



WASILC QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES

April 14, 2022

Council Members Present:

Alyssa Adwell, Chair, Young Adult Representative, Renton
Dion Graham, Advocate of and for Individuals with Disabilities, Seattle
Kimberly Meck, Center Director Representative, Seattle
Mona Fuerstenau, Advocate of and for Individuals with Disabilities, Vancouver
Ricardo Funes, Advocate of and for Individuals with Disabilities, Olympia
Ryan Nabors, Advocate of and for Individuals with Disabilities, Tumwater
Tricia Eyerly, Ex-Officio Department Services for the Blind

Council Members Absent:

Naomi Marteeny
Karin Morris

Council Staff Present:

Kim Conner, Executive Director
Jim House, Disability Integration Manager
Avivette Coles, Executive Assistant

Guests Present:

Mayra Colazo, Executive Director, Central WA Disability Resources (CWDR)
Itzel Sandoval, Office Administrator, Central WA Disability Resources (CWDR)
Elizabeth Gordon, Executive Director, Governor's Commission on Disability and Employment (GCDE)
Mark Leeper, Executive Director, Disability Action Center (DAC)
Todd Holloway, Center for Independence
Penny Quist – Parent Advocate
Kami Smith
Leonardo Camargo, Center for Independence

Call to Order

Alyssa Adwell, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:02a

Motion: Approve today's agenda with the addition of – extending the agenda to 4pm and discussion of ED Transition.

First: Ricardo Funes **Second:** Mona Fuerstenau

Vote: Favor: All **Opposed:** None **APPROVED**

Motion: Approve the January 2022 Quarterly Meeting Minutes as presented.

First: Kimberly Meck **Second:** Dion Graham

Vote: Favor: All **Opposed:** None **APPROVED**

Fiscal Report: Dion Graham

- Salaries and Benefits
 - Slight increase over the projected budget
- SILC Congress
 - Sending two people
- CIEP Contract
 - Administrative fees
 - Anticipate expending the contract in full
 - WASILC and DOH currently working on a statement of working budget for the coming year
 - CIEP operates on the state fiscal year
- If a committee is working on a project plan that will require funding, a one-page outline of the project and budget requirements is needed –**ACTION**

Motion: Approve the financials as presented.

First: Ricardo Funes **Second:** Ryan Nabors

Vote: Favor: All **Opposed:** None **APPROVED**

No Public Comments

Committee & Partner Updates

Executive Committee Chair Report: Alyssa Adwell

- Disability Justice Training has been postponed, will update at a later date –ACTION
- Added the discussion of the Community Activity Log to “New Business”
- Membership update
 - Three applications for the council so far
 - Open Positions:
 - Tribal VR Director
 - Ex-Officio
 - 4 Council seats
 - Applications to be reviewed and vetted in May/June by EC and voted by the council in July
 - Mona will re-word our recruitment blurb – ACTION
 - WASILC staff will send a recruitment blast with the new blurb –ACTION

Executive Director Update: Kim Conner

- Final confirmation that FFY21 PR Report was approved
- Working with DOH and Kimberly Meck to provide input on disability questions on the Health Youth Survey (HYS) which is sent to middle students to high students annually
- Kim was Governor appointed to the Rate Setting Board which sets the rates for PA’s through out the state
- Kim appointed to NCIL Board as the Secretary

Youth and Young Adult Committee: Alyssa Adwell

- New chair: Naomi Marteeny
- Currently recruiting for new members with emphasis on BIPOC
 - Three new applicants being reviewed by EC
- Will review charter and discuss new projects after meeting the membership goal

Legislative Committee: Dion Graham

- New member appointed, Experience in advocacy. Leadership, equity training and financial literacy
- Bringing people in to discuss the committee’s efforts in advocacy
 - In conversation with a contact at American Veterans in West Seattle
 - Will partner with the SPIL Committee on the Legislative Advocacy project

SPIL Committee: Kimberly Meck

- SPIL Survey sent out multiple times to networks, website, and social media

- As of April 5th there are 211 responses to the English survey and 4 responses to the Spanish survey
- Flyer in English and Spanish with QR Code and links to access the survey
- Community Forum: continue to work on for this summer. Encourage council members to participate
- CIL Consumer Satisfaction Survey being worked on by all CIL Directors for a uniform survey that every CIL will use to have some consolidated data and be able to show the effect of centers statewide
- SPIL Monitoring
 - CILs have been very active in working on the SPIL goals

