

Sarah Michaud
Council Chair

New Mexico Statewide Independent Living Council

Quarterly Council Meeting

January 29th, 2025, 10am

This meeting will be in person at New Mexico Division of Vocational Rehabilitation 10510 Research Rd SE Suite 800, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87123 and over Zoom (link at end of agenda).

Agenda

- I. Call to Order & Introductions of the Council
Called to order 10:03 AM

Jason Sedillo – Present
Mariah Regan – Present
Rachel Minnard – Present
Kathy Cooper (Executive Director) – Present
Sarah present (Chair) – Present
Paula Seanez – Present
Keneth D. Collins – Not Present
Marci Chee- Not Present
Rudy Grano (Ex-Officio, DSE) – Present Non-Voting
Juan Haro (Ex-Officio, CFB) – Present Non-Voting
Lise McNevin (Ex-Officio, GCD) – Present Non-Voting
Peggy Hayes – Present @ 10:12 AM

Quorum Established

- II. Approval of the Agenda – Action Item
Jason Sedillo motions to approve
Mariah Regan Seconds
Sarah Michaud - Yes
Paula Seanez - No
Jason Sedillo - Yes
Rachel Minnard - Yes
Mariah Regan - Yes
Agenda Approved
- III. Approval of November 2024 Minutes – Action Item
Jason Sedillo motions to approve
Mariah Regan Seconds
Unanimously Approved

IV. Executive Director Report

a. Program Performance Report

Previously known as the 704 Report. This report is to be completed once a year. Also included in the report is how the goals and objectives of the SPIL are being met. Next report due March 31st, 2025.

b. SILC/IL Network One pager

SILC One Pager is meant to be distributed to other agencies, legislators, etc. The document explains what the SILC is, mission, accomplishments, and also lists counties that are still in need of additional funding.

Paula Seanez recommends that documents of this kind go before the council before being distributed.

Kathy Cooper states that these documents will be provided to the board. The executive team will meet to discuss how this can be streamlined so information is distributed timely.

c. IL Network Coordination

Kathy Cooper continues to meet with the directors of the Independent Living Centers so all centers can get an idea of what other centers are doing. This meeting is held once a quarter.

d. Annual Report

The annual Report includes infographic statewide information from the Program Performance Report. To be completed once a year.

e. ACL Complaint- Determination

ACL has determined that all processes were followed correctly in the development of the State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL).

f. Board Training

Virtual Zoom SILC Roles and Responsibilities training 9AM-12PM February 6th, 2025 with Paula McElwee.

g. Budget – Transaction Report

Kathy Cooper has been working with NMDVR on a budget report to be presented to the council. The report will include budget line items such as travel, equipment and supplies, contracts, accommodation and “other” expenses.

Paula Seanez requests to go back and address item “f.” and states she does not recommend the SILC Policies be included in the training, as she does not agree with the policies and will not be signing the Bylaws and Policies Acknowledgement.

The purpose of the training is discussed.

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- V. SILC Logo change – Action Item
Peggy Hayes motions to approve
Mariah Regan Seconds
Unanimously Approved

- VI. Chair Report
Sarah Michaud speaks to OMA, rolling quorums with emails and changes to the agenda.

Sarah Michaud has been closely following ACL complaint updates, following up on annual reports, participating in IL network calls as a The Chair. IL centers are currently working on completing Program Performance Reports and submitted to the SILC.

- VII. IL Network Updates
 - a. Sarah Michaud – New Vistas
 - 1. Advocate out of Las Vegas has resigned and New Vistas is currently recruiting to fill the vacant position. There is also a vacant position in Santa Fe in Transition Services for Transition Youth.
 - 2. New Vistas will be providing a presentation at the NM Farmers Market Administration Office Conference in March to provide information on how the administration can make their events more accessible.
 - 3. New Vistas is currently working to get info to care facilities in hopes of getting more transition participants.
 - b. Gil Yildiz– Independent Living Resource Center – Not Present
 - c. Albert Montoya – The Ability Center – Not Present
 - d. Audra Wilson – Choices – Not Present
 - e. Charlie Phelps – San Juan Center for Independence
 - 1. Many participants have been coming in with SSI issues. Long standing case has been resolved in the client's favor.
 - 2. 140 consumers attended the annual Christmas party
 - 3. Many consumers have requested for firewood this in which the San Juan Center has been able to accommodate.
 - 4. A Transition Fair will be held for the Four Corners area at the end of the school year.
 - f. Rudy Grano – Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DSE)
 - 1. Casey Stone-Romero Director has retired.
 - 2. Kendra Karp, CIO, is now the Interim Director.
 - 3. There is active recruitment being conducted nationally for the vacant Director position.
 - 4. It is unsure how the current funding freeze will impact NMDVR.
 - 5. Antoinette Holmes is the new Deputy Director of State Programs.
 - 6. Two addition positions have been created- Transition Director and Supported Employment Coordinator.
 - 7. Deaf and Hard of Hearing Coordinator, Christine Fuller is retiring.
 - 8. NMDVR will be having a Budget Hearing on January 30, 2025.

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- VIII. Public Comment (3-minute limit)
 - Comment from Peggy Hayes
 - Comment from Paula Seanez
 - Comment from Gregg Trapp
 - Comment from Lisa McNevin
- IX. Adjournment
 - Adjourned 11:21 AM
- X. Next Meeting – May 14th, 2025 Location TBD