



DC Statewide Independent Living Council  
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## DC Statewide Independent Living Council Meeting Minutes – July 24, 2014

Thursday, September 25, 2014

### Attendees

#### District of Columbia Statewide Independent Council Board Members

Elver Ariza-Silva, Vice Chair  
Marsha Thompson, SILC Secretary  
Catherine Dillahunt, Treasurer  
Yvonne Smith  
Catherine Dillahunt  
Shileta Gorham via phone  
Deborah Berhane via phone

#### Rehabilitation Services Administrations (RSA)

Andrew Reese, Deputy Director  
Darnise Henry Bush, DC-RSA Program Liaison  
Angel Bryant – RSA

#### Call to Order

The meeting was call to Order at 12:15.

#### Minutes – July 24, 2014

The minutes of March 27, 2014, were read by Mrs. Marsha Thompson, filed, but not approved, as there was not a voting quorum present.

## Meeting Attendance Concerns

The ongoing issue of meeting attendance by appointed members is becoming even more problematic... Elver Ariza-Silva and Marshal Thompson plan to do outreach to current members to encourage attendance, as well as, reach out to additional community stakeholders.

## Encouragement Progress-SILC Focus Group – CSNA

Andy Reese and Marsha Thompson gave a brief update on progress the CSNA. San Diego State, the selected vendor, had made progress in gathering data through interviews, meetings and surveys. They will be working these methods until mid-September.

## NCIL Conference – July 28-31, 2014

The NCIL Conference is scheduled for July 28-31, 2014. Elver Ariza-Yvonne Smith and Shileta Gorham were scheduled to attend. The meeting is to be held at the Grand Hyatt in the District.

## Youth Summit/Consumer Forum

There was some discussion of the upcoming Consumer and Youth Forum. Planning for this had not occurred timely for several reasons; notably, poor attendance and poor participation of the majority of the SILC members impacted this activity.

## Progress on Current SPIL

The current SPIL was addressed briefly. Darnise Bush reminded us that the 704 Report will outline progress or lack thereof.

## Fiscal Agent

We have not finalized the fiscal agent at this time, as there is continued discussion as to the real need for the cost at this time.

## New Business

Discussed the details of the forum or substitute activity for National Employment Month for Persons with Disabilities

## Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:00pm.