SPIL COMMITTEE TELECONFERENCE MEETING

Date: September 20, 2019

Time: 4:00 pm – 5:46 pm

Members Present: Aaron Andres, Yvonne Fleener, Joe Harcz, Mark Pierce,

SILC Council Members: Theresa Metzmaker, Will Harrison Jr.

Staff: Steve Locke, Tracy Brown

Members of the Public: Eleanor Canter, Four Unidentified Individuals.

Absent: Alex Darr

Recommended Full Council Discussion Topics:

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Public Comment

Eleanor Cantor, consumer. I like to think of the SPIL development process as a table, so when the law says that the SILC and the CILs jointly develop the SPIL, that means that we need to find a way to invite the CILs to the table. But it doesn't mean that they get to dictate who else is allowed at the table. That decision lies with this committee. If the CILs decide to take the position that they will not sit at the table with consumers, that is their choice. All we can do is welcome them to the table and let them know that the door will remain open for them throughout the process. Because of the extremely short timeframe left to us, we must proceed with SPIL development as soon as possible. We should focus on writing an excellent SPIL that truly serves Michiganders with disabilities statewide. We can do that by relying on Independent values. Consumer control is the foundation of Independent and placing real value on consumer input is the key to a successful SPIL. Your decisions A will affect Michigan's disability community for years to come. Your task is to do your best to represent consumers statewide. This work is super important, so I wish you all good luck today, thank you.

2. Development of SPIL Writing Team

* Joe Harcz prepared and presented this statement to the SPIL Committee: To Members of the SPIL Committee, Michigan SILC and others I submit the following:

Whereas a SPIL Writing Committee does not formally exist;

And whereas the composition for said committee has not been established by the SPIL Committee which is charged with this requirement in the SILC by Laws (see reference after my signature line) I move the following for composition of this committee:

1. That up to 3, CIL representatives, in addition to the current CIL Liaison and SILC Member Mark Pierce) is on this SPIL Writing Committee

2. In addition to SILC Chair Aaron Andres, up to three members of the SILC or the SPIL Committee are on the SPIL Writing Committee.

3. Up to Three people that identify as people with significant disabilities who are not currently employed by a Center for Independent Living or state agency and

who have current or past experience with Centers for Independent Living and/or SPIL development are on this Committee.

4. That Steve Locke SILC Executive Director, facilitates all SPIL Writing Committee Meetings.

* Discussion.

Motion by Joe Harcz, 2nd by Yvonne Fleener to move the following for composition of this committee that up to three CIL representatives in addition to the current CIL liaison and SILC member Mark Pierce is on this SPIL writing committee. In addition to SILC chair Aaron Andres up to three members of the SILC or the SPIL committee are on the SPIL writing committee. Up to three people that identify as people with significant disabilities who are not currently employed by a center for Independent or state agency and who have current or past experience with centers for Independent, and/or SPIL development are on this committee. That Steve Locke SILC Executive Director facilitates all SPIL writing committee meetings. Motion carried. (Vote: Yes - Aaron Andres, Yvonne Fleener, Joe Harcz. No - Mark Pierce)

* Discussion regarding correspondence with the Network of CILs.

Motion by Yvonne Fleener, 2nd by Joe Harcz, that in this process that we communicate directly with the CIL Directors for organizational structure that is appropriate. Motion by Yvonne Fleener, 2nd by Joe Harcz to rescind motion. Motion carried. (Vote: Yes - Aaron Andres, Yvonne Fleener, Joe Harcz, Mark Pierce)

* The SPIL Committee received 5 consumer applications for the SPIL Writing Team. During the next SPIL meeting the committee will review the applications and select up to 3 individuals to serve on the SPIL Writing Team.

3. SPIL Writing Process

* We have a 30-day public notice process.
* We need the committee to establish dates for public hearings for input into the SPIL.
* We would like to publish those next Monday and 30 days out from Monday for our first virtual town hall and then establish dates in late October and early November to have in‑person facilitated consumer input public hearings around the state, either at CILs or at accessible locations within their communities.
* Joe Harcz suggested we develop protocols for this in order to facilitate and educate, including the virtual town hall meetings have Zoom Communications be part of that capability and open up e‑mail capabilities for people to contribute.

Actions: Steve will prepare a virtual town hall/public hearing dates and times outline and send it to the SPIL Committee members. Steve will compile data and send it out to the SPIL Committee/Writing Team.

4. Dates for Public Forums

* To be determined once Steve prepares an outline and the SPIL Committee members have a chance to review it.

Motion by Joe Harcz, 2nd by Aaron Andres to adjourn.