

Indiana Statewide Independent Living Council (INSILC)
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April 13, 2016 --- 1:00 p.m.

Indiana Government Center South
Conference Center – Conference Room C
402 W. Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

INSILC Members Present: Thomas Hayes, Peri Rogowski, Bill Fama, Chris Cleveland, Peter Ciancone, Allen Piening, Fred Vaiana and Cynthia Rockwell

INSILC Members Absent: Beverly Harding, Bonnie Bomer, Jama Bennett, Leslie Hawker, and Erin Hall

Guests Present: Kylee Hope, Amber O’Haver, Gaye Summit and Jodeci Gonzalez

- I. **Welcome and Call to Order:** Chairperson, Chris Cleveland called the meeting to order at 1:13 p.m.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance:** The council members and guest recited the pledge of allegiance.
- III. **Roll Call:** Bill Fama, Peri Rogowski, Jodeci Gonzalez, Fred Vaiana, Amber O’Haver, Chris Cleveland, Allen Piening, Peter Ciancone, Thomas Hayes
- IV. **Approval of the Agenda:** Al Piening made a motion to approve the agenda. Bill Fama seconded the motion and the motion was passed.
- V. **Statement of the Chair:** Chairman, Chris Cleveland, welcomed everyone and announced there will be public comments taken at the end of the meeting. Each individual will have up to five minutes to give comment.
- VI. **Approval of Minutes (3-9-16):** Fred Vaiana made a motion to pass the minutes. Al Piening seconded the motion and the motion was passed.
- VII. **Old Business**
 - A. **INSILC Bylaws:** Peter Ciancone stated that he would like to reject to amend the changes back to “all voting members” instead of “all members” referencing Article 4 Section 7 and Article 5 Section 4 of the Bylaws.
 - B. **INSILC Training (following adjournment of meeting):** Amber O’Haver stated that the training will take place at the adjournment of the meeting for council members.
- IX. **New Business**

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- A. **SPIL Draft for Public Posting:** The council members openly discussed the inclusion of sexual preference, sexual identity, and sexual orientation in the SPIL, Part 1 Section 4.2 Non-Discrimination by the Centers. Peri Rogowski reported that the DSE received the request for INSILC's operational budget to be \$197,000 and the DSE approved \$165,000, therefore, changes will be made throughout the draft where referenced \$197,000 to \$165,000. She also stated that a review of the funding sources listed were required for accuracy. Peter Ciancone made a motion to approve the inclusion of the sexual preference, sexual identity, and sexual orientation in Section 4.2 and an updated operational budget of \$165,000. Al Piening seconded to approve the motion and the motion was passed. Amber O'Haver mentioned that the draft will be posted by the end of the week and public input will be accepted via mail and email until May 10, 2016.
- X. **Updates, Reports, Comments**
- A. **Executive Director Report:** Amber O'Haver reported that she has been attending SPIL development meetings and stated the Council is on track with the timeline that was developed. The posting of the draft for the public hearing will be ready on May 2, 2016. She stated that there has been updates to the expense workbook and to the INSILC website. She has attended webinars that assist in the roles of independent living and fair housing. Amber O'Haver reported that she has been recruiting members to INSILC, writing letters of support to organizations such as the ADA-IN/ADA Great Lakes Center, and will be speaking tomorrow (April 14) at the Fair Housing Center of Central Indiana Fair Housing Conference on Olmstead.
- B. **Peer Review Committee:** Bill Fama reported that the RFA was posted on the INSILC website and the deadline for the application is April 29, 2016. The INSILC Executive Director has received one application for the RFA. Screening and evaluation of applicants will be done the week of May 9-13, 2016.
- C. **Outreach Committee:** Chris Cleveland shared the finalized version of INSILC's logo.
- D. **SPIL (2017-2019) Development Committee:** Peter Ciancone announced the Public Hearing on May 2, 2016 at the Government Center – Conference Center Rooms 1 & 2.
- E. **Update - DSE:** Peri Rogowski reported that the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services are still working on the various forms of videos on the website to allow an ease of access to services. The Indiana Election Board contacted the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services to create educational videos on the voting process. The Deaf and Blind committee is being reformed. A contact from an older blind man in a nursing home contacted the committee and complained about the lack of education in the workplace on communication with people with disabilities. The

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Division of Aging was contacted and will