

STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL
Executive Committee Meeting
June 27, 2022
Zoom Meeting

Members present: Mark Sternhagen, Patty Kuglitsch and Eric Weiss. Members absent: Mark Koterwski and Tasha Jones. Others: Colette Wagoner, SILC staff. Julie Paluch was the interpreter.

Meeting convened at 11:02 am.

Colette, SILC Staff, explained that Mark K contacted Mark S and her earlier via email stating he was traveling, flights were re-arranged and he was unable to attend this morning's meeting. Mark S responded to Mark K that he was available to chair the meeting.

Draft Agenda:

Discussion regarding the draft agenda included the following items. A morning break will be added and utilized if necessary. SILC appointments were discussed. No one was aware of any appointments made to date. If appointments are made prior to the July 14th meeting, staff will reach out to new members and extend an invitation for them to join the meeting. Members recognize that the new members may not be able to attend due to the late notice. An invitation will be extended to Catherine and Alan to attend the meeting. Departing gifts were purchased from the Suzi Cappa Art Center for Catherine and Alan. Mark S stressed that action be taken during the July meeting on the "Guidance on Use of Social Media" agenda item. Colette noted this document was disseminated to all members prior to the April meeting and she will share it again with members emphasizing that action is needed on it to move forward with use of the Facebook page.

Miscellaneous: The Center for Disabilities is submitting a proposal to initiate a project to create a curriculum to enhance opportunities for persons with disabilities. The Center is seeking partnerships with phase 1 of this project. Dr. Kurtz reached out to the SILC seeking a letter of intent. There was consensus among the members to send a letter of intent noting the "Option 3" participation level. Option 3 reads "Participate in quarterly progress report meetings and share feedback. This would be an in-kind collaboration, and not part of the proposals budget. Mark S shared that he was contacted by Dr. Kurtz and that he is willing to become involved on his own time and that he would be willing to share information with the SILC. (This proposal is seeking the involvement of persons with disabilities across the state.)

There was no other business. The Vice Chair thanked everyone for attending and wished everyone a safe and happy 4th of July. The meeting ended at 11:35 am.



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Eric G. Kurtz, Ph.D., Executive Director
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To: Convergence Accelerator Program Director(s),

By signing below, I acknowledge that I will provide the assistance or collaborate as indicated in the proposal, entitled "NSF Convergence Accelerator Track H: Enhancing Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities in America's Rural Frontier" with Dr. Eric Kurtz as the Principal Investigator. I agree to undertake the tasks assigned to me, as described in the proposal, and I commit to provide or make available the resources described in the proposal.

Signed: Mark Koterwski _____ Print Name: Mark Koterwski _____

Date: 27 June 2022 _____ Organization: Statewide Independent Living Council _____

The Statewide Independent Living Council's Executive Committee reviewed and discussed the Center's NSF Convergence Accelerator initiative. The SILC is submitting the above acknowledgement and noting its level of commitment as outlined in Phase 3: Participate in quarterly progress report meetings and share feedback. This would be an in-kind collaboration, and not part of the budget. I would like to be involved with the quarterly progress reports, and if we could also include SILC Support Staff, Colette Wagoner.

On behalf of the SILC, we wish you all the success with this initiative and look forward to hearing and learning more about it.

Sincerely,

Mark Koterwski
SILC Chairperson

Draft Minutes
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