL Specialists in Billings and Glendive offices.
- Ability Montana:
 - Focus on peer groups meetings happening in-person, and some virtually.

- Facilitating classes such as Living Well at the Lewis & Clark jail and Ignite class at Ennis High School.
 - Developed a virtual book club, chess club, and Dungeons and Dragons group as well as facilitating adaptive skating this winter and plan to have fly fishing camps this summer.
 - Consumers continue to struggle with housing.
 - Will be participating in Gallatin County Commission meeting regarding transit system.
 - Testifying at the Capitol during legislative session 2023.
- Summit:
 - Hiring in Kalispell and Missoula.
 - Started LGBTQ group peer meetings in Missoula and Hamilton
 - BASE group is expanding. Purchased a new camera for creating short films with Christopher Reeves grant.
 - More outreach to rural communities, especially Sanders County as well as Libby and Troy.
 - Encouraging consumer participation in legislative session 2023.
 - Met with public transit provider in Missoula to do accessibility training.
 - Two peers developed a training for IL skills to do technology for blind and low vision consumers.
- NCILS:
 - Held first quarterly meeting with local leaders and legislators on December 15, 2022.
 - Homelessness is a big issue for consumers.
 - Completed trainings related customized employment and Transcend and partnered with Jean and the Empowerment Center around youth and family engagement initiatives.
 - Working with local Transportation Advisory Committee.

Motions

- Motion by Tom to approve December meeting minutes with spelling corrections. Second by Scott. Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion by Joel for designating \$4000 to outreach to underserved populations. Second by Tami. Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion by Savannah to allocate \$6000 to send someone from MT SILC to the NCIL Conference in Washington DC. Second by Jean. Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion by June to have the August SILC meeting in Poplar, MT. Second by Joel. Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion by Scott to have the final SILC meeting on October 27 virtually from 9am-3pm. Second by Jean. Motion passed unanimously.

Other Topics and Considerations

- Question was asked if there is training for new SILC members. New SILC members are directed to ilru website for free training on SILC Roles and Responsibilities: <https://www.ilru.org/topics/silc-roles-responsibilities>

Upcoming Events:

March 6 2023 in Little Rock, AR at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel for SILC Congress.

March 9 2023 Rally Day in Helena at the Capitol.

May 9 2023 SILC quarterly meeting in Helena.

May 10 2023 SILC and SRC joint meeting in Helena.

July 24-27 2023 in Washington DC at the Grand Hyatt for the NCIL Conference.

August 2023, exact date TBD, SILC quarterly meeting in Poplar MT.

October 26, 2023 virtual SILC quarterly meeting.

October 2023, exact dates and location TBD, APRIL Conference.

Committee Meeting Dates:

SPIL Evaluation Committee meets quarterly: February 8, May 8, August 8, and November 8 at 2pm

Membership Committee meets quarterly: February 15, May 15, August 15 and November 15 at 1pm

Policy Committee meets quarterly: February 10, May 12, August 11, and November 10 at 1pm

Executive Committee meets the last Friday of the month at 1pm

Olmstead Committee meets bi-weekly, on Monday at 11am