



DC Statewide Independent Living Council
250 E Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20024

Meeting Agenda
DC Statewide Independent Living Council
April 25, 2019
12:00pm– 2:00pm
2600 12th Street, NE
Washington, DC 20018

AGENDA - DRAFT

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the chair, Darnise Henry Bush at 12:00 pm. She announced that a quorum was not present, and that we will follow the agenda, but we will come back to the reading of the minutes once a quorum is present.

2. Reading of Minutes

The reading of the minutes was skipped

3. ACL's Review of 704 Monitoring Report

The discussion centered on the activities required to fulfill our responsibilities and come into compliance:

Identify and establish a new pass through for the SILC funding
Ensure that 51 percent of the members are persons with a disability and not employees of the DCCIL or the Department on Disability Service (DDS) which is the current Designated State Entity (DSE). The State Agency and Center for Independent Living will continue to support the SILC to accomplish approved guidelines and achieve full compliance.

Mr. Simms stated that it is not the ACL's or the DSE's job to approve the chairperson since the SILC should be autonomous. Ms. Bush informed the Board that her being the chair is a problem because she is an employee of a State Agency and it appears that while she is the chair, the SILC is not autonomous.

Tentatively, Elver and Darnise will serve as co-chairs until new members have been appointed and sworn in so that these issues are resolved as soon as possible.

The discrepancy with the 704 stated money amount should be resolved by Andy Reese, Director DDS and Darryl Evans, Deputy Director RSA. The SILC was not informed of the discrepancy and the original grant amount is unknown to the SILC. The amount is different from what was listed in the State Plan.

Darnise explained that Daryl is wearing two hats. He's in charge of the Disability Determination Unit that processes Social Security. He is acting in that position, while DDS is recruiting for that position.

Mr. Simms stated that it is his opinion that we are not going to be able to move forward until we explain our role to MOTA. MOTA doesn't understand SILC role and they see us as another Board and Commission, but we are not. We are completely autonomous. Darnise said that this has been discussed with MOTA many times. The SILC needs the Mayor's support to solve this.

The SILC is discussing the guidelines to become fully compliance. We need to recruit new members, and solve the issue of how many members we should have on the Board. Traditionally, there have been 20-22 total members, but SILC suggested changing the membership number to fifteen (15) to ensure that quorums are met at all meetings and MOTA is in agreement. Last year SILC voted for a total membership of fifteen (15). By having 15 members, we would have a quorum each time we had a meeting. This change is not a part of the bylaws or the Mayor's Order. Right now, SILC continues to carry 21 members. Darnise will work with MOTA to change and finalize 15 membership.

SILC is not set up to receive its funding directly. SILC's funding is forwarded to RSA or the DSE for third party distribution. SILC did not know about the money discrepancy. Ms. Bush stated that is why the SILC could not reply to the 704 questions regarding the money discrepancy. She stated that she responded to what she could and the rest of the response was left up to Darryl Evans, Andrea Hall and Rick Wright. Andrea Hall was appointed the Agency Liaison by Andrew Reese

Old Business

4. SPIL

Mr. Simms and Ms. Bush will find out what has been done so far in responding to 704 compliance questions.

5. Recruitment

The SILC has decided to work with Emily Price, since she has a list of general interested persons wanting to becoming members of the SILC.

6. Revised Number of SILC members

The number of SILC members will be revised to 15. A meeting to work on the SPIL and to resolve some of the problems was scheduled for May. Mr. Simms suggested that we could start putting something together that will satisfy ACL and explain our relationship to RSA. We need to seek ACL's advice on how to view ourselves separately from RSA. The public thinks the SILC and the DSE are one and the same. This has been a long standing issue which hinders SILC's autonomy.

Andrea Hall informed everyone that Ricky Wright will be attending future SILC meetings as the DDS representative. She is leaving the Agency and this will be her last meeting.

New Business

7. Election of Officers

The Board will meet to confirm the 15 Member Board, schedule an election of officers and select candidates running for office.

8. NCIL Conference

Members that volunteer 5 hours will get half off their registration fee, and members that volunteer 10 hours get their total registration paid. However, the volunteers must also be individual NCIL Members, not just organizational members.

No discussion

Meeting Adjourned.