

**Minnesota Statewide Independent Living Council
Meeting Minutes
June 13, 2019 9:00 AM-2:30PM**

Metropolitan Center for Independent Living
530 Robert Street
St. Paul, MN

Attendees:

<p>Members present: Linda Lingen Mark Smaaladen Larry Lura Gloria Lafriniere Mary Koep Anita Olson Tammie Campbell Melissa Doherty Jessica Andrist</p>	<p>Ex Officio Members Present: Annette Toews Brad Westerlund</p>
<p>Members Absent: Crystal Fairchild</p>	<p>Ex Officio Members Absent: David Fenley</p>
<p>Guests: Mickey Kyler, MN Quality Council Dan Zimmer, MN Quality Council Senator John Hoffman</p>	<p>Staff Present: Jo Erbes, Coordinator</p>

Chairperson Anita Olson called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. with a quorum present.

Approval of the June 13, 2019 meeting agenda: Mary Koep made a motion to approve the agenda as submitted, Larry Lura seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Approval of the May 8 – 9, 2019 minutes: Information about the about the first day of the forum should be included with the meeting minutes. Annette Toews noted that SILC provided seed funding and has partially funded the SSB program “Aging Eyes”. Council members were encouraged to let Jo know if there is interest in attending Age and Disability Odyssey. Larry Lura made the motion to approve the minutes as amended. Linda Lingen seconded the motion. The motion passed. Mary Koep abstained.

Minnesota Quality Council Presentation: Dan Zimmer and Mickey Kyler made a presentation about the Minnesota Quality Council. Dan has been the coordinator for 3 yrs.; Mickey is the chief administrator at Independence Plus. Dan reviewed the history of the Quality Council and noted there are three Quality Councils: Region 10; Metro Area and Duluth Quality Council. The Quality Council invited the SILC and CIL’s to work with them to share information from people with disabilities who are trying to overcome barriers and live independently in their communities;

Legislative Update Senator John Hoffman - MN is the only state that has a divided government. Senator Hoffman encouraged council members to “be disruptive, in a positive sense, if disability is not mentioned – talk about it and get involved”. Legislative actions during 2019 legislative session: spend down is currently at 81% of poverty – will go to zero effective July 1, 2022; parental fee has been reduced to 15% (TEFRA/Katy Becket waiver); CIL were flat funded – no increase and there was an increase in MFIP funding by \$100 per month. 1 in 5 people live with a disability (20% of the population) disability should be more prevalent in our discussion. Encouraged people to be at the capitol every day during session, get to know your legislators, county commissioners, city councils, park and rec council.

Update - Minute taker –Options discussed: increase coordinators duties to take minutes; use a recorder that records text that could be edited; Council secretary could be responsible for minutes. Melissa volunteered to bring a recording device to the next meeting. Anita volunteered to contact Suzanne Renfroe to see if she would come back; Larry posted an announcement at his residence.

Announcements:

- Carol Pankow, formerly SSD director, is the new Assistant Commissioner for work force services at DEED;
- Jon Benson is interim director for SSB; RSA is monitoring SSB this week;
- if new members are appointed will host an orientation in July/August – hold a meeting in August to get new members involved; SSB will reserve a room for the second Thursday in August
- discuss new officers and vote on in September
- NCIL is asking for support of READI and DRMA – if you have any objections let Jo or Anita know; review and send an email for council votes;
- 14C – subminimum wage comments end June 20th; council members were encouraged to make comments as individuals; Linda made a motion for SILC to submit a public comment supporting elimination of section 14C, Larry seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Motion to adjourn – Gloria Lafriniere made a motion to adjourn at 2:45 p.m.