CIEP: Jim House

- Cascadia Rising '22 will take place in July
 - This is a state and regional exercise lead by Division of Emergency Management
- CIEP Tabletop Discussion on how CIEP [stands up](#) when there's a disaster being held on June 22nd. This is a CIEP exercise provided by a technical assistance opportunity by FEMA
 - General Protocols for CIEP Stand-Up currently being reviewed to look for improvement in different scenarios
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 - Developing a survey to look at different roles people play when disasters happen
 - May also have an orientation/training to familiarize people with how national level exercises work

Ad Hoc - Bylaws, Policy & Procedures: Mona

- Review and approve
 - Public Policy Statement
 - Public Policy Procedure
 - Facebook Page Procedure
 - Gift Card Procedure
 - Budget Procedure Revised – Added Part B language
 - Council Staff Training Conference Procedure

Motion: Approve the group of Policy & Procedures presented with approval of the highlighted section and remove the strikeouts in the Budget Procedure.

First: Ricardo Funes **Second:** Kimberly Meck

Vote: Favor: All

Opposed: None

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Ad Hoc - WASILC Statewide Community Needs Assessment: Kim

- Started process of developing outreach and membership for the committee
 - Two new committee members
 - 5 new applicants for review
- Committee will focus on finding a consultant company for the community needs assessment once the membership goal has been reached
 - Focus on Women and BIPOC owned organizations as a priority

DSB Report: Tricia Eyerly

- Started a Technology Program
 - Devices are loaned out with no expectation on getting them back
 - CCTV's, iPhones, iPads, magnifiers, etc.
 - Partnered with Washington Talk Book and Braille Library in Seattle to help administer the programs
 - Warehousing and distribution of the equipment
 - Program is getting great reviews and looking into ordering more tech for the program
 - Looking at how to support DSB's providers in the community to support that technology
- Looking into bringing more providers in for more coverage in the state
 - Specific focus on rural areas
- Center in the Tri-Cities area is closed
 - Sheila Turner covering the Central WA area through the Walla Walla Central WA area independently with a contract through DSB
- RSA Audit went really well

WATAP: Kimberly Meck

- Report review highlights to pay attention to
 - Funding
 - Biden's Build Back Better

WSRC: Dion Graham

- Listening sessions with clients who receive services in specific areas
 - Last focus was in Spokane
 - Focus on DVR Region 3 & Central Unit (Kelso, Centralia & Aberdeen)
 - In addition to subcommittee reports, we will provide a summary of the Listening Sessions we conducted in partnership with the Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC) with youth participating in Pre-Employment Transition Services.
- DVR State Plan Progress update is complete and available on the DVR website

- Work on the DVR Comprehensive Statewide Needs Assessment planning is in progress. We are expecting completion late 2022/early 2023.
- Next quarterly meeting will be held virtually on:
 - May 12th & 13th from 9am – noon

GCDE: Elizabeth Gordon

- Continued work on House Bill #1802, Nothing About Us Without Us, for submission next legislative session
 - Led by Disability Rights of Washington and a self-advocate who developed the idea and brought it to legislature
- Youth Leadership Forum held August 7th – 12th at Dumas Bay Center in Federal Way
 - Link: <https://esd.wa.gov/GCDE/projects#ylf>
 - Six day, on-site camp for youth with disabilities to grow their leadership skills and grow their identity as people with disabilities
 - Free for youth
 - Held in Federal Way
 - GCDE will pay for youth travel costs
- Outreach Event in Colville
 - Listening sessions for people with disabilities to learn of any barriers in the community that can be solved/worked on
 - Data is collected from listening sessions and discussed the following day
- Town Hall for people with disabilities on April 21st from 5:30p-7:30p
 - Virtual event
 - Outreach to community members to smooth partnership
- The Federal Government has released 95 different diversity and inclusion plans across federal agencies to discuss how to engage people who have been furthest from their services
 - Elizabeth was invited to a listening session with the White House through Federal programs to understand why people with disabilities were having difficulty with access
 - GCDE's focus on plans with Social security and voters access

Center For Independence: Todd Holloway on behalf of Leah Velasco

- Trying to increase outreach
 - DOH meeting on 04.14.22 will help with that outreach work
 - Connecting with the Marysville office for concentrated outreach efforts
- Work on the AFN group

- Work with the Accessible Communities Advisory Council out of the governor's committee on employment disability or disability employment has expanded to get more counties involved
- Success with the feasibility study around the Wheel Care Accessible Taxi Program in Pierce County
 - Heavily involved with some transportation advisory groups
- Youth Transition Summer Workshop
 - Deadline for registration in mid-June
 - Hybrid set-up with a limited amount of people in person
- Increased Veterans contract with veterans who experienced traumatic brain injury, spinal cord injuries or any other neurologic disabilities
- Pathways to Community Living (PCL)
 - Expanding into North County
 - Work around deinstitutionalization
- The CDC expansion for different grants and funding that are coming in are working and expect to see funding continue on through the recovery process

