



Ohio SILC

Ohio Statewide Independent Living Council

Council Business Meeting Agenda

Embassy Suites at the Columbus Airport

2886 Airport Drive

Columbus, Ohio 43219

October 27, 2022

1:00-4:00

[Meeting Link](#)

- 1:00** **Welcome and Introductions**
- Overview of meeting communication guidelines
 - Approval of Meeting Agenda
 - Approval of August 2022 Meeting Minutes
- 1:15** **Director's Report**
- 1:30** **Young Adult Council**
- April Shaw, Services for Independent Living
- 2:00** **Committee Reports**
- Education and Outreach Committee
 - Advocacy Committee
 - State Plan Committee
 - Executive Committee
- 2:45** **Break**
- 3:00** **Election of Officers**
- SILC Vice Chair Nominations
 - Voting for Vice Chair
- 3:15** **New Business**

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- 3:30** **SILC Business Meeting Schedule 2023 – 2024**
- 3:45** **Old Business**
- 3:50** **Announcements and Public Comments**
- 4:00** **Adjournment**

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Ohio Statewide Independent Living Council Meeting Communication Guidelines

The Chair of the SILC will begin meetings with a reminder of the communication guidelines. We thank everyone for their participation in following these guidelines to make our meetings effective and accessible to those attending.

Before Meetings

- Council members please let staff know of any accommodations that are needed to participate in advance of the meeting.
- Public members may request accommodations for attend meetings with advance notice.

During Meetings

- Before speaking or making any comments, let the Chair know you want to address the Council.
 - o The Chair will be responsible for maintain the order of speakers or assigning someone to do this.
 - o The Chair will call upon people that have signaled that they want to speak before others.
 - o If you would like to be recognized you can raise your hand or make some other indication that you want to be recognized.
- When you are called on to speak
 - o Before you speak allow a brief pause before talking.
 - o Begin by stating your name.
 - o This helps the caption writer and the ASL Interpreters
- SILC members are asked to refrain from other conversations during meetings.
 - o Additional conversations happening can interfere with individuals hearing and observing the meeting.

Public Participation

- Ohio SILC meetings are meetings of the appointed Council Members and open to the public
 - o Members of the public and guests are welcome to attend all SILC meetings
 - o Members of the public and guests are asked to be respectful of the SILC meeting being conducted.
 - o Members of the public and guests will have opportunities to provide public comment and feedback.
 - o The Chair may allow additional public comments during the meeting as they decide.

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**MEETING MINUTES
OHIO SILC BUSINESS MEETING
Thursday, August 25, 2022
Embassy Suites at the Columbus Airport
2866 Airport Drive
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<u>VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT</u> Kevin Flynn, Chair Kara Ayers, Vice-Chair Mirta Reyes-Chapman, Treasurer Melanie Hogan, CIL Rep Davey McNelly* Renee Wood*	 Tom Webb James Russell Katie Shelley* Davin Marcum *denotes member participated remotely
<u>VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:</u> Nichole Davis David Bertsch Rajai Saleh Gina Wilt (attended virtually, not counted in votes or as participating)	<u>OHIO SILC STAFF PRESENT</u> Jeremy Morris Chris Gerbetz Christy Carpenter
<u>CIL DIRECTORS PRESENT</u> Shannon Monyak, SIL John Ballard, TCILC Rob Festenstein, CILO Pam Davies, WRILC	<u>EX-OFFICIOS</u> Paul Jarvis, ODDC* Kari Akins, ODJFS* Berna King, OOD
<u>OTHER GUESTS PRESENT</u>	Eric Rathburn

