



Statewide Independent Living Council  
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## DC STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT COUNCIL

March 24, 2016

12:00 – 2:00pm

Minutes February 4, 2016

1400 Florida Ave., NE

Washington, DC

### Attendees:

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

Elver Ariza-Silva, Interim Chairperson  
Marsha Thompson, SILC Secretary - Excused  
Richard Simms, CIL Executive Director  
Yvonne Smith, Member  
Shileta L. Gorham, Member  
Luius T. Mangrum, Jr., Member  
Caren Kirkland, Member  
Darnise Henry Bush, Member  
Dahlia G. Johnson, Administrative Assistant -SILC

#### Rehabilitation Services Administrations (RSA)

Andrew Reese, Deputy Director (represented by Angel Bryant)  
Darnise Henry Bush, DC-RSA Program Liaison  
Angel Bryant, Transition Program Manager

### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Elver Ariza-Silva

Ms. Yvonne Smith feels that the DCCIL does very good work, and wanted to know if the CIL has any intention of helping people with emotional or mental challenges. Does the CIL staff receive training to understand people with these needs? Ms. Bush stated that some criteria of the Human Care Agreement (HCA) include training for staff and peer groups that includes all disability types.

Ms. Kirkland thought \$100,000 could be bid for. It was explained that the money is IL money and it is to be bid on as IL RFP (Request for Payment)

Mr. Simms expressed that at the SILC Congress they were informed that RSA has no business allocating the SILC funds without SILC's acknowledgement. He insisted that the SILC should be discussing whether we want RSA to continue as the fiscal agent. SILC money should not be going out for RFP, without SILC's suggested allocations

Ms. Kirkland asked if there is an intergraded body that would take into consideration what other providers of disability services want and need. Ms. Smith explained that the SILC is an organization that support the CIL and that the SILC take into account other IL providers. Ms. Smith said that the fund SILC receives from the FEDs is not the same process as that of the DC Government. And of course, the SILC would love to partner with other agencies.

While attending the conference we found out that the Federal Government had taken the authority from some SILCs that were not in compliance. And, we were told that DC needs to be in compliance. They named several states that had lost their federal compliance.

After much discussion regarding the money, Ms. Smith made a motions that there be written communications with DSE asking to release the money to DCCIL, and ask for an affirmative respond in 7 days. The motion was seconded and accepted, with copies sent to Ms. Laura Nuss and Mr. Tim Beatty

It was explained that to get a clarifications in terms of finance, check with ILRU.

## OFFICER NOMINATIONS

Mr. Ariza-Silver read the officers to be nominated.

## ELECTIONS PROCEEDINGS

SILC members will receive a ballot from Dahlia and it is to be returned with your nominations by February 18, 2016. Along with your nominations you should include a short synopsis about that person.

## SUBCOMMITTEE SELECTIONS

Subcommittees' positions are voluntary

## 2016 ACTIVITY PLANNING

There was talk about a community forum, but no a definite plans.

## STATE PLAN

The State Plan is due by the end of May, but a Public Hearing has to take place first. The Public Hearing has to be published in the District Register 30 day prior to the Public Hearing. The Public Hearing is Mandatory. The State Plan needs to be completed soon.

## ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 2:00pm, it was seconded and all were dismissed.