Disability Action Center and INDEx: Mark Leeper

- Partnered with the Spectrum Center in Spokane to hold a vaccination clinic
 - Planning more for the future
- INDEx staff recruitment is slow
 - Challenged with affordable living in Spokane
 - New Youth Transition Coordinator with the Part B funds
- Working on a webpage and outreach
- 5K Mental Health Walk
 - Served both sides of the border, Idaho and WA
- Blue-Path.org is being revamped – moving to a new platform
 - Directory of business accessibility/Business and Service accessibility

Central Washington Disability Resource: Mayra Colazo

- Attended PIDS Conference
- In partnership with DOH, discussing people with disabilities, minority groups, and work around alternative formats for sharing information (ASL, Braille, etc.)
- B.A. contract for surveys
 - No referrals yet
- Vaccine Clinics
 - 5 vaccine clinics
 - Kittitas, Chelan, and Grant
 - Total of 281 people vaccinated so far

- Used the unrestricted \$25K grant from Seattle Foundation to give \$50 cash incentives for vaccinations
- CARES funding
 - Down to approx. \$40K for the rest of fiscal year

Alliance for people with disabilities- Kimberly Meck

- New name: Disability Empowerment Center
 - Rebranding and marketing work
 - Advertising in King County to talk about the center and what it does
 - Launch party in June/July
 - New landlords at the Auburn office who also runs “Your Money Matters” and a Youth Financial Literacy Program (serving ages 16-24)
 - Opportunity for access to more youth for disability awareness and trainings
- Vaccine Hesitancy work
 - Using the CDC funding received to fund five different organizations who are working on projects to address vaccine hesitancy within the disability community
 - Emphasis on Hispanic Latino populations, Asian Pacific Islander populations, Deaf and Hard of Hearing and LGBTQ+ populations
- Working on joining the team planning for the new county Equity and Social Justice Strategic plan
 - The plan is what the county uses in terms of its programming, missions, strategies, etc.
 - In the past the focus has been on the race of individuals, where they are located within King County, and how they have access to health related matters
 - Alliance is working with the county on redoing the report to include information regarding how disability impacts all determinants of equity
- Partnering with Seattle King County Public Health
 - Received CDC funding to do evaluations and surveys to get more information on the impacts of COVID in various populations within King County
 - Alliance is surveying 50 individuals with disabilities within King County to get lived experience and firsthand information

New Business

- July Quarterly Meeting Dates: Discussion and agreed to keep in-person dates
 - July 14 & 15 in Seattle
- October Quarterly Meeting Dates
 - Currently October 27th & 28th
 - Will vote on a date at the July QM

- Kim will send out an email to ask when people are available, those dates will be voted on in July –**ACTION**
 - Options: 7th & 8th or 20th & 21st
- NCIL Conference: July 25th-28th , Washington DC
 - Hybrid model
 - Conference workshops will be recorded and posted on the website within 30 days
 - August 1st-3rd will be the virtual workshops only
 - Theme: Forging Justice
 - Workshops will be recorded and some in-person events will be streamed
 - Kim will send an email out for interested members who want to attend – **ACTION**

Motion: Allow three participants in the NCIL conference to be comprised of staff and/or members as they desire.

First: Mona Fuerstenau **Second:** Kimberly Meck

Vote: Favor: All **Opposed:** None **APPROVED**

April Conference: October 13th-14th, Orlando, FL

- In person model only
- Kim will send an email out for interested members and the council will vote in July – **ACTION**

Member Committee Community Log Review

- Enter log in Survey Monkey –**ACTION**
- Log will shadow what is asked in the PPR annually
 - Log activities done outside of council work like outreach efforts, technical assistance, public education, etc.
 - Could be as simple as bringing awareness to a neighbor on disability
 - Information is collected and then used in the PPR report

Executive Director Transition

- Transition group needs to be formed led by the EC Chair
- Timeline: 3 months
- Will discuss a relocation budget with DVR –**ACTION**
- Kimberly will act as a liaison between the Transition Committee and the CIL Directors to be sure CIL input is brought forward
- Staff will convene first meeting –**ACTION**

Motion: Create a Transition Committee made up of Alyssa, Mona, and Kimberly with Alyssa having the ability to appoint additional members as she sees appropriate to lead to completion the process of selecting a new ED.

First: Kimberly Meck **Second:** Mona Fuerstenau

Vote: Favor: All

Opposed: None

APPROVED

Meeting Adjourned at 2:44p