
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

Thursday May 9, 2019 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

I. Welcome/Call to Order **Coby Livingstone**
called the meeting to order at 3:00p.m.

II. Roll Call/Introduction of Guests **Jason Gordon**
Others in Attendance/Guests

- Guy Surdi – Governors Commission on Disability - Absent
- Leslie Wright - San Juan Center for Independence - ?
- Michael Murphy – Independent Living Center - ?
- Robert Alirez – DVR Acting Director - Absent
- Anna M. Vigil – DVR IL Program Manager – Present Via WebEx
- Lisa McNiven – Governors Council on Disability - Presenter

Roll Call

- Rebecca Holland – Present
- Coby Livingston – Present
- Jason Gordon – Present
- Audra Wilson – Present
- Petra Solimon – Present
- Leslie Wright – ??
- Sarah Michaud – ??Present
- Paula Seanez – Present
- Ken Collins – Absent
- Robert Alirez – Absent
- Anna Vigil – Present via WebEx
- Michael Murphy – Present ???
- Albert Montoya – Present

III. Action Item – Approval of Meeting Minutes from February 8, 2019

- **Albert's** name needs to be corrected (misspelled) Rebecca: under Ability Center??? Emailed his report
- Guy Surdi was listed in Roll Call for January 11th meeting???
- Audra Wilson motioned to approve minutes with corrections
- Coby Livingston seconded the motion
- January 11th meeting minutes unanimously approved

IV. Action Item – Approval of May 9, 2019 Meeting Agenda

- Rebecca Holland motioned to approve the May 9, 2019 agenda with correction made to time for start date of meeting on May 10, 2019
- Petra Solimon seconded the motion
- May 9, 2019 agenda unanimously approved with the meeting time change correction from 9:00 am to 10:00 am on May 10, 2019

V. Presentation – Lisa McNiven: “Planning for an Emergency for People With Disabilities”

- Lisa McNiven – brief background – received her master’s degree in Public Administration from UNM 2 years ago. Has been doing presentations on Emergency Preparedness throughout the state of NM for about 2 years. Employed with NM Governor’s Commission on Disability. Addressing the needs of individuals with disabilities before, during and after a disaster. We have the NM Disability Emergency Planning Advisory Council. The reason I am here is because I want to make sure we have a relationship with the NM SILC and the NMDEPAC (New Mexico Disability Emergency Planning Advisory Council).
- We want to prepare persons with disabilities who may experience emergency related barriers (separation from social support networks, mobility devices, medication) physical isolation may increase their dependency on others during and after a disaster.
- Evacuation must be accessible not just to people with disabilities but to our seniors – technology to reach individuals about emergency evacuation can be affected negatively (deaf & hard of hearing and or cognitive disabilities, autism, or intellectual disabilities)
- Santa Rosa Fire in California (2017) – evacuation by a system called Rebirth 911. Rebirth 911 is system where 1st responders call people via a landline with emergency notification instructions to evacuate. If you have a cell phone you won’t be reached, it’s not automatic. If you are a deaf person and use a video phone you won’t be reached. Everyone needs to be safe.
- Emergency Preparedness Stats – 66% of disabled people do not know who to contact about emergency plans in their community. 61% have not made a plan to quickly and safely evacuate and 32% of full or part time employed say no plans have been made in their work place.
- Plans and equipment must be accessible and in place in the event of an evacuation/disaster not just for those that are disabled but for those that are caregivers to the disabled.
- Video being shown and discussed

- NMDEPAC would like to be sponsored. They do not have funding. Would like to be under NM SILC. Would like to explore possibilities.
- NMDEPAC can provide training to staff and community partners to make sure our community is prepared.
- Rebecca Holland – I have a question on SILC being the fiscal agent for NMDEPAC because our funding comes through DVR. Ms. McNiven can't DVR provide funding through a grant. NMDEPAC we are trying to find funding, so we can continue to do our good work. Jason Gordon – since we are a good fit, I think we can talk to DVR and they are here hearing the presentation maybe we can explore and discuss if that's a project the SILC wants to take on.
- Rebecca Holland – as a SILC we should have a discussion tomorrow amongst ourselves about it but we must be functioning really well, so we can do a great job and have a long-term relationship. Lisa McNiven– NMDEPAC can come back at a later date.
- Ms. McNiven has provided hardcopies of her slides and a Go Bag. Thank you for the presentation and the goodies.

VI. Action Item – Discussion: Regarding the accepting responsibility for coordinating the actions of the NMDEPAC

- Jason Gordon before we adjourn I wanted to see if anyone has any comments about the presentation. Rebecca Holland – it is a fabulous presentation, it is excellent I wish were a 501c(3) so that we could because I think it is a good fit. I am really hesitant about talking to DVR about us over seeing this because we don't have the strength yet as a SILC to be able to do that. Jason – I'm in agreement. Rebecca Holland – I would like us to get some momentum first as a SILC and I want us to succeed, it is too important of work not to do a great job. Jason Gordon – maybe the DRNM can do something with NMDEPAC.

VII. Adjournment – Recess until tomorrow May 10, 2019

- Paula Seanez motioned to recess until tomorrow
- Rebecca Holland seconded the motion
- Unanimously approved
- The meeting is recessed at 5:12 p.m. will resume tomorrow at 10:00 a.m.