TOPIC	Welcomes and Introductions
<p><u>Meeting Called to Order</u></p>	<p>Kevin Flynn, SILC Chair</p> <p>Chairman Flynn began meeting noting that three SILC members had requested reasonable accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act to participate virtually. Those request for Katie Shelley, Renee Wood, and Davey McNelly were granted by the Chair in accordance with the ADA.</p> <p>Kevin also thanked the ASL and Captioning providers.</p>
<p><u>Welcome</u></p>	<p>Chair Flynn welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>
<p><u>Agenda</u></p> <p>Motion: To approve the agenda for the August 25, 2022 Ohio SILC Meeting and the minutes for May 26, 2022</p>	<p>Chair Flynn asked for a motion to approve the agenda for the August 25, 2022 Meeting and the Minutes from the May 26, 2022 meeting.</p> <p>MOTION: Davey McNelly SECOND: Kara Ayers DISCUSSION: None FOR (Roll call vote called): Kevin, Kara, Mirta, Melanie, Jimmy, Davin, Tom, Davey*, Renee* OPPOSED: None MOTION: Carries</p>
<p><u>Director's Report</u></p>	<p>Jeremy Morris presented the Directors Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SILC was invited to be on the interagency state task force on the direct care crisis - The Advocacy Taskforce held a webinar about representation that included County Board superintendent and a County Commissioner. - A new training platform will be ready in the coming year to provide ongoing training for SILC members. Courses will be include IL funding, DES Roles, CILs, and SILC responsibilities. -
<p><u>Project Report on the Paralysis Resource Center Pilot</u></p> <p><u>Christy Carpenter</u></p>	<p>SILC Staff Christy Carpenter presented to the Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The three year pilot from the Administration for Community Living has completed - Initial grant was two years, for a total of \$400,000. We were able to extend an additional year due to COVID. - Project was to determine effectiveness of one federal award being sub-granted out. - Initial projects were aimed at providing emergency and disaster response projects. - A ramp and home modification component was added to the project in year two. - Final outcomes of project based on participant survey included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How many participants responded that they feel more empowered to take greater control in the planning

	<p>and prepping for disasters/emergencies? 97.2% of total project participants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How many participants responded that they feel more connected to new resources in their community as a result of this project? 89.7% of total project participants - How many participants feel the skills they learned through this program have reduced the likelihood of forced institutionalization in the aftermath of a disaster? 95% of total project participants - How many participants feel that their community is better prepared to plan and respond to their needs in the event of a disaster? 81% of total project participants <p>World Institute on Disability, CDC Project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The SILC was invited to be part of a CDC funded project being done by the World Institute on Disability - This project focused on vaccines and vaccine hesitancy. - SILC had to identify individuals to complete a survey, 28 completed it from the SILC's list of 38 individuals invited.
COMMITTEE REPORTS`	
<p><u>Education and Outreach Committee</u></p>	<p>Katie Shelley gave the report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Committee discussed strategies to reach out to people in the state including reaching out to universities, patient advocacy, veteran programs, and finding ways to reach newly disabled individuals. - The committee also discuss the upcoming 30 year anniversary of the SILC. With a possible ceremonial SPIL signing at the Statehouse in honor of the 30-year anniversary. - The committee also discussed the outreach section of the SPIL including how we determine the target populations and defining who is underserved.
<p><u>Community Advancement and Advocacy Committee</u></p>	<p>Kara Ayers gave the report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The committee discussed the upcoming Advocacy Retreat that the SILC will be hosting in September. - The committee discussed other organizations and groups that should be included in future conversations

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Committee discussed if there was additional data that needed collected for the needs assessment process. - Committee also discussed the housing, transportation, and health care goals. These will be ongoing after the retreat and forums. <p>Gina Wilt discussed the upcoming lame duck session and that we may need to watch for things moving quickly.</p>
<u>State Plan Committee</u>	<p>Melanie Hogan and Davey McNelly, Committee Co-Chairs gave the report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The committee discussed the forums and asked SILC members to participate. - The committee wants to include data into the needs assessment to build support behind the SPIL - Melanie shared that there are many groups we can find additional information to use in a meaningful way.
<u>Executive Committee</u>	<p>Mirta Reyes-Chapman, Treasurer gave the report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mirta reviewed the financial report of the SILC. For the first three quarters. Highlighting a few areas we will be over budget. - Kevin reminded the Members about the ethics pledge and ethics training, conflict of interest, and other annual forms. Jeremy will be sending those out.
	Old Business
SILC Employee Manual	Employee Handbook will be continued to next meeting. SILC members can send recommendations to the staff to add input.
	New Business
SILC FFY 2023 Operating Budget	<p>Mirta presented the 2023 Operating Budget for approval.</p> <p>MOTION: Mirta Reyes-Chapman SECOND: Jimmy Russell FOR (Roll call vote called): Kevin, Kara, Mirta, Melanie, Jimmy, Davin, Tom, Davey*, Renee*, Katie*</p> <p>DISCUSSION: None OPPOSED: None MOTION: Carries</p>
Upcoming Elections for Vice Chair reimbursed up to 24 hours	Members can serve for two 2 year-terms in elected position. Vice-Chair will be voted in October.
NCIL Conference Recap	Jeremy shared that the conference seemed to move smoothly and had COVID precautions

