

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES
New Mexico Statewide Independent Living Council
Quarterly Meeting: May 9, 2019 – 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. May 10 – 10:00a.m-3:00p.m
The Ability Center, 715 East Idaho Avenue
Las Cruces, NM 88001

Friday May 10, 2019 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

- I. Welcome/Call to Order** **Jason Gordon**
called the meeting to order at ???:00 a.m.
- II. Roll Call/Introduction of Guests** **Jason Gordon**
Others in Attendance/Guests
- Leslie Wright - San Juan Center for Independence - ?
 - Michael Murphy – Independent Living Center - ?
 - Robert Alirez – DVR Acting Director - Present
 - Anna M. Vigil – DVR IL Program Manager – Present Via WebEx
 - Eileen Marrujo – DVR ASU Deputy Director – Presenter for SILC RFQ and SILC Budget
- Roll Call**
- Rebecca Holland – Present
 - Coby Livingston – Present
 - Jason Gordon – Present
 - Audra Wilson – Present
 - Petra Solimon – Present
 - Leslie Wright – Present via WebEx
 - Sarah Michaud – Present via WebEx
 - Paula Seanez – Present
 - Ken Collins – Absent
 - Robert Alirez – Absent
 - Anna Vigil – Present via WebEx
 - Michael Murphy – Present via WebEx
 - Albert Montoya – Present
- III. Action Item – Approval of Agenda**
- Jason Gordon – approval of agenda and minutes was approved at yesterday’s meeting (May 9, 2019)
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V. NM SILC Chair Report

Jason Gordon

- This is a time I want to talk about a few concerns I have just because my chair report is that I've been doing SILC work that's all been administrative things. If you recall the 704 Report needed to be submitted back in December January. Myself, Anna Vigil and DVR put a lot of work into that but there were some issues with the report that needed to be corrected; some of which were mistakes on my part. Good news it is now approved. I appreciate DVR's work on that but that took up quite a bit of time and also planning for this meeting took a lot time. I want to thank Coby, DVR and our host Albert for helping get this meeting ready. We will be discussing later, getting the SILC coordinator hired. What I would like to do is work on the SILC projects we've discussed. I apologize I have not been able to do that. I have done a lot of work for SILC but it has all been administrative work.
- Rebecca Holland – Mr. Chair I fully understand that. I've been helped by a lot of people at this table and I appreciate it.
- Coby Livingstone – Mr. Chair I have every confidence in the world that once we get all the administrative stuff ironed out we will have a great council and we are going to soar.
- Paula Seanez – on the 704 Report was there a change in the support format?
- Jason – I'm not sure, this is the first one I've done.
- Rebecca – it is not called the 704 Report anymore. I can't recall what it is called. Anna did tell me the new name.
- Anna – it is the Program Performance Report and yes there was some format changes
- Jason Gordon – that's it for my report

VI. Action Item – Schedule Dates of Required meetings of the NM SILC

- a. Placement of Public Notice - Coby Livingstone – I'm interested in having as many people at our meetings as possible so if we set the meeting dates and locations in stone we will have increased attendance, streamlined and clarity of announcements and public notices each of us can invite people to the meetings. Make it a pretty solid schedule.
- b. Attendance of SILC Members; Discussion of using alternative methods (e.g. Zoom, speaker phone, sending a representative from your agency). Coby Livingstone – it is my commitment to add value to this committee. Rebecca Holland - Based on the Open Meetings act, it is my understanding you can use it, call in when you can't make it but must be a good reason, difficulty to get there. Coby Livingstone – Zoom is a free service. Jason Gordon – agree we use the tools at our disposal. Rebecca Holland – SILC bylaws we must have a quarterly meeting around the state and I agree with Coby if we set the meetings in advance we can plan for them and be in attendance. Jason

Gordon – is it ok to tap the center's to host our quarterly meeting, yes as long as we set the dates we can plan for it. Jason Gordon – next meeting will be in Farmington at the SJCI July 26, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. Make sure we let Leslie know she will be hosting. Rebecca Holland – reminder that we would have it the same as this meeting a two-day meeting. Leslie Wright – confirmed SJCI for July 25th and July 26th.

- c. Update Membership Roster; contact information - Anna Vigil has already sent updates to all members via email.

VII. Action Item – RFQ SILC Coordinator

Eileen Marrujo

- Eileen Marrujo – I will be serving as the proxy for Tammy Kesler, Contracts Manager. I am handing out the confidentiality statement/agreement along with the general requirements, and the proposal that was submitted; which is the only proposal we received. I do want to clarify that the packet I handed out to is a member and only voting members will be evaluating the RFQ application.
- Jason Gordon – has everyone had a chance to review the material. Unanimous yes.
- Rebecca Holland – I would like to interview these applicants before making a decision just based on paper because I know nothing about them. I think an interview would be helpful. Jason Gordon – agreed. Paula Seanez – agreed
- Rebecca Holland – appoint 3 members to interview the applicants on May 22, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.
- Jason Gordon – special meeting to discuss the applicants is set for May 28, 2019 at DVR's Oakland Office in Albuquerque, NM

VIII. Action Item – Discussion

- a. Advancement of NM SILC Projects/SFIL goals – Jason Gordon this goes back to what I mentioned on my Chair Report I have not been able to follow up on that. I would like us to provide more support to the community. I don't know that there is any more updating to report. I am hoping we find a coordinator soon, so we can become more active in the community. Michael Murphy – housing is very important not just statewide but nationwide; it is one of the things people with disabilities struggle with. A major role of the SILC should be and is to support centers through advocating for more funding to go into unserved and underserved areas from by view it must be the number one priority because if we don't have funding we can't help people get housing or transportation or services. You can't have services without money. Our funding seems to be dwindling rather than increasing. As a SILC as a whole should be promoting more funding for more services in the IL community.
Rebecca Holland – we need a strategic plan and I know I am on that committee, but we must identify a chair person for it, so we can move forward.



