



**Statewide Independent Living Council – SPIL Evaluation Committee Meeting
Approved Minutes for Friday, April 28, 2017 (11:00am-12:00pm) Meeting
Held Via Teleconference
To connect via teleconference dial 1-866- 848-2216, pin code 8099566334#**

Committee Attendees Present: Dara Johnson, Laura Duval, Dr. Danita Applewhite, Logan Wimer

Staff Present: Lilia Zacchia, Larry Wanger

Public Present: N/A

Welcome and Introductions:

Dara Johnson, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m. Dara welcomed all to the meeting and introductions were completed.

Presentation of the 2017-2019 State Plan for Independent Living:

The SPIL Evaluation Committee convened for a presentation of the 2017 – 2019 State Plan for Independent Living.

Larry Wanger presented on the 2017 – 2019 State Plan, highlighting assurances, narratives, objectives, and time-frames for completion of goals and objectives. Larry stated that the primary purpose of the Arizona Statewide Independent Living Council is to coordinate development of the State Plan for Independent Living with Arizona's five Centers for Independent Living and the Arizona Rehabilitation Services Administration. Additionally, the AZSILC is charged with monitoring and reporting on progress toward completion of goals and objectives included in the State Plan and making this information available to the public. The State Plan is updated and revised every three years. Larry additionally discussed the public input process, and the public hearing process that took place.

Larry reported that the plan must include: the goals, objectives, and strategies for the state's Independent Living network, an account of outreach efforts to identify unserved and underserved populations, a detailed report of the Independent Living services currently provided in the state, a description of the state's network of CILs (including information regarding unserved and underserved communities and how the network will conduct outreach to these areas), a narrative on the working relationships of providers in the state's IL network, a description of the SILC resource plan, and the process that will be used to monitor, evaluate and report on SPIL activities.

In his presentation, the overall goals and mission of the State's IL programs and services were discussed. Larry stated that the SPIL must address the goals and mission of both the SILC and the CIL programs, including those of the State agency for individuals who are blind as they relate to the parts of the SPIL administered by that agency.

Larry then provided the committee with a document that highlights the goals and objectives included in the current SPIL. Goal A states that the Arizona Independent Living network is enhanced and expanded. Goal B states that youth who have disabilities in Arizona learn about and access Independent Living services. Goal C states that disability organizations in Arizona collaborate on common issues related to policy and legislation. Goal D states that the AZSILC



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fulfills its mission to promote the equality, inclusion, and choice for people with disabilities through collaboration and public policy change.

Dara Johnson asked how regularly the needs assessment survey (under Goal A) will be conducted. Larry stated that, in order to gather more effective data, surveys will be conducted on an annual basis. Additionally, Larry announced that SILC will produce and distribute surveys in partnership with Arizona State University's Morrison Institute.

Dara inquired whether Arizona Community Leadership Academy (AZCLA) materials are available for the committee to review. Larry stated that the SILC is in the process of developing a website page and creating materials related to this initiative.

Larry reminded the committee that he suggested, and Dara supported, the idea that each committee member be assigned a goal area within the SPIL to take the lead on in terms of reporting back to the committee.

Logan Wimer volunteered to focus on resource development (Goal D). Laura Duval stated that she will focus on Goal B (youth related activities). Paula Seanez was assigned Goal A and Dara volunteered to report back on Goal C.

Announcements:

No announcements were made.

Public Comment:

No public comments were received.