# Minnesota Statewide Independent Living Council

Minutes

August 11, 2022

## Call to Order/Meeting Expectations

Robyn Block, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was held virtually using Zoom. Members were reminded to raise their hands to speak, to state their name and when speaking to turn on their cameras and to slow down.

## Members Present

Brian Baker, Robyn Block, Paul Castro, Joe Dailey, Bonnie Danberry, Rosalie Eisenreich, Deborah Gleason, Gloria LaFriniere, Karen Larson, Stephen Larson, Linda Lingen, Larry Lura, Mohamed Mourssi Alfash, Tom Reed, Judy Sanders, Julia Washenberger

## Member Absent

Haley Kimmet, Lisa Harvey

## Ex Officio Members Present

Ed Lecher

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Brad Westerlund, David Fenley

## Guests Present

Jessie Bethke Gomez, Steven Schmidt

## Approve Agenda

The agenda was amended to include a presentation from Steven Schmidt, MN Disability Law Center. Brian Baker made the motion to approve the amended agenda. Stephen Larson seconded the motion. The motion carried with a roll call vote.

## Approve Minutes – June 10, 2022

Judy Sanders made the motion to approve the minutes of June 10, 2022 as presented. Larry Lura seconded the motion. The motion carried with a roll call vote.

## DEED/VRS Update

No report

## SSB Update

Ed Lecher stated that the communication services at SSB have been doing a lot of work with the various home devices like the Echo to make radio talking network available for people. There are 5 vacant rehabilitation counselor positions open at SSB.

## Update – SRC – G

Linda Lingen reported the SRC – G is working on the annual report.

## Update – SRB -B

Judy Sanders reported the SRC – B is redoing their committees. Everyone on the SRC – B must serve on one committee. Jo Erbes shared information from the Governor’s office that the SRC – G and SRC – B have vacancies and are seeking applications.

## SILC Congress Experience

Brian Baker shared his experience of attending SILC Congress.

## Presentation: Group Home Settlement

Steven Schmidt, Mid Minnesota Legal Aid, Mn Disability Law Center Attorney shared information about the case Murphy V Harpstead.

## Ratify Executive Committee Actions

Robyn Block reviewed speaker expenses related to the fall conference. A motion was made by Brian Baker to approve $2,923 for keynote speaker Allan Bergman, $300 for Mai Thor and up to $3,000 for Dance at Your Own Risk. Deborah Gleason seconded the motion. The motion passed on a voice vote.

The Executive Committee authorized four members of the council to staff the MN Council on Disability (MCD) booth at the state fair. There was a roll call vote to ratify the actions of the Executive Committee.

## Public Comments

Judy Sanders commented on the challenges of the new voting machines used in the recent elections. There continues to be a need for training about voting rights of people with disabilities.

## Review Public Forum

The public forum to discuss topics for the next SPIL was well attended by council members. The question remains – how to reach and get feedback from the public. Deborah Gleason volunteered to create a summary of forum.

## Conference Update

Brian Baker reported on the progress in planning the conference for September 28th to the 30th. The theme of the conference is Equality and Inclusion. Each council member is expected to volunteer for 2 sessions.

## Committee Reports

### Advocacy

The committee is reviewing activities of the past year and beginning to plan for next year. Rosalie Eisenreich arranged in person and virtual meetings with the MN Congressional delegation in conjunction with the NCIL conference. She will provide a training about advocacy at the September Advocacy Committee meeting. All council members are encouraged to attend.

### Finance

The Finance Committee began reviewing the MCIL contract budget and the overall MNSILC budget. Both budgets should be approved at the September council meeting.

### Outreach

The Outreach Committee recommended asking for volunteers to staff the MCD booth at the state fair and outreach efforts to recruit new council members.

## SPIL Time Line

The dates for discussing the SPIL are October 18th and 19th. A date for a public hearing in April should be selected in November. There needs to be proactive effort to have people participate in the public hearing. People would be encouraged to register to testify at the public hearing.

## Next Meeting

The next council meeting is scheduled for September 8th.

## Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.