

## Full Council Meeting Minutes (Corrected)

Date: 06/22/2023

Meeting Called to Order: 11:01 AM

Members in Attendance: Mike Bullis, Rose Carey, Jade Gingerich, Melissa Blubaugh, Lauren Young, Lorna-Mae Silcott, Megan Glaze-Keller, Janice Jackson, Cynthia Brown

Guests: Hindley Williams, Sarah Basehart, Dave Drezner, Lori Magruder, Lidiya Belyovska, Berenda Riedl, Chris Kelter, Karen Anderson-Scott, Darlene Paragoy

The agenda, the most recent Full Council Meeting minutes, and the treasurer's report were approved.

There was a discussion about the availability of funds including what funds can be used at which times. More information will be available about this in the future after DORS learns more.

### Announcements:

- There will be an LGBTQ training on August 9 open to all SILC members and CIL staff.
- The first quarterly newsletter will be released July 19. Individuals can subscribe to receive it when it is released.
- The 501c3 Update: Our bill has been passed. The SILC is now trying to figure out what its next step is and updates are forthcoming.

### Committee Reports:

- Infrastructure: They are reviewing and revising in-house forms for internal SILC staff and members. They recently improved the emergency contact form.
- Outcomes: They will host David Hancox at their July 17 meeting to discuss a strategic planning training. They plan to attend some NCIL conference workshops to help them learn what their focuses should be. They are working on compiling evaluations so they can monitor outcomes.
- SPIL Writing: They recently amended the SPIL and have a timeline to get signatures on it. The changes are in the resource plan. The Council voted to keep the SPIL as it is and they can make resource changes later if relevant. The amended SPIL is ready for signatures and they are going to see about employing DocuSign. The new SPIL will

require a needs assessment so as to obtain relevant information. They are considering paying for experts to interpret the data to inform decisions about the SPIL.

- Public Engagement: They continue to update the website and Facebook page. The first quarterly newsletter will be released next month. The PowerPoint about the SILC has been created and they are looking for any revisions from the SILC by September. They got May 5 declared Independent Living Day. The old Facebook page has officially been taken down.
- Rehabilitation Council: Members signed up for committees. Reports were read.
- Legislative: The committee looks forward to its NCIL conference workshop next month.
- Membership: They are looking for new SILC members as several individuals will be leaving the Council.

#### CIL Updates:

- Resources for Independence: Hosted a drive-through giveaway of emergency preparedness kits and had over 140 people. They attended the transitions fairs for all three counties in their service area. Their golf tournament is coming up in July. There is also an outdoor concert coming up in July from which they will get the proceeds. They are at full employee capacity.
- IMAGE Center: Hosting the Big Bike Build where they will be making 25 bikes for 25 kids with disabilities in September. The VDC program has doubled in size due to new VA referrals. Mike announced he is retiring as Executive Director.
- Independence Now: YLF is taking place the final week in June and they have over 30 students. They assisted with hosting the Medicaid Townhall and are integral in the follow-up to reduce the time for getting HCBS.
- SMCIL: Their VDC program is growing. They attended many outreach events in the spring, including transitions fairs. They worked on raising IT awareness for seniors in Charles County and provided computers through grants. They attended the Tri-County caregivers conference where they had a booth and gave a presentation. They will be going on a sailing trip for consumers in partnership with CRAB.
- ARI: Doubled case management numbers for the VDC program. They are onboarding four new employees due to turnover. The Howard County housing department has given them funding to make rental units more accessible.
- Freedom Center: They recently onboarded three new employees. They have attended transitions fairs and recreation events at schools. They also hosted a picnic at the park event. Their Community Health Worker has been attending weekly food drops and giving out TFC information including Spanish materials. They hope to do more activities, trainings, and public health events for consumers. They are getting a lot of referrals for their self-advocacy course.

The Council adjourned the meeting at 12:47 PM and went into closed session.