



Texas State Independent Living Council



Held Virtually, Via Zoom

August 22, 2022

Opening:

The Texas State Independent Living Council (SILC) quarterly meeting was brought to order by April Pollreisz, Chair.

Present:

Members in Attendance: Heisha Freeman, Michael Garrett, April Pollreisz, Eva Storey, Melva Henderson, Joe Rogers, Jan McSorley, Keisha Rowe Texas Health and Human Service (HHSC)

Members Not in Attendance: Mike Bates, Colton Read, Debra Medellin (TxDOT), Bonnie Notargiacomo, Texas Workforce Commission (TWC)

Others in Attendance: Sandra Breitengross Bitter, Staff; Sarah Gernsbacher, Staff; Brian White, Staff; Jennifer Whitcomb, Staff Craig Davis.

Approval of the Agenda and Minutes:

- Garrett made a motion to approve the October

meeting minutes and agenda. Storey seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Public Comment/Open Forum

- Public comment was provided by the public that attended the call.

Closed Session:

- An Executive closed session was called by Chair Pollreisz to discuss the position of Executive Director. Once convened back into an open session, it was reported that an ad hoc committee to hire a new Executive Director consisting of Storey, Garrett, McSorley, Rogers and Pollreisz. Rogers made a motion for the Transition and Search Committee to use an outside contractor to assist in recruiting and hiring on the new Executive Director. McSorley seconded the motion and the motion passed.
- Chair Pollreisz announced that the council named April Pollreisz Interim Executive Director.

Organizational Flowchart

- Davis presented the changes needed in the FY22-23 Organization flowchart. McSorley

made a motion to accept the changes Dally seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Membership Development and Recruitment Committee

- Davis and Committee Chair presented the Council with a list of possible SILC applicants.

Resource Development

White informed the status of the TCDD grant that the SILC recently applied for.

Policy and Procedure Committee

- White presented the HHSC FY21 and FY22 reports and contractor responses. He presented staff recommendations. Rogers made a motion to accept the recommendations. Garrett seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Finance Committee

- Whitcomb presented the items that were up for vote including the 2023 budget and the Cost Allocation Plan. Rogers made a motion to accept the budget. Storey seconded the motion and the motion passed. Storey made a motion to accept the Cost Allocation Plan. Garrett accepted the motion and the motion passed.

SPIL Subcommittee

- White presented the results of the semiannual report, the annual report, and the results of the Consumer Satisfaction Surveys. He also gave an update on the Good Measures project and how it relates to the SPIL.

Project Update

- Gernsbacher presented project updates including, PAL which was approved for its fifth and final year, HEART which was not approved for its fifth year by TCDD, and the Inclusive Services for Sexual Assault Survivors project.

Project Coordination

- Davis gave an update on a few advocacy and outreach projects including the Disability Issues Forum which is being held on September 19th.

Executive Director's Report

- Brietengross Bitter presented updated options for renewal/relocation for our lease.
- She also announced her intentions to transition out of the SILC by 9.15.22.

Ex-Officio, Chair, and Liaison Reports

- Reports were presented by Rogers (CILs), and Pollreisz (Chair), Rowe (HHSC) had audio issues.

Meeting Adjourned

Minutes drafted by:
Craig Davis

Signed by: X 

Date: 5/31/2023

Secretary or Executive Board Member