

SILC COUNCIL QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING DRAFT MINUTES

June 16, 2021

Zoom Meeting

SILC Voting Members Present: Frank Animikwam, Allen Beauchamp, Jamia Davis, Stephanie Deible, Glen Ashcraft, Yvonne Fleener, Charles Harrison Jr, Melinda Kulasa, Jan Lampman, Theresa Metzmaker, Mark Pierce.

SILC Voting Members Absent:

SILC Ex-Officio Members Present: Lisa Kisiel (BSBP), Bill Addison (MRS), Annie Urasky (MDCR), Janis Weckstein (MDOE).

SILC Staff: Steve Locke, Tracy Brown.

Guests Present: Sarah Peurakoski, Jon Hart.

SILC BUSINESS MEETING

Y. Fleener called the meeting to order, 5:30 pm. Y. Fleener welcomed Council members, Ex-Officios and guests, introductions were made. A quorum was present.

CONSENT AGENDA

The June 16, 2021, Quarterly Business Agenda was reviewed. Approve March 17, 2021, Draft Business Meeting minutes, Executive Committee minutes, Financial Reports and Executive Director Report.

Motion by M. Kulasa, seconded by J. Lampman to approve the June 16, 2021, Consent Agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

STAFF/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Director Report ~ Steve Locke

- The Executive Director written report can be accessed at www.misilc.org under Council Meetings & Materials.
- In 2018, the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission was established. They have four people from the Republican party, four people from the Democratic party and five people who are Independents on this commission. Right now, they are in the middle of doing public hearings around the state to gather public input on how to redraw Michigan's Congressional Legislative Districts. They have an incredible website www.Michigan.gov/MICRC Edward Woods III reached out to SILC and 30 different entities across the state to serve on their Communications Outreach team in order to reach the disability population in Michigan to amplify their voice in this redistricting process. I encourage all council members to push

1 this information out to your networks, to make sure that the disability
2 community is heard in this redistricting process.

3 Financial Report ~ Mindy Kulasa

- 4 • The May 2021 Preliminary Statement of Financial Position, Year to Date
5 Budget and check register were reviewed.

7 Strategic Planning Committee ~ Stephanie Deible

- 8 • The Council participated in a strategic planning retreat on May 1st where we
9 laid out a planning timeline and broke out into small groups to develop
10 common language, reaffirm our vision and mission; used the Person-
11 Centered Planning process on the SILC; prepared for the creation of a
12 stakeholder survey; and created a Strategic Planning Team made up of
13 Council members.
- 14 • The Strategic Planning Team met to review and approved the stakeholder
15 survey. The team also used a guided process to revise SILC's vision and
16 mission.
- 17 • The full Council and CIL directors were invited to give input on the new
18 draft vision and mission statements. The draft vision statement is "people
19 with disabilities are valued and choice is inalienable in all aspects of life."
20 And the draft mission statement is "To advocate for inclusive, equitable and
21 accessible communities for all."
- 22 • The stakeholder survey was sent to 85 stakeholders and 50 surveys were
23 completed.
- 24 • The planning team met to review the results of the survey.
- 25 • A second strategic planning retreat is scheduled for July 10th where survey
26 results will be shared, and the Council will work on defining SILCs values
27 and review the draft vision and mission statements.

29 COUNCIL EDUCATION

30 Presentation by Sarah Peurakoski, SAIL Executive Director on Culture and
31 Diversity in the Upper Peninsula.

33 Presentation by Jon Hart, disABILITY Connections Executive Director on Youth
34 Advocacy.

36 SPIL MONITORING

37 Advocacy and Leadership ~ A meeting was held on May 17th with Jon Hart, lead
38 CIL, and Theresa Metzmaker, Council member lead. We learned that legislative
39 day will be conducted locally by each CIL throughout the remainder of the year

1 due to COVID. Jon has started a work group regarding youth advocacy and
 2 leadership that Theresa and Steve will join. Jon and SILC will also be
 3 collaborating with MDRC on their YELL Program (Youth Engaged in Learning
 4 and Leading) as a potential model for CILs. We are looking at aspects of the
 5 content of the Youth Leadership Forum and that will inform the design and content
 6 of the youth summit. We will research potential costs and funding sources with the
 7 goal of holding the summit in 2023.

