**Minnesota Statewide Independent Living Council**

**Minutes**

**March 9, 2023**

The Minnesota Statewide Independent Living Council meeting was called to order on March 9th by Vice -chairman Brian Baker at 9:05 a.m. with a quorum present.

**Present**: Brian Baker, Robyn Block, Paulo Matheus Carvalho Chaves de Castro, Rosalie Eisenreich, Deborah Gleason, Karen Larson, Stephen Larson, Larry Lura, Dr. Mohamed Mourssi Alfash, Tom Reed, Judy Sanders

**Excused:** Joe Dailey **Absent:** Lisa Harvey, Haley Kimmet

**Ex Officio Member Present**: Ed Lecher

**Guests:** Linda Lingen; Sue Fager, PACER Center; KiloMarie Granda

Approval of Agenda – Motion made by Judy Sanders, seconded by Rosalie Eisenreich to approve the agenda for March 9, 2023. Motion passed unanimously.

**Approve Minutes** – December 8, 2022 – Motion made by Judy Sanders, seconded by Larry Lura to approve the December 8, 2022, minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**Approve Minutes** – January 12, 2023 – Motion made by Stephen Larson, seconded by Judy Sander to approve the January 12, 2023, council minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**MCD Presentation** – David Dively, Executive Director of the Minnesota Council on Disability provided a review of various legislative efforts the MCD is following. There was a discussion about how MNSILC could engage with MCD to advocate and educate about services for people with disabilities.

**Update – SRC -G** -No report. Stephen Larson has not been appointed yet. MNSILC sent a letter to the Governor recommending Stephen represent MNSILC on the SRC – G.

**Update – SRC – B** – Judy Sanders reported on increases in services with a new office location.

**Public Comments –** Council members were encouraged to follow Facebook for postings from the centers.

**Review the 2021 – 2023 SPIL –** The council reviewed goals one and two of the current SPIL noting which items need to be continued in the SPIL extension.

**Committee Reports**

Advocacy Committee – Rosalie Eisenreich shared an information paper created to share with legislators about the importance of CILs. The Advocacy Committee talked about position papers to prepare for distribution to the Congressional delegation during the NCIL Conference.

Executive Committee – Robyn Block reviewed her work with the Governor’s office on termination of members for nonattendance at meetings. She reviewed the Executive Committee’s decision to meet an accommodation request, the finalize the contract with Holly Johnson, Lanterna Consulting, and to merge the Communications and Outreach Committees. The Executive Committee requested $99,200 in carry over funds be distributed to the centers for independent living.

A motion was made by Brian Baker, seconded by Deborah Gleason to merge the Outreach and Communications Committees. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.

A motion was made by Karen Larson and seconded by Larry Lura to approve the recommendation of the Executive Committee to distribute $99,200 in 2022 carry over funds to the centers for independent living. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.

Outreach Committee – Deborah Gleason shared the letter to the editor prepared in response to the guardianship issue the council has become aware of. The Outreach Committee is developing a list of priorities for the rest of the fiscal year.

Finance Committee – Stephen Larson, Treasurer reviewed the expenditure report through the month of February, noting expenses appear to be on target for the year. Stephen Larson made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s report, seconded by Karen Larson. Approved by voice vote.

Annual Report - The 2022 annual report has been printed and will be distributed as previously discussed.

Report about SILC Congress – Brian Baker and Dr. Mohamed Mourssi Alfash shared their experiences in attending SILC Congress. A motion was made by Brian Baker, seconded by Tom Reed to pay $150 for NAICL dues for the year. The motion carried on voice vote. NASILC elected new officers. It was suggested the Ms. Wheelchair MN, Linda Root, be invited to a MNSILC meeting in the future.

Ad Hoc Training Committee – Training suggestions were reviewed for the rest of the year.

**Next Meeting –**The next meeting will be May 10 and 11 visiting Southwest Center for Independent Living in Marshall. Jo Erbes will send information to determine who will be traveling to Marshall and who will be connected to Zoom.

**Adjourn** – Brian Baker made a motion to adjourn at 2:30 p.m. Karen Larson seconded the motion.

Presented by Deborah Gleason, Secretary

Recorded by Jo Erbes, Coordinator

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