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**New Mexico Statewide Independent Living Council
Special Meeting, June 19, 2018 - DRAFT
DVR Office – Gibson Location**

I. Welcome/Call to Order

Rebecca Holland

Rebecca Holland called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Curtis Chong – Present
Rebecca Holland – Present
Coby Livingstone – Present
Audra Wilson – Present
Sarah Mushaud – Present
Tim Carver – Present
Albert Montoya – Present
Pam Stafford – Present
Adrian Apodaca – Present

Absent

Gregg Trapp
Paula Seanez
Jason Gordon
Michael Murphy

III. Action Item – Amendment of the SPIL: Changes to SILC Budget

At the meeting in Farmington on June 8, 2018 discussion for revision of the SPIL – changes to the SILC budget of \$111,000.00 to \$80,000.00. Talked about reducing this amount to \$50,000.00 for the contractor, then we do not have to send it out for an RFP we can request applications from anyone who is interested in contracting and interview and select from the applications. Now if go over the \$50,000.00 then we would have to do an RFP and the difficulty with that is DVR becomes much more involved with the process and as our designated state entity, the SILC needs to be as autonomy as possible.

- Discussions regarding the budget: do we want to break up how the SILC Budget is done, and have the contracted amount before the contractor and the functions of the contractor?
- Another amount for meetings, travel, accommodations, ex... things like that would directly go to the DSE and they would pay for those expenditures.
- The Contractor would be responsible for the functions of keeping the SILC going.
- Or do we want to keep it as is?

It will be a big drop for the contractor, which would be \$50,000.00 and should cover all, costs like advertising, dues, and subscriptions any postage, sign language interpreters, web site update, training outreach and recording of meetings and minutes.

DVR would be responsible for holding on to \$30,000.00 of the \$80,000.00 for meetings, travel expenses for board members in and out of state travel.

A motion was moved by Curtis Chong to change the SILC budget from \$111,000.00 to \$80,000.00. Coby Livingstone second the motion. All in favor, no opposed, no abstentions. Motion has been carried.

IV. **Action Item – Amendment to the SPIL: Allocation changed from dollar amount to percentages for DVR and Commission for the Blind.**

SILC members talked about changing the wording to the SPIL to change allocations from the amount to a percentage.

Coby - also mentioned that the funds for the Commission for the Blind should go to all individuals of any age not just adult blind programs.

In the NM SPIL, the DSE (Designated State Entity) is instructed to allocate \$250,387.00 to DVR IL programs and \$54,963.00 to the Commission for the Blind for their IL program. This is a 82% DVR and 18% CGB allocation of current IL part B funds.

With the FFY18 increases to the grant award of \$26,696.00, the current language in the SPIL does not allow the DSE to increase DFB's allocation without a revision, because in the SPIL the exact amount DVR and CFB receive is spelled out.

- SILC would like to make a revision change to the language in the SPIL, so that the DSE can be directed to allocate 82% to DVR's IL program and 18% to CFB's IL programs, regardless of future IL grant award amounts.

A motion was moved by Coby Livingstone that we accept the revision to the change the amount to percentages.

Curtis Chong second the motion. No discussion, no abstentions. Motion carries.

Rebecca Holland has mentioned that they will be having a meeting on July 16, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the ILRC (Independent Living Resource Center) in Albuquerque for the starting of the SPIL.

XVI. **Adjournment**

Curtis Chong and a Second by Coby Livingstone moved a motion for adjournment.

Introduction:

Yvonne Hart – Interested community member, interested in DVR clients, contractor, and staff have been for many years and very interested in the SILC.