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WASILC Quarterly Meeting Notes

April 6th and 7th, 2023

Disability Empowerment Center (DEC) Seattle

Hybrid Meeting

Day 1 April 6th

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:

Desiree Richards, Center for Independence (CFI)

Mark Leeper, Center Director, Disability Action Center (DAC)

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

Todd Holloway, Center Director, Center for Independence (CFI)

Tricia Eyerly, Services for the Blind

Agenda

Motion: Make a motion to approve agenda as presented.

First: Dion Graham

Second: Karin Morris

Vote: Favor: All

Opposed: None **APPROVED**

January 2023 Quarterly Meeting Minutes

Motion: I make a motion to approve January minutes presented.

First: Karin Morris

Second: Dion Graham

Vote: Favor: All

Opposed: None **APPROVED**

Fiscal Report

- See report in council packet

Motion: I make a motion to approve.

First: Raymond Miller

Second: Dion Graham

Vote: Favor: All

Opposed: None **APPROVED**

Public Comment –

- **Tammy Woodrich** – I would like to use this public comment time to make sure that having an outreach to the 29 tribes in Washington state is something that you can consider. I know that the tribal councils changed throughout time and continue outreach is important. I know that there are times when the SILC board is looking for board members and that may be another area that you can reach out to. I

think it is important for our disabled community in our Tribes to have that opportunity. I know sometimes they don't get that. But, also the fact that tribal councils don't always have that awareness. So, I am not sure if there is a specific person in WASILC that does that work. It is important for me as a rehab counselor to have the tribe involved and all the disabled committees that are out there. I know that I try to be a part of when I can, and I am grateful that you have accommodated everyone here. I come from a family of, my mother was deaf, and we had other disabilities in our family. So, that's why it is important for me to make sure that I can read the captions because I know that there are people out there who need to see them and be a part of it. Thank you.

- **Danna Summers** - Central Asian immigrants, I am that individual myself. And one of the things that's challenging sometimes is for us as an immigrant to be a representative and to be sure that our voices are heard. This is the point where I would like to see immigrants also represent and be there too because of their kids and family and especially minorities are usually do not participate on some high-level decisions. Thank you so much.

Standing Committees, CIEP, & Executive Director

Executive Committee

- See report in council packet

Executive Director

- See report in council packet

SPIIL State Plan for Independent Living

- See report in council packet

CIEP Coalition on Inclusive Emergency Planning

- The AFN travel road trip – visited CVDR, Kings of Columbus Hospital – dropped off some medical equipment, Washington Advocates for the deaf and Hard of Hearing and the INDEX in Spokane
- Sarah Nust, Director for Emergency Services, wanted to get together and create a task force

Youth & Young Adult Subcommittee

- Still working on planning of the Youth conference
- Scheduling conflicts and illness has impeded committee meeting

SCNA Statewide Community Needs Assessment Ad Hoc Committee

- Will interview Kone consulting company April 14th 2023

Policies & Procedure, Bylaws Ad Hoc committee

- Anticipate having complete drafts of both documents for review at the July 2023 quarterly meeting

Legislative & Policy Subcommittee

Motion: Appoint Tyler as the chair of the Legislative and policy subcommittee for WASILC.

First: Raymond Miller

Second: Naomi Marteeny

Vote: Favor: All

Opposed: None **APPROVED**

Outreach & Education Subcommittee

Motion: Accept Naomi and Dion as the co-chairs of the Outreach subcommittee.

First: Karin Morris

Second: Raymond Miller

Vote: Favor: All

Opposed: None **APPROVED**

Membership Subcommittee

- Would like to change make up of membership committee from Executive committee to standard committee – discussion/decision at July QM

Centers for Independent Living

CFI – Desiree Richards

- Preemployment transition service has expanded to Thurston County and we're now serving six schools in total
- Great success with an autistic 18-year-old who wanted to go into video production, CFI was able to find the perfect work placement and paid internship
- Youth transition summer workshop is coming up in July
- Transitioned about 10 people within the last quarter

DAC – Mark Leeper

- Employee up north in Colville doing a lot with outreach out in rural areas, and has an event coming up in davenport, Washington, in Eastern Washington
- Planning for an event for the ADA celebration this year

- Recently gotten involved with the Prevent Suicide Spokane Project, sponsoring an event that they have upcoming

CWDR - Mayra Colazo

- Vaxxing clinics, partnering with caravan, 27 people that got vaccinated.
- One in the Grant County area in Moses Lake in two weeks
- Trying to hire a program manager
- Power System and Action grant allowed us to approved a total of six people to get ramps
- Have a representation at the transit committee, the EDI committee, the housing committee, and the parks and recs
- Bike-to-work day - partnering with Outdoors for All to bring adaptable bikes to have individuals have that opportunity to hang out and be able to participate

DEC – Cassidy Thorn

- Peer mentoring group where participants work towards goals in a collaborative setting and another is geared towards older adults, which is a mutual aid-based peer group guided by the participants to tackle obstacles in their community
- Epic, use flash cards in King County to access community-based activities, like the aquarium, while coordinating accessibility awareness through the Blue Path in Education
- Process of proposing three projects to AmeriCorps, hopefully that will turn into three new AmeriCorps members, one would be working with our King County Disability Consortium, another would be guiding a meeting in King County, and ask the other would be a fasting, Functional Assessment Service Teams

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

- See report in council packet

Department of Services for the Blind – Tricia Eyerly

- This past quarter they closed at 167 participants receive Independent Living services and closed successfully from their services
- Over the whole year, they had over a 13% -- showed a 13% increase in the number of participants we served over the whole year
- 14% of our participants are identifying as individuals of a minority group, marginalized community
- Still running our program with the Washington State Talking Book and Braille Library. We are talking to them to manage our A.T. equipment. Phones, handheld magnifiers, CCTVs that can be expensive.
- First quarter of this year, we served 19 individuals that are under the age of 55. So that is our younger blind program and we served 173 participants that are in our older blind program

Washington State Rehabilitation Council

- See report in council packet

Office of Deaf and Hard of Hearing: Steve Peck

- Four new employees in the office
- ASL emergency information alerts, a better way to provide information to the Deaf and hard of hearing, Deaf-blind community when there's a disaster
- Captioning and video description information for the deafblind and low visual and Braille readers, show the videos to the CIP and the Emergency Management Department, ODDH staff, Deaf and hard of hearing, deafblind community to help get feedback,

- Developing trials for the deafblind community using an app called My MMDX box and That App Includes RT, Real Time Texting, VRS, Video Relay Service and communication facilitation services

Developmental Disabilities Council: Brandi Monts

- Developmental Disability Administration to get money from the federal government, have to have three things -- they have to have a council, they have to have a university center focused on intellectual and developmental disabilities, and they have to have a protection and advocacy agency
- The council, requirement that 60% of our members have a developmental disability, or are family members, or providers -- care providers, guardians of people with IDD - appointed by the Governor
- www.ddc.wa.gov to see councilmembers and partnerships with state agencies

Adjourn day 1 at 3:39 pm

Motion: I motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

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

Day 2 April 7th, 2023

State Plan for Independent Living overview

Motion: Motion to allow Kimberly Meck to sign the SPIL as chair of SILC on behalf of WASILC.

First: Raymond Miller

Second: Karin Morris

Vote: Favor: All

Opposed: None **APPROVED**

Monitoring the State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL)

- Discussion on who should monitor, report and evaluate SPIL survey results was tabled until July QM – create committee or assign to Executive staff

Adjourn 11:55 am