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# **WASILC Quarterly Meeting Notes**

January 19, 2023

Virtual Zoom Meeting

## **Council Members Present:**

Dion Graham, Advocate of and for Individuals with Disabilities, Seattle

Karin Morris, Advocate of and for Individuals with Disabilities, Olympia

Kimberly Meck, Center Director Representative, Seattle

Naomi Marteeny, Advocate of and for Individuals with Disabilities, Kirkland

Raymond Miller, Advocate of and for Individuals with Disabilities, Marysville

Tyler Shrenk, Advocate of and for Individuals with Disabilities, Snohomish

## **Council Staff Present:**

Bek Moras, Executive Director

Jim House, Disability Integration Manager

Rebecca Rodriguez, Executive Assistant

## **Guests Present:**

Leah Velasco, Center Director, Center for Independence (CFI)

Mels Felton, Disability Action Center Inc. (DAC)

Mayra Colazo, Center Director, Central WA Disability Resources (CWDR)

Shelby Satko | WA State Rehabilitation Council

Damiana Harper, GCHD Chair

Tricia Eyerly, Services for the Blind

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### **Chair and Vice Chair nominations**

- Kimberly Meck new council chair
- Raymond Miller new council vice chair

### **Agenda**

**Motion:** I make a motion to approve the agenda as we see on pages 3 and 4

**First:** Dion Graham

**Second:** Raymond Miller

**Vote: Favor:** All

**Opposed:** None **APPROVED**

### **October 2022 Quarterly Meeting Minutes**

**Motion:** I make a motion that the minutes be approved as published.

**First:** Raymond Miller

**Second:** Dion Graham

**Vote: Favor:** All

**Opposed:** None **APPROVED**

### **Fiscal Report October 2022 to September 2023**

- See report in council packet
- Part B need to be amended from \$28,000 to \$10,000 -- \$18,000

**Motion:** I make a motion to approve as amended.

**First:** Dion Graham

**Second:** Raymond Miller

**Vote: Favor:** All

**Opposed:** None **APPROVED**

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**Public Comment – no public comment**

**Standing Committees, CIEP, & Executive Director**

**Executive Committee – no update**

**SPIL State Plan for Independent Living**

- OILP is allowing -- are allowing states to do a one-year spill
- All planned changes to the SPIL are technical

**CIEP Coalition on Inclusive Emergency Planning**

- Communication video and technology access bill being reintroduced to Congress
- Establishing an interpreter credentialing program

**Executive Director – see report**

**Subcommittee & Ad Hoc Committees Updates**

**Youth & Young Adult Subcommittee**

- \$40-44,000 proposed budget
- Naomi will investigate sponsorships – **ACTION** Naomi

**Motion:** to allow this to go to the executive committee to make discussion on what the financial commitment is that the silk can provide, and then to provide that information to Naomi in order to move the process forward on finding what alternative funding we need to cover the projected costs.

**First:** Kimberly Meck

**Second:** Raymond Miller

**Vote: Favor:** All

**Opposed:** None **APPROVED**

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### **SCNA Statewide Community Needs Assessment Ad Hoc Committee – see report**

**Motion:** to approve the SCNA ad-hoc committee's statement and mission and goals as read.

**First:** Kimberly Meck                      **Second:** Raymond Miller

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

### **Policies & Procedures & Bylaws Ad Hoc Committee:**

- First meeting January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023

### **Legislative & Policy Subcommittee**

**Motion:** that Tyler and Naomi be appointed to the legislative committee.

**First:** Raymond Miller                      **Second:** Kimberly Meck

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

## **Partner Updates**

### **Division of Vocational Rehabilitation – see report**

### **DSB Department of Services for the Blind**

- Focusing on this year is our retention and recruitment of our IL providers
- University of Washington continues to be our program coordinator
- People with lived experiences in blindness and low vision becoming providers as part of their vocational rehabilitation goal
- 101 clients that were seen received some form of tablet device, cell phone or worked with more higher technology types of devices

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### **WSRC Washington State Rehabilitation Council**

- Partnership subcommittee provides apprenticeship programs and customer listening sessions
- Annual report is available online

### **GCDE Governor's Committee on Disability Issues & Employment**

- Top legislative priority is Nothing About Us Without Us
- just had a community outreach event in port orchard in December
- 70 community members registered for the town hall event, and 25 community leaders Friday morning – report coming out soon

### **Centers for Independent Living**

#### **CFI - Leah Velasco**

- Youth transition program has expanded with our new pre-employment transition services contract with DVR – 5 schools being served, 10-15 students per school
- Collaborating with CWDR to put on our annual youth transitions workshop planning on having at UW this year and inviting other youth from our other CILs
- Pathways program is doing really work focusing on transitioning folks out of nursing homes and into the community
- Started a quarterly newsletter

#### **CWDR - Mayra Colazo**

- Around 100 more consumers this fiscal year
- 40 youth active in all five counties

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- Grant to help individuals with rent and utility assistance, and this is for individuals with disabilities that are late, behind their utilities and rent, to prevent them from becoming homeless
- Veteran directed care is assisting 6 veterans
- System Power Action grant to help individuals do some ADA remodeling accommodations at their homes, to help individuals build up ramps and then modify their bathroom
- FAST team, functional assessment service team, a group of volunteers that assess shelters with an ADA check list in event of emergency.

### **DAC - Mels Felton**

- Multiple support groups, LGBT and disability support group, mental health, and parents with disabilities – can connect on Facebook between meetings
- Making a large effort to go into our counties outside of Spokane, more rural areas, to winter festivals and festivities to get out the word for independent living movement and our services
- Youth Vision Project, YVP, that project is working with youth inside of transition
- Creating all of documentation in the four major languages spoken inside of inland northwest
- Getting staff trained spell in trauma-informed care, administration, and mental health first aid

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### **DEC - Kimberly Meck**

- Awarded two contracts - With the King County adult services to do community inclusion activities for people with developmental disabilities and The Health Care Authority to partner on doing foundational community supports.
- Supported employment program helping people identify the jobs they're interested in
- Inquires on website and computer accessibility, partnered with Praise Consulting to do an evaluation of websites to determine the accessibility and provide reports
- New community center in Seattle opening, Summit Community Center, partnering to do independent living skills classes as well as having opportunities to provide information on our programs and services to recruit more individuals
- Third-year recipient from the group health foundation for a grant for our advocacy work within King County
- Three new board members
- Mentoring programs
  - RISE - Resources, Information, Support and Empowerment - participants come together and share their highlights, obstacles, goals and learn from each other's shared experiences
  - EPIC – Empowering People in the Community - quarterly outing into the community as a group of people with disabilities to experience the hobbies that we all want to enjoy

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### **New Business**

#### **NCIL**

**Motion:** to approve one staff member from the SILC and one SILC member to attend NCIL, and the staff member is decided by the executive director, and the SILC member would also be Naomi or Tyler, and somebody's going to need to reach out to Tyler to ask him if he wants to go.

**First:** Dion Graham                      **Second:** Naomi Marteeny

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

#### **SILC Congress – ED, council member, and staff**

**Motion:** to allow the Executive Director to attend the SILC Congress

**First:** Dion Graham                      **Second:** Naomi Marteeny

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

### **Adjourn 2:43 pm**

**Motion:** we adjourn if everybody's good with that.

**First:** Naomi Marteeny                      **Second:** Dion Graham

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