

Minnesota Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC)

September 13, 2018 Minutes

2200 University Avenue West
State Services for the Blind
St. Paul, MN 55104

ATTENDEES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Gloria Lafriniere
Tammie Campbell
Melissa Doherty
Crystal Fairchild
Zainab Jama
Linda Lingen
Larry Lura
Anita Olson
Mark Smaaladen
Jo Erbes

MEMBERS ABSENT

Brian Wagner, Mary Koep, Jessica Andrist

EX-OFFICIOS PRESENT

Annette Toews
Brad Westerlund

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David Fenley

MINUTE TAKER

Brad Westerlund and Annette Toews

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion for approval- Tammie Campbell

Seconded – Larry Lura

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST MINUTES

- No recommended changes.

Motion for approval of minutes- Anita Olson. Seconded by Larry Lura.

Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PUBLIC COMMENT

- Brad mentioned that Kim Peck will be retiring from VRS on 11/13/18.

REVIEW OF SPIL PROGRESS

Reviewed year 2 progress and activities and documented outcomes for the year. An update was provided on the Branding discussion and Zainab informed the SILC that a PR/Marketing firm has agreed to work with the SILC on a pro bono basis. Members of the SILC provided an update on the “Day at the Capitol.”

Committee Chairs need to go through the SPIL review document and identify activities that have been accomplished and clarify which activities still require resources. Linda mentioned that the 704 report activity is not mentioned in the SPIL. The next SPIL should include an activity related to drafting the 704 report.

The SILC will send an email to MACIL, asking them to submit ways in which they’ve coordinated outreach efforts with businesses, corporations, city officials, etc. CILs have made mention of the success

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they've recently had with improving access in their communities. The SILC will consider sending a letter thanking individuals, business and city officials.

704 REPORT

This agenda item was completed under the SPIL Section of the agenda.

OUTREACH EFFORTS

Mai Thor from the MN Dept. of Human Rights provided an overview of the civic engagement plan and the Board and Commissions information sessions that are taking place this fall. The takeaway was that we need to "Spread the Word" and encourage more diversity on Minnesota's boards and councils.

ADJOURNMENT

Melissa Doherty moved and Mark Smaaladen seconded to adjourn the meeting.