	<p>Mirta shared that she enjoyed the opportunity to meet with Kelly Buckland a Senior Policy Advisor for the US Department of Transportation to discuss transportation programs and barriers.</p> <p>Tom shared he enjoyed the sessions and getting to participate in legislative visits.</p> <p>Davey shared that he enjoyed the DOT meeting as well.</p>
HCBS Conference	<p>Jeremy shared that he was disappointed by the dropping of covid precautions without informing people. The conference had great sessions and networking opportunities</p> <p>Melanie shared the networking was a great opportunity and was also disappointed in the lack of COVID precautions.</p> <p>Renee shared there were great sessions and information shared. Some sessions shared that Ohio isn't doing as well in some areas.</p>
Needs Assessment and Forums	<p>The Needs Assessment is almost over, please complete the survey and share</p> <p>There are upcoming forums that will take place, if any SILC Members are willing to assist it will be helpful.</p>
Announcements & Public Comment	
<u>Announcements</u>	<p>Kevin Flynn announced there is an upcoming ADA Coordinator training by the Great Plains ADA center. Kevin encouraged people to send this to their local ADA coordinators.</p>
<u>Public Comment</u>	<p>None at this time.</p>
Adjournment	
<u>Adjournment</u>	<p>Chair Flynn, called the meeting to close.</p>
<u>Minutes Submitted by</u>	<p>Jeremy Morris, Executive Director</p>

SILC Chairperson

Essential Duties

- Chair all Council meetings of the Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) and/or SILC Executive committee and assist in developing agendas.
- Assist in the evaluation of the Executive Director.
- Partner with SILC Staff on achieving mission of the SILC.
- Work cooperatively with the Designated State Entity.
- Represent the SILC in meetings and activities with individuals, other entities, and groups.
- Speak publicly on the SILC's behalf.
- Lead planning efforts of the SILC.
- Sign the State Plan for Independent Living on behalf of the entire SILC.
- Oversee and coordinate the work of any and all SILC-designated committees, task forces, or work teams.
- Assist in development of new independent living leaders within the state.
- Serves Ex-officio as a member of SILC committees and attends the meetings when invited.
- Performs other duties of voting members.

Authority

The Chair of the SILC has the authority to act or to execute any activity on behalf of the entire SILC body if such authority is granted to him or her by state law, the SILC's bylaws, or by specific resolution of the SILC.

Values Desired

- Commitment to the principles of Independent Living.
- Commitment to full integration of people with disabilities into all aspects of society.
- Honesty, integrity, and respect for the values of others.
- Strong personal code of ethics, including maintaining confidentiality and avoiding conflicts of interest.

Qualifications

- A voting member of the Council.
- Ability to lead and communicate regularly and effectively.
- Experience with Independent Living

SILC Vice-Chair

Essential Duties

- Chair all Council meetings of the Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) and/or SILC executive committee when Chair is absent.
- Assist in the evaluation of the Executive Director.
- Partner with SILC Staff on achieving mission of the SILC.
- Represent the SILC at the direction of the SILC in the absence of the chairperson.
- Assist Chairperson in leading planning efforts of the SILC.
- Oversee the progress and reporting of SILC Committees.
- Review Committee reports submitted before SILC meetings and give report on activities of the Committees during Council meetings.
- Communicate with Committee Chairs to ensure that Committees are meeting regularly and working towards set goals.
- Assist in development of new independent living leaders within the state.
- Performs other duties of voting members.

Authority

In absence of the Chair of the SILC, the Vice -Chair of the SILC has the authority to act or to execute any activity on behalf of the entire SILC body if such authority is granted to him or her by state laws, the SILC's bylaws, or by specific resolution of the SILC.