- b. Recruitment of NM SILC Members – Jason Gordon we need to look at why the governor’s office has not appointed more members. Rebecca Holland – Jim Salas was appointed by Greg Trapp for the CFB. Ken Collins mentioned that he had an individual from the Brain Injury applying for the SILC. Our bylaws do not exclude anyone, but we can’t have the majority from the IL Centers and state government. Audra Wilson – I know a lady from DVS (Department of Veteran Services) that would be good; I can ask her. Coby Livingstone – Parents Reaching Out would be good and the autism/CDD. Coby Livingstone – will be on the strategic committee possibly the chair.
 - c. Additional Comments - none
 - d. Facebook, Newsletter, DVR Website – Coby Livingstone we can pass on that. I spoke about it last meeting just wanting to get us out there.
- IX. Action Item – SPIL Updates and Public Forums** **Audra Wilson**
- We are waiting for one more public forum and then we are good after that. The next public forum will be June 7, 2019 at DRNM from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- X. State Agency Reports/Updates**
- Jason Gordon lets take a moment to acknowledge Tim Carver and all his great work as well as his amazing accomplishments. Rebecca Holland – can we make a contribution in Tim’s name. Leslie Wright – his green house is under way so that would help. He was very instrumental in designing this center; he was the face of this center. Thank you, Leslie.**
- a. Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (Acting Director Robert Alirez) – Anna Vigil has emailed the report to all members. Eileen Marrujo, ASU Deputy Director – hardcopy provided. Michael Murphy – my concerns are that the more that IL depends on TTW funds it limits us if we decide to go with another entity. Eileen Marrujo – yes that is true, we can enter into a MOA/MOU/IGA and transfer TTW funds; however, that would not occur until we received that money. It is a risk. Michael Murphy – thank you I am glad we have an option to enter into an agreement. Audra Wilson – this is a huge cut and it is very scary. Leslie Wright – agreed. Eileen Marrujo – this should be no surprise to everyone, we discussed this issue a year ago. Rebecca Holland – the LFC needs to hear from the directors how these decreases affect your centers. Audra Wilson – we are going to do what we need to do to make it work, but it is rough. Jason Gordon – we can pledge our support to our CIL’s. Eileen Marrujo – I need an answer because we have deadlines if we want contracts to begin on July 1st. Jason Gordon – we will add this as an action item for the special meeting.
 - b. New Mexico Commission for the Blind (Greg Trapp, Executive Director) - Absent



- c. AIVRS Program (Paula Seanez, Executive Director) – hardcopy was emailed to all members by Rebecca Holland. Paula Seanez – Rebecca Holland has about a 15-minute YouTube video that everyone should see.

XI. CIL Reports/Updates

- a. Choices – Audra Wilson, Roswell, NM – attended an event we were invited by the mayor and there was about 200 people we only expected 60. Local firefighter received an award I don't remember his name. Section 8 has opened up some vouchers, which is great rent in Carlsbad is about \$1,500 and Hobbs is just as bad. Other than that the same old Social Security stuff.
- b. New Vistas – Sarah Michaud, Santa Fe, NM – report is provided
- c. ILRC – Michael Murphy, Albuquerque, NM – continue to provide the 5 core services, serving 460 consumers in our attendant services program, 394 in our agency based directed self-care program and 66 in ? program
- d. The Ability Center – Albert Montoya, Las Cruces, NM – durable medical equipment loan bank is bare, everything is out on loan 15 hospital beds, walkers; we are seeing a huge demand for durable medical equipment as well as disposable. Nursing homes dispose of many things we are looking they may be able to fill us up. We served 1,144 consumers this fiscal year. We are doing IL skills training in a group. We have a clothing and food store. We are passing bus and movie tickets. Youth group in Las Cruces has grown. Busy with our youth graduating. Our food bank has been distributing ? we are trying to find a middle ground between philosophy and practice. Like Audra said we are busy with social security. We continue to do home visits and be active in the community.
- e. SJCI – Leslie Wright, Farmington, NM – report was emailed to Jason. Chief Burke was on dancing with the stars; raised \$600. Looking to collaborate with the jails. Rebecca Holland – thank you everybody for all your thorough reports.

XII. Additional Comments or Discussion

- I will have an agenda by next week when I leave for my brothers wedding next week.
- Coby Livingstone – it is helpful to me to please get the reports emailed.
- Rebecca Holland – I believe you need the reports in word not PDF is that correct?
Coby Livingstone - yes

XIII. Action Item – Adjournment

- Rebecca Holland motioned to adjourn
- Paula Seanez seconded the motion
- Unanimously approved
- The meeting is adjourned at 1:23 p.m.



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