## STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL Executive Committee Meeting March 15, 2022 Zoom Meeting

Members present: Alan Adel, Mark Sternhagen, and Tasha Jones. Members absent: Eric Weiss and Mark Koterwski. Others: Colette Wagoner, SILC staff and Jennifer Lewis, DSE staff.

Meeting convened at 10:00 am. (Interpreter cancelled at 9:45 am.)

Colette, SILC Staff, explained that Mark K had an emergency and was unable to attend and Eric was ill. Staff contacted Jennifer earlier about joining the meeting in order to share information with Eric following the meeting.

Alan, Chair, spoke to an upcoming meeting with Paula McElwee with ILRU on Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup> to talk about the State Plan for Independent Living. He extended an invitation to other members if they were interested in attending. SILC Staff was asked to forward the Zoom meeting invite.

Members discussed the draft agenda. SILC Staff spoke to the Executive Committees' action items which need to be ratified by the SILC. The action items provided financial assistance to support Disability Awareness Day and a CIL staff training assistance request. The CIL staff training request was for the reimbursement of expenses related to travel, staff time and hotel costs, in addition to ILC providing additional training in the future (virtually). A suggestion was made to have a motion in support of the CIL staff training request, up to a specific dollar amount, vs having to approach the SILC again for additional support. The reimbursement request was for a total of \$1,495, thus the motion could read i.e., "The SILC approves ILC's training assistance request, utilizing Strategic Planning Funds to support up to \$3,000 for training related expenses".

The next discussion item was the "Election of Officers" and a proposed slate of officers. SILC Staff noted she added this because the date of the summer meeting could fall in either June or July. Alan as current Chairperson will term off the SILC at the end of June. Mark S. supported having the election of officers remain on the agenda for the April meeting.

SILC staff stated she emailed the other officers prior to this meeting to identify their interest and ability in continuing to serve as an officer. Discussion continued on the required officer positions and those who were willing to serve in various roles, if elected. The proposed slate of officers noted below will be presented to the full SILC for consideration and action. Each position will be taken one at a time, along with taking nominations from the floor. The Bylaws

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contain language that outlines "the SILC shall consist of a Chair, Vice Chair and two (2) Members-At-Large", and "At least one officer must be a past or current recipient of independent living services". Tasha affirmed her willingness to serve again and noted that if another member is interested in serving as an officer, she would be happy to allow them the opportunity to do so.

After further discussion, SILC Staff agreed to contact Patty about serving as an officer, to identify her interest and ability to serve as a potential Member-At-Large. (Email was sent following the meeting to Patty and she responded that she would be willing to serve as an officer, if elected).

The Proposed Slate of Officers will be:

- Mark Koterwski, Chairperson
- Mark Sternhagen, Vice Chairperson
- Tasha Jones, Member-At-Large
- Patty Kuglitsch, Member-At-Large

SILC Staff agreed to include a note to all members with the next mailing about the upcoming election, proposed slate of officers, and include that nominations will be taken from the floor for each position.

There was no other business. The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 10:30 am.