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 9 Personal Care Attendants ~ Earlier this year, SILC has become a member of the
 10 IMPART Alliance Coalition which is an MSU led research team and alliance
 11 focused on lifting PCA workers out of poverty, improving data to strengthen the
 12 workforce, and investing in workforce innovations. On February 2nd and 3rd,
 13 Council members Yvonne Fleener, Jan Lampman and Steve Locke attended two
 14 Zoom meetings hosted by IMPART where over 150 people attended the 2-day
 15 convening meeting. Yvonne became a member of the Advisory Committee. We are
 16 setting up a Zoom meeting for next week with Lori Hill-Sanders, Jan Lampman
 17 and Steve Locke to review the content of the convening meetings and the roles that
 18 CILs and SILC can play in this effort.

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 20 Emergency Response ~ On May 19th, SILC convened an Emergency Preparedness
 21 work group. Members include Frank, Jamia, Allen, Mark, Maria Paton-Glassbrook
 22 (DNCA) and Jessica Hester who is the Regional Disability Integration Program
 23 Lead from the American Red Cross of Michigan. We discussed SILC's and CILs
 24 roles on EM preparedness; and discussed areas of need/barriers on EM
 25 preparedness; state environment and system overview on accommodations for
 26 those with disabilities in context of emergencies; transitions of care at points of
 27 contact with health caregivers and when transitioning back home; communication,
 28 workflow, and tools; FEMA overview and how it integrates with state; and shared
 29 ideas for future planning. The team's homework was to research what other state
 30 partners we need at the table to achieve our outcomes.

31 **EX OFFICIO REPORTS**

32 Michigan Rehabilitation Services (MRS) ~ Bill Addison

- 33 • Our big project for these next couple of months will be returning to the
 34 office. The Governor's overall plan - there's two dates in that plan, July 12,
 35 and September 7. July 12 is a soft start for returning to the office, preparing
 36 plans to bring customers back face to face with counselors, etc. By
 37 September 7, those plans should be completed.
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39 Bureau of Services for Blind Persons (BSBP) ~ Lisa Kisiel
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- 1 • We are working on completing our re-engagement plan.
- 2 • Our training center in Kalamazoo engaged half capacity in March. They are
- 3 now at almost full capacity.
- 4 • The Field Services Division, my division and the rest of our Program staff,
- 5 our teachers have permission to go out to the field now. And reengage as
- 6 soon as next week.
- 7 • BSBP and MRS signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the
- 8 Hannahville Tribe 121 Project which is a joint agreement between
- 9 Behavioral Health Services, BSBP, and MRS. We are engaging in helping
- 10 staff get trained as to how that can help us with collaboration and identifying
- 11 additional individuals that could be served by both agencies and all,
- 12 respectively.

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14 Michigan Department of Civil Rights (MDCR) ~ Annie Urasky

- 15 • MDCR has a new interim Director, his name is John Johnson. Our former
- 16 Director left and is now the Chief of Police for the City of Detroit Police
- 17 Department.
- 18 • Our department is really focusing on assessing our permanent work plans.
- 19 • We are bringing in an intern for the summer to work on data collection and
- 20 working with group homes and assisted living centers, and independent
- 21 living centers and adults home adult services, and care centers.
- 22 • Our office is shifting focus and starting to ramp up trainings. We are
- 23 starting to get a lot more training requests and we are still offering these in
- 24 virtual format so most training is cultural competency skills trainings, how
- 25 do we serve or work with people who are deaf, deaf blind or hard of
- 26 hearing? How do people work with interpreters how do people get
- 27 captioning services, etc.?

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29 Michigan Department of Education (MDOE) ~ Janis Weckstein

- 30 • The Office of Special Education with other offices within the Michigan
- 31 Department of Education have been collaborating together on continued
- 32 COVID guidance in working with school districts especially as more
- 33 districts are preparing to open across the state that were completely remote
- 34 the whole year, some hybrid, some were completely face to face and of
- 35 course there are lot of issues that came about in areas of special education,
- 36 career tech education, health nutrition services, etc.
- 37 • The department is engaged in discussions about the American Recovery
- 38 Plan and hope to have the plan announced soon.

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1 IL Network Update ~ Mark Pierce

- 2 • The CIL Network hired Terry Langley as the Director of Community
- 3 Relations. She will be starting on July 6.
- 4 • The CILs Network is switching to another database, called CIL First and the
- 5 goal is for that to be up and running by October 1 of 2021, it is a major
- 6 undertaking, and I will keep you posted as we go along.

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8 Public Comment ~ None.

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12 **ADJOURNMENT** *SILC Business Meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.*

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