

MTSILC Meeting Minutes

May 9, 2023

Hybrid Meeting

Summary

Attendees:

- **Council Members:** Tom Thompson, Molly Kimmel, Mike Manhardt, Allyson Talaska, Jean Schroeder, June Hermanson, Joel Pedan, Scott Williamson, Brent Morris, and Tami Hoar
- **Absent:** Emma Hixon and Savannah Smith
- **CIL Directors:** Sean Conroe on behalf of Scott Birkenbuel, Tom Osborn, and Carlos Ramalho
- **DET Staff:** Hannah Stokes, Desiree Dean-Kaldor, and Lacey Conzelman
- **Pending Members:** Gary Parkins and Julie Williams

Budget Report

- FFY23 Budget: \$21,823
- YTD Actual Expenses: \$3,599
- % of Budget Spent YTD: 16.49%
- Current YTD Budget: \$18,224

Independent Living Program Manager

- Hiring committee completed two interviews for the position.
- Of the two applicants interviewed, one was selected for a second interview.
- That applicant was not selected based on reference checks.
- The position is currently closed and has not been reposted.
- The position will be reposted with some modifications to the posting.

Committee Reports

- SPIL Evaluation – Committee reviewed the SPIL in detail to complete the FY24 extension.
- Olmstead – Meeting every other week on Mondays. Olmstead bill passed unopposed through the legislative session. Now the real work with DPHHS begins to get the unified Olmstead created.
- Membership – Hasn't met.

Centers for Independent Living (CIL) Reports

- LIFTT:
 - Program is growing and 6 new IL specialists were hired.
 - Serving more transition aged youth.
 - Continuing to publish a newsletter regularly and are working on the TV show.

- Ability Montana:
 - Serving a more diverse consumer base, exceeding expectations for serving Hispanic and Asian populations.
 - Increased consumer close out for completed goals by about 15%.
 - Seeing increases in enrollment for self-direct services.
 - Continuing to provide living well with a disability class at Lewis and Clark County jail in the men's and women's pods.

- Summit:
 - Working on regenerating teamwork and collaboration internally.
 - Considering closing our Ronan office and moving it to Polson, a more populated area, to reach more of the un- and under-served in northwestern Montana.
 - BASE group is expanding and received additional funding from the Christopher Reeves grant. BASE has a YouTube channel with 12 films currently. A couple of the films have been entered into film festivals.
 - Starting a garden project.
 - Applying for the Aging and Disability grant. If awarded, will get an accessible van.
 - Participated in rally for Zoe Zephyr and continue to focus on inclusivity.

- NCILS:
 - Gotten back into a quarterly rotation of holding various classes.
 - Developed programming for transition youth, specifically the junior high population.
 - Brought in Transcend to provide training for staff.

Motions

- Motion by Joel to approve January meeting minutes with spelling corrections. Second by Jean. Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion by June for marking SPIL goal "explore options for increased autonomy" as complete. Second by Molly. Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion by Jean to allocate \$3000 to send someone from MT SILC to the APRIL (Associated Programs of Rural Independent Living Programs) Conference in October 2023. Second by Scott. Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion by June to require SILC members to complete two presentations on the SILC per year. Second by Brent. Motion passed unanimously.

Other Topics and Considerations

- Robert's Rules training will be completed at next SILC meeting.

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 23 & 24 2023, SILC quarterly meeting in Billings MT.

October 26, 2023 virtual SILC quarterly meeting.

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

Committee Meeting Dates:

SPIIL Evaluation Committee meets quarterly: August 8, and November 8 at 2pm

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

Policy Committee meets quarterly: 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