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- Commitment to the principles of Independent Living.
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Qualifications

- A voting member of the Council.
- Ability to lead and communicate regularly and effectively.
- Experience with Independent Living

SILC Treasurer

Essential Duties

- Oversee fiscal management and reporting of funds distributed to and by the Statewide independent living council (SILC).
- Assist in the evaluation of the Executive Director.
- Partner with SILC Staff on achieving mission of the SILC.
- Work cooperatively with the Designated State Entity and assist in budget negotiations.
- Review and assess internal controls of the SILC.
- Monitor fiscal activity on a regular basis.
- Assist the development of SILC budget and budget monitoring.
- Assist the development of the SILC Resource Plan in the SPIL.
- Report to the full SILC on financial performance.
- Assist in development of new independent living leaders within the state.
- Performs other duties of voting members.

Authority

The treasurer has authority to develop a budget for the SILC in conjunction with any SILC staff. Such budget must be approved by the entire SILC. The Treasurer has the authority to make fiscal recommendations to the full SILC or Executive Committee when necessary.

Values Desired

- Commitment to the principles of Independent Living.
- Commitment to full integration of people with disabilities into all aspects of society.
- Honesty, integrity, and respect for the values of others.
- Strong personal code of ethics, including maintaining confidentiality and avoiding conflicts of interest.

Qualifications

- Be a voting member of the Council.
- Demonstrated background knowledge in financial operations
- Ability to lead and communicate regularly and effectively.
- Experience with Independent Living

CIL Representative

Essential Duties

- Serve as a representative for the Independent Living Network's Centers for Independent Living.
- Serve as a member of the Executive Committee.
- Assist in the evaluation of the Executive Director.
- Partner with SILC Staff on achieving mission of the SILC.
- Work cooperatively with the Designated State Entity and assist in budget negotiations for the IL Network and Centers for Independent Living.
- Report to the SILC notable activity of the IL Network and the Centers for Independent Living.
- Report to the Centers for Independent Living on the activity and decisions of the SILC.
- Assist in the development and monitoring of the SPIL.
- Routinely inquire of the IL Network and the Centers for Independent Living any issues or concerns to raise to the full SILC.
- Assist in development of new independent living leaders within the state.
- Performs other duties of voting members.

Requirements

Must be selected by the directors of Centers for Independent Living.

Values Desired

- Commitment to the principles of Independent Living.
- Commitment to full integration of people with disabilities into all aspects of society.
- Honesty, integrity, and respect for the values of others.
- Strong personal code of ethics, including maintaining confidentiality and avoiding conflicts of interest.

Qualifications

- Be a voting member of the Council.
- Be a current Executive Director of a Center for Independent Living in Ohio.
- Ability to lead and communicate regularly and effectively.
- Experience with Independent Living

SILC Voting Member

Essential Duties

- Participate actively in Statewide Independent Living council (SILC) meetings and activities.
- Work actively on at least one committee of the SILC.
- Partner with SILC Staff on achieving mission of the SILC.
- Work cooperatively with the SILC Members and Staff.
- Represent the SILC in meetings and activities with individuals, other entities, and groups to promote Independent Living in Ohio.
- Assist in development of new independent living leaders within the state
- Performs other duties of voting members

Values Desired

- Commitment to the principles of Independent Living.
- Commitment to full integration of people with disabilities into all aspects of society.
- Honesty, integrity, and respect for the values of others.
- Strong personal code of ethics, including maintaining confidentiality and avoiding conflicts of interest.

Qualifications

- Desire to assist leading and developing the direction of Independent Living in Ohio.
- Commitment to Independent Living
- Experience with Independent Living

SILC Ex-Officio

Essential Duties

- Participate actively in Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) meetings and activities.
- Work actively on at least one committee of the SILC
- Partner with SILC Staff on achieving mission of the SILC
- Work cooperatively with the Designated State Entity.
- Facilitate development of new Independent Living services within the state.
- Update Independent Living Network on activity of their State Agency
- Provide input on State Plan for Independent Living

Values Desired

- Commitment to the principles of Independent Living.
- Commitment to full integration of people with disabilities into all aspects of society.
- Honesty, integrity, and respect for the values of others.
- Strong personal code of ethics, including maintaining confidentiality and avoiding conflicts of interest.

Qualifications

- Be an employee of Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities, the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities, the Ohio Department of Transportation, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, or the Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council.
- Experience with Independent Living or services that complement independent Living Services.