

Arizona Statewide Independent Living Council
Council Meeting
ABILITY360 Board Room
Unapproved Minutes of Thursday, April 28, 2016

Attendees:

Committee Members Present

Jennifer Longdon, Scott Lindbloom, Danita Applewhite, Georgia McLaughlin, Randy Russle, Bob Michaels, Pete Weaver, Jenn-Yun Tein, Larry Clausen, Paula Seanez, Wendy L. Swager, George Garcia, Laura Duval.

Public in Attendance

Karin Grandon, Susan DeNova, Phil Pangrazio, Darrel Christiansen, Amina Kruck, Tess Auer, David Seagler, Shawnnita Miranda

RSA Representative

Paul Ferry

Staff in Attendance

Larry Wanger, Melissa Ann Santora, Lilia Zacchia

Welcome/ Introductions

Jennifer Longdon, Council Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. Jennifer welcomed all to the meeting and introductions were completed.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Jennifer Longdon asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Bob Michaels. Danita Applewhite seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, passing with 14 voting in favor, 0 against, and 0 abstaining.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Jennifer Longdon asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the March 24, 2016 Executive Committee meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Danita Applewhite. Bob Michaels seconded the motion. The vote carried unanimously, passing with 14 voting in favor, 0 against, and 0 abstaining.

Approval of Financial Statements

Jennifer Longdon asked for a motion to approve the March financial statements. A motion was made by Bob Michaels and seconded by Paula Seanez. Larry Wanger then provided an update about the Council's financial position. He indicated there were no unusual financial issues during the month of march and directed Council to review the RSA monthly statement that was provided for a detailed review of our current position related to funds in the SILC Resource

Plan. Following Larry's report Jennifer called for a vote. The motion to approve the march financials passed with 14 voting in favor, 0 against and 0 abstaining.

Presentation: Audit of Financial Statements: Tess Ridgeway CPA

Tess Ridgeway presented the 2015 audit of financial statements to the Council. She stated that Arizona Statewide Independent Living Council financial processes are in accordance with generally accepted accounting principals. Overall, Tess noted no significant difficulties while performing our audit. The information found complies with GAP. In the end, no difficulties, or disagreement arose during the course of the audit.

Jennifer Longdon asked for a motion to approve the audit of financial statements. A motion to approve the audit of financial statements was made by Bob Michaels. Pete Weaver seconded that motion. The vote carried unanimously, passing with 14 voting in favor, 0 against, and 0 abstaining.

Chair's report

Jennifer Longdon announced the creation of a nominating committee. Bob Michaels, Georgia Mclaughlin, and Jennifer Longdon will be the members of this committee. They are charged with presenting candidates for election to the Executive Committee at our annual meeting in June.

Jennifer addressed the need to search outside of Maricopa County when filling new Council member appointments. She spotlighted the necessity of appointing members of the council which represent other counties and specifically rural areas of Arizona. Additionally, it is imperative that 51% of members need to have a disability. In order to recruit Council members, the Council suggested that a brochure is created and marketed across Centers for Independent Living and various nonprofit organizations across Arizona.

Future location of SILC Office

Jennifer presented a synopsis of discussions that began at the Executive Committee in January. She highlighted concerns related to renting office space from Ability360 as they also sign our State Plan and receive funding from the SILC. She then discussed in brief some of the financial considerations and discussed options that were being considered. These include moving to another office location or working from remote offices. After significant discussion, Jennifer Longdon recommended that the remainder of the conversation be moved into the discussion of the Presentation of the FY2017 budget. The Council agreed.

Executive Session

Jennifer Longdon asked for a motion to go in to executive session to review and discuss the evaluation of the Executive Director. A motion to move into Executive Session was made by

Larry Clausen. Paula Seanez seconded that motion. The vote carried unanimously, passing with 14 voting in favor, 0 against, and 0 abstaining. Jennifer then excused all who are not members of the SILC at 10:15 a.m. At this time, SILC went into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the evaluation of the Executive Director.

Following the Executive Session, Jennifer Longdon called the SILC meeting back to order at 10:40 a.m. Jenn-Yun motioned to approve the Evaluation of Larry Wanger and to increase his salary by 4%, effective July 1, 2016. Paula Seanez seconded the motion. The vote carried unanimously, passing with 14 voting in favor, 0 against, and 0 abstaining.

Executive Directors Report

Larry provided a brief report, announcing that the Arizona Youth Leadership forum has 23 applicants and that the forum will be held June 12- 17th at the Arizona State University Downtown Phoenix campus. He noted that staff are hard at work on the event. Larry ended his report by asking the council to review the SPIL Evaluation Committee Report. If the Council has any questions, they are invited to contact Larry or Dara Johnson, committee chair.

Presentation of AZSILC FY2017 budget

Larry stated that the new budget will become effective on July 1. He noted the Council has two budgets in the packet they received. One budget totals 241k. This budget excludes Office Rent/Occupancy as an operating cost. The second budget totals 266k (with the inclusion of Office Rent and Occupancy under operating costs). The \$241,000 budget was proposed for consideration if the Council were to adopt the concept of working from home offices instead of leasing space. Various questions about both budget proposals were asked, many in relation to accounting for costs if SILC staff were to begin working from home offices.

A motion to approve the budget for \$266,000 while keeping the option to further explore the possibility of moving to a remote office environment was made by Paula Seanez. Danita Applewhite seconded the motion. Larry Clausen proposed an amendment to the motion, suggesting that SILC staff seek less expensive office arrangements. Paula agreed to Larry's amendment.

The vote for Larry's amendment carried, passing with 13 voting in favor, 1 against, and 0 abstaining.

The vote to approve the FY 2017 budget in the amount of \$266,000 carried, passing with 13 voting in favor, 1 against, and 0 abstaining.

CIL UPDATE: New Horizon's Disability Empowerment Center

David Seigler, The Executive Director of New Horizon's Disability Empowerment Center, gave a brief presentation on the CIL, new projects and initiatives that are occurring at his center. The

purpose of the presentation is to provide Council members with a better idea of what services and activities Centers are undertaking in their communities.

RSA Report

Paul Ferry provided an update from the Rehabilitation Services Administration.

SPIL Evaluation Committee Report

Discussion of the report from the SPIL Evaluation Committee was deferred due to the tight agenda. Council members were reminded of the report during the Executive Directors report.

Presentation of the 2017-19 State-Plan

The SPIL Development Committee joined Council members at this time for a presentation of the 2017-2019 State Plan.

Larry Wanger presented a PowerPoint presentation on the 2017 – 2019 State Plan for Independent Living, highlighting assurances, narratives, objectives, and time-frames for completion of goals and objectives. He discussed the public input process, the public hearing that would be scheduled and encouraged Council members to be involved in this process.

Announcements:

None

Call to the Public:

No comments were received

Adjournment

Bob Michaels motioned to adjourn the meeting. Pete Weaver seconded the motion. The vote carried unanimously, passing with 14 voting in favor, 0 against, and 0 abstaining.