

JOINT SILC/SRC Meeting

April 16 & 17, 2024

Hybrid Meeting

Summary

Attendees:

- **Council Members:** Tom Thompson, Mike Manhardt, Jean Schroeder, June Hermanson, Scott Williamson, Chris Johnsrud, Nicole Lowrance, Heather Giese, Julie Williams, Melanie Beagle, Savannah Strauser, and Tami Hoar
- **Absent:** Hannah Thompson and Savannah Strauser
- **CIL Directors:** Sandie Dearman on behalf of Scott Birkenbuel, Tom Osborn, and Carlos Ramalho
- **DET Staff:** Hannah Stokes, Lacey Conzelman, Julia Arnold, Chanda Hermanson, Brook Hodge, Darrel Hannum, Celina Cline, Anna Gibbs,
- **SRC Members:** Corrine Moore, Doug McElroy, Marcy Roberts, Barb Lowney, Gabrielle Broere, Lacey Keller, Brian Tocher, Joleen Weatherwax, Kendra Lewis, Eva Belatski
- **Guests:** Tiffany Costa, Joey Gaither

Reports/Planning:

- Scott Williamson asked Julia Arnold to read the 2023 SILC summary.
- Marcy Roberts gave the SRC 2023 summary.
- Chanda Hermanson and Travis Hoffman gave the legislative update. Discussion with both Boards occurred on topics including the elimination of 14(c) certificate holders in Montana, how those paying minimum wage still circumvent the system, policy and employment proposals, the upcoming legislative year, potential educational bills that might be important to watch, Olmstead update, the legislative website, and Legislative day.
- Lacey Keller reminded everyone to get involved with the task forces. Several individuals had questions, and discussion on this topic occurred.
- Darrel Hannum and Tiffany Costa presented on Vocational Rehabilitation and Benefits planning. Questions and concerns were answered. Tiffany indicated she would share information that could be distributed to better answer questions and serve as reference for those who wanted the materials.
- Joey Gaither presented on the DD Qualification process. Numerous questions were answered. Joey indicated he would share his PowerPoint for the Boards to reference.