

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES
New Mexico Statewide Independent Living Council
Quarterly Meeting
August 12, 2016 – 10:00 am
Gallup-McKinley County Chamber of Commerce – Gallup, NM

- I. Welcome/Call to Order** **Ken Collins**
- Ken Collins called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.
- II. Introductions** **Ken Collins**
- Lisa McNiven – New Mexico Governor’s Commission on Disability
 - Greg Trapp – New Mexico Commission for the Blind
 - Joe Cordova – New Mexico Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
 - Kalee Wilmer – San Juan Center for Independence
 - Branda Parker – San Juan Center for Independence
 - Manuel Brown – San Juan Center for Independence
 - Anna Vigil – New Mexico Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
 - Adrian Apodaca – New Mexico Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
 - Ron Garcia – New Vistas
 - Jackie McKinney – Mayor, City of Gallup
 - Cecelia Fred – San Juan Center for Independence
 - Aleta Woody
 - Priscilla Aruizo
 - Marie A. Dean – SJCI Women’s Support Group
 - Cecelia Quintana – SJCI Women’s Support Group
 - Ela Yazzie-King, DVR Gallup
 - Laura Inkret – Davis Innovations
- III. Roll Call** **Laura Inkret**
- Norbert Archibeque – Present
 - Curtis Chong – Present
 - Ken Collins – Present
 - David Hinkle – Present
 - Sarah Michaud – Absent
 - Albert Montoya – Absent
 - Larry Rodriguez – Absent
- IV. Action Item – Approval of August 12, 2016 Meeting Agenda**
- Ken Collins asked if everyone had a chance to review the August 12, 2016 meeting agenda.
 - David Hinkle moved to approve the meeting agenda.
 - Curtis Chong seconded the motion.
 - The motion unanimously passed.

V. Action Item – Approval of June 17, 2016 Meeting Minutes

- Ken asked if everyone had reviewed the June 17, 2016 meeting minutes and if anyone had any questions or if changes needed to be made.
- Curtis Chong moved to approve the June 17, 2016 meeting minutes.
- David Hinkle seconded the motion.
- The motion unanimously passed.

VI. The Honorable Jackie McKinney Mayor of Gallup – Welcome and ADA Update

- Mayor Jackie McKinney welcomed the group to Gallup and gave recommendations for activities and cultural events to experience while visiting.
- He gave an update on an ADA accessible dog park that had recently been built in Gallup. He also mentioned the importance of hiring people with disabilities in the City.

VII. SILC Chairperson Report

Ken Collins

- Ken shared that the SPIL was submitted on schedule and was a great group effort. We are waiting for feedback from the Administration for Community Living.

VIII. SILC Coordinator Report

Laura Inkret

- Laura reported this month was spent preparing for the new contract year and following-up on the 2015-2016 fiscal year.
- She shared the new SILC outreach materials that were discussed during the May Quarterly Meeting. She passed the items around that were purchased and will be distributed at outreach events such as the Southwest Disability Conference.
- Laura reported that Marcie has been in contact with Deborah Cotter with the ACL regarding the SPIL and that we are waiting to receive feedback regarding our submission.
- There are 75 likes on the Facebook page and we continue to routinely post information from NCIL, Administration for Community Living, and other pertinent information to the Facebook page.
- Laura asked the group to let Marcie know if they have any questions or if they have anything they would like to be posted on the Facebook page.

IX. SPIL Update

Collins/Inkret

- Ken reiterated his appreciation for everyone's contribution to the SPIL and that we are waiting for a response from Deborah Cotter and ACL.
- After reviewing the NM Combined State Plan, he noticed that there was no place that mentioned the SILC. Ken contacted Deborah Cotter to inquire about its omission. He distributed copies of Deborah's response, in which she states that IL and the SILC are not one of the required programs/entities for the Combined State Plan. She recommended that the SILC work with the NM State Rehabilitation Council and other state leaders to ensure collaboration.
- Ken stated that it is his understanding that we have five years to work to change the Combined State Plan as necessary.

- David Hinkle asked how much goes to the state and how much goes to the program services. He wants to know if they are using the program resources and if they are placing the people we intake.
- Curtis said that we should be careful that the SILC stay focused on what we are trying to do. He said that we need to reach out earlier.
- Greg Trapp said that if the SILC wanted to have Larry Rodriguez work with him as a representative, he would work with him and the Governor's Office. He said there was a bit of a slip last year because of a change in leadership for the SILC and DVR. Things that had been planned did not happen. He said that we should focus on jobs and not careers, and that there is a big difference between vocational rehabilitation and the workforce system. He thought Vocational Rehabilitation has been doing a great job.
- Norbert said that he thinks the real issue is that the SILC needs to be more connected with other groups. He asked how we can become more in tune with the other groups throughout the state? He felt the SILC is always trying to catch up. He doesn't believe that assigning Larry Rodriguez is going to solve the core issue. He wants to know if there is a way to recruit more SILC members. He believes the SILC should have someone attending different meetings for various groups so that the SILC is informed and involved.
- Ken said that we are invited to participate in other groups' meetings, but only a day or two in advance. He thinks it would be nice to communicate with other groups sooner so that we can plan ahead to send a representative. We found out about the Combined State Plan one week before the Plan was due. It would have been nice to be able to have some input and feel like we are partners instead of having to be reactionary. Ken agreed with Norbert in that he fully supports Larry, but that he knows Larry is busy with the SRC. The SILC has people who are willing to participate, we just need to be made aware of what is going on so that we can participate.
- Greg said that he does regret that the SILC was not part of the Combined State Plan and that he does think it was because of changes within the SILC. We have gotten decoupled and that there was no opportunity to share that information. Greg said that he would invite anyone from the SILC to be on his Council. His next Council meeting is September 20 and 21, 2016 in Alamogordo and that a representative from the SILC is invited to come. Greg said that his website always lists all of the meetings and anyone who wants to subscribe to receive e-notices is more than welcome to subscribe.
- Ron Garcia said he is advocating for strong communication via the processes that are already established and to get people to meaningfully participate.
- Norbert said that he is advocating that we talk to the DVR Director to utilize all of our available resources.
- Joe Cordova, DVR Director, said that Norbert poses a good question, and that he does not see anything wrong with assessing what we can in moving forward.
- Ken asked if the SILC would be a voting member on the Commission for the Blind's SRC. Anna cannot be a voting member.
- David Hinkle said that we need to start tracking the agendas for other groups.

