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# WASILC Quarterly Meeting Notes

July 17th, 2023

Virtual 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

## Council Staff Present:

Bek Moras, Executive Director

Jim House, Disability Integration Manager

Rebecca Rodriguez, Executive Assistant

## Guests Present:

Leah Velasco, Center for Independence (CFI)

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

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

Tricia Eyerly, Services for the Blind

## Agenda - Kimberly

**Motion:** Make a motion to approve agenda as presented with the removal of the icebreaker.

**First:** Ray Miller                      **Second:** Naomi Marteeny

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

## **April 2023 Quarterly Meeting Minutes - Kimberly**

**Motion:** I make a motion to approve last meetings minutes.

**First:** Karin Morris                      **Second:** Ray Miller

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

## **Fiscal Report - Karin**

- See report in council packet

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

**First:** Naomi Marteeny                      **Second:** Raymond Miller

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

## **Fiscal Budget DRAFT FY2024 - Karin**

- See report in council packet
- DOH ask to remove the CIEP admin fee
- Moved rent and utilities under operations – lumped together

**Motion:** I make a motion to approve the FY2024 budget as presented.

**First:** Ray Miller                      **Second:** Dion Graham

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

## **Technical issues being addressed**

**Motion:** I make a motion to come back at 10:52am to give accessibility team time to resolve technical issues.

**First:** Naomi Marteeny

**Second:** Karin Morris

**Vote: Favor:** All

**Opposed:** None

**APPROVED**

## **Public Comment – no public comment**

### **SCNA Statewide Community Needs Assessment Ad Hoc Committee -**

Karin

- Committee selected Kone Consulting to do the state wide needs assessment
- Bi-weekly check ins with Kone Consulting

**Motion:** I make a motion to allow the Statewide Community Needs Assessment Ad Hoc committee to engage with Kone in conducting the Washington State Independent Living Council Needs Assessment.

**First:** Karin Morris

**Second:** Ray Miller

**Vote: Favor:** All

**Opposed:** None

**APPROVED**

**Motion:** I make a motion to request the remaining Part B funds FY2022, \$15,351, be used to cover cost related to needs assessment such as transportation, accommodations, alternative formats, peer reimbursement, gift cards for individuals participating in the community needs assessment focus group.

**First:** Ray Miller

**Second:** Dion Graham

**Vote:** Favor: All

**Opposed:** None

**APPROVED**

**SPIL State Plan for Independent Living - Kimberly**

- Completed signatures for the 23-24 SPIL submission
- Drafted new mission statement
- Created goals and wish list
- Discussed community engagement
- Anyone interested in joining the SPIL committee contact Rebecca Rodriguez

**APRIL conference – Naomi**

- Naomi applied for Lead On collaboration and was selected – Lead On Collaborative will pay for her APRIL conference expenses

**Motion:** I make a motion to send Karin to APRIL in October with the prelog that if Karin can't attend, the WASILC chair can pick a council member to go.

**First:** Ray Miller

**Second:** Naomi Marteeny

**Vote:** Favor: All

**Opposed:** None

**APPROVED**

**Executive Committee – Kimberly**

- See report in council packet

**New Applications – Ray**

- Audrie Meraki
- Danna Summers

**Motion:** I move that we move the applicant, Audrie, forward to the governor's committee for membership on the Washington State Council.

**First:** Karin Morris

**Second:** Naomi Marteeny

**Vote:** Favor: All

**Opposed:** None

**APPROVED**

**Motion:** I move that we move the applicant, Danna, forward to the governor's committee for membership on the Washington State Council.

**First:** Ray Miller

**Second:** Dion Graham

**Vote:** Favor: All

**Opposed:** None

**APPROVED**

### **CIEP Coalition on Inclusive Emergency Planning - Jim**

- See report in council packet

## **Centers for Independent Living**

**CFI – Leah Velasco**

- 3 vaccine events - had over 25 people get vaccinated
- Youth transitioning some of our workshop is going on this week at UW Seattle we had over 75 applicants applied this year and we accepted 26 youth
- Focusing more one-on-one with the students and placing them in paid internships and some of them have gotten hired after their internship
- Pathways for Community Living program, focuses on transitioning people out of nursing homes and into the community, place 8 people over the last quarter
- Fully staffed again in both offices

## **CWDR - Mayra Colazo**

- Took two youth to the Youth Transition workshop
- Around 256 active files with active goals
- Renewed contract with DVR for IL services
- New funding opportunity focuses on Latinos so it's around \$100,000.00

## **DEC – Kimberly Meck**

- Leadership team just got trained in Windmills
- Staff have been trained in Blue Path
- Completed 3 unique American position applications - one with blue path another with KCDC - the King County disability consortium and some disaster preparedness training here in King County
- New laptop lending library program
- Partnering with King County regional homelessness authority to do some ADA evaluations of existing housing units in King County

## **DAC – Mark Leeper**

- received the grant for opening a new center in Spokane
- Disability Pride event in riverfront park in Spokane
- Working to move office space to a more accessible area

## **Partner Updates**

### **Division of Vocational Rehabilitation – Cassie (not present)**

- See report in council packet

### **Department of Services for the Blind – Tricia Eyerly**

- Reorganization agency how to engage and rapid engagement with participants and make that experience different
- 3 current Instructor positions, Assistant Director position, Rehab tech 2 position open
- Assistive technology lending library – phones, iPads, variety of CCTV options and the Washington talking book and Braille library

### **Council – Dion Graham**

- See report in council packet

## **Standing Committees**

### **Youth & Young Adult Subcommittee – Naomi Marteeny**

- Put Youth conference on hold due to committee member involvement
- Focusing on recruitment

### **Policies & Procedure, Bylaws Ad Hoc committee – Ray Miller**

- Still working on the revising documents – will be ready for review at October 2023 QM

### **Legislative & Policy Subcommittee – Tyler Shrenk, death July 2023**

- No report

### **Outreach & Education Subcommittee – Co Chair Naomi Marteeny and Dion Graham**

- Still in early stages of forming and brainstorming
- Working on getting more members

### **Membership Subcommittee – Ray Miller**

- Two new council members applicants approved to be sent to the Governor's office
- Do not have to be council members to be on a committee

### **Executive Director – Bek Moras**

- WASILC supporting CWDR and CFI with travel expenses to attend NCIL conference – reimbursement or some other form - \$1,000 limit each

**Motion:** I move that WASILC support CWDR and CFI with travel expenses to NCIL 2023, with a \$1,000 max each.

**First:** Ray Miller      **Second:** Naomi Marteeny

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

- WASILC go fully remote
  - More than 40% of SILCs are fully remote
  - More accessible
  - No more rent/utilities cost
  - Still housed within DVR so staff will still have access to all tools, cubical “hotel” spaces, conference rooms, IT, HR etc

**Motion:** I move that WASILC staff go fully remote for FY24 and reduce FY24 budget by rent and utilities.

**First:** Naomi Marteeny      **Second:** Karin Morris

**Vote:** Favor: Four      **Opposed:** None      **Abstention:** One      **APPROVED**

- Bek will send out updated budget – **ACTION**



- Look over documents in July QM packet about SILC autonomy for October 2023 QM – **ACTION ALL**

**Adjourn at 4:00 pm**