

STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL
Executive Committee Meeting
August 23, 2023
Zoom Meeting/Convened at 2:00 PM

Members present: Ryan Groeneweg, Matt Cain, Tasha Jones, and Eric Weiss. Others present: Colette Wagoner (SILC staff).

Review of Draft Agenda: Time will be utilized at the beginning of the meeting to provide basic information regarding the SILC, Designated State Entity (Division of Rehabilitation Services) and the two Centers for Independent Living (CILs). Ryan, Chairperson, will start the meeting with the welcome and introductions and then invite Eric and Colette to provide the overview. Three members have been appointed to date and this will be their first meeting.

In regard to a question about the “Executive Session” appearing on the agenda, it was noted that all meetings are held in accordance with federal and state open meeting laws. The SILC also has a policy regarding meetings which stipulates that regularly scheduled meeting agendas will include time for Executive Session and Public Comment. Meetings of the SILC are open to the public, with the exception of the Executive Session. It was noted that Executive Session meetings should be rare and only take place to discuss confidential SILC issues such as, but not limited to staffing. More information about open meeting laws, i.e., meetings closed to the public can be found at:

<https://boardsandcommissions.sd.gov/information/BCMeetingGuidelinesSD.pdf>

Discussion of the agenda continued with a focus on the Champion of Independent Living Services Award Presentation. Staff reported that she is working with the Aberdeen VR office to host the awards presentation on site. The conference room will be utilized which has DDN access, and it can link into the Zoom meeting. Arrangements have been made to purchase and ship the award to Laura Stoltenburg and staff has talked with the recipient of this year’s award. There were no other changes/additions to the agenda.

There was discussion about hosting a new member orientation in the future. It could be scheduled on the same day as a SILC meeting, i.e., starting the orientation at 8:00/8:30 am and delaying the start of the regular SILC meeting until 10:00/10:30 am.

There was no other business. The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 2:30 pm.