- Curtis asked if it is more important to have a voting representative at other meetings or just focus on pursuing more of an open communication with other groups. He says that communication is a two-way street and that the SILC needs to communicate with other groups just as much as the other groups need to reach out to the SILC.
- Greg said he thought the SILC should focus on the future and that the SILC is off to a good start. He is certainly committed, as is Joe.
- Norbert wanted to know how to get information in order to eliminate the communication barrier.
- Greg said that there are some things that are his group's responsibility and some things that are not. The SILC itself needs to plug into e-notices.

X. Emergency Preparedness Project for New Mexicans with Disabilities – NMSILC and NM Governor's Commission on Disability Collaboration

Lisa McNiven

- Lisa McNiven delivered a presentation regarding emergency preparedness.
- She discussed Whole Community Emergency Management, communicating with first responders, and forms for emergency contact information and emergency medical information.
- Lisa mentioned that there can be training on how to build an individual emergency preparedness kit. Members of the San Juan Center for Independence's Women's Support Group were in attendance and Lisa asked them to share what they carry in their emergency preparedness bags and why it is important to always be ready to access specific medications and medical equipment.
- She suggested creating collaborative working groups to develop training.
- Branda Parker stated that although she thinks it is a good idea, she does not have the staff and the funding to commit to a working group.

XI. 2016 Southwest Disability Conference Participation

Collins/Inkret

- Laura and Ken reminded everyone that the Southwest Disability Conference will be held on October 5-7, 2016 at the Albuquerque Convention Center. The SILC usually staffs a booth at the annual event.
- Ken asked if anyone wanted to volunteer to staff the booth and said that he would be following up with members about their participation.

XII. State Agency Reports/Updates

- Joe Cordova, the new Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Director introduced himself to the group. Joe shared that he and Anna Vigil had attended the 2016 NICL Conference in Washington, D.C. He discussed a multi-million dollar grant that DVR had recently received. During his first week on the job, he reported that DVR has hired 15 new staff members. He said they are planning to hire another 22 staff members. He also stated that Adrian will be attending a Common Measures training.
- Greg Trapp provided an update on the Commission for the Blind. He said that it will be important to look at how programs are funded. He discussed the federal

funding that the Commission is currently receiving and that he hopes to see the amount increase as the economy improves and as the Commission's placement numbers increase. One of the biggest impacts on the budget is Pre-Employment Transitional Services. This program serves youth age 14 to 21. The Commission will be advertising for a new Transition Coordinator. They recently hired two additional vocational rehabilitation counselors.

XIII. CIL Reports/Updates

- Ron Garcia provided an overview of recent activities at New Vistas including the newspaper article. He shared that New Vistas has been going through a reorganization over the past year and additional changes will be occurring. He will keep the SILC informed as things evolve.
- Branda Parker provided the San Juan Center for Independence update. She reported the personal care service program has endured a 1% cut, but is receiving more work. Electronic visit verification (EVV) is hurting consumer direction because it is placing the attendant in charge of the consumer's care when it should be the consumer in charge of his own care. Under EVV, there has to be a set schedule. This opens up a 72-hour window for the attendant to commit fraud
- Branda is trying to get the State to remove these barriers. She said that SJCI is working with a civil rights attorney to encourage the state to resolve this issue. She is also working to make it easier for contractors to credential with the state.
- SJCI is working on emergency preparedness. It was a project for the summer youth program. People from the Farmington Fire Department, Farmington Police Department, NM Search and Rescue Dogs, and county emergency preparedness department gave presentations.
- Branda also reported that Kalee has moved to a new position within SJCI and that Tim has hired a new assistant to fill her vacant position.
- The Ability Center, Choices and the ILRC were not present to report.

XIV. SILC Discussion/Recommendations from CIL Reports Group

- Curtis stated he wanted the meeting minutes distributed within two weeks.
- No other suggestions or recommendations were made.

XV. Next Meeting Date and Location Ken Collins/Group

- The next SILC Quarterly meeting will held in Roswell, NM, on Friday, November 18, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

XVI. Adjournment

- Curtis motioned to adjourn the meeting.
- David seconded the motion.
- The meeting adjourned at 1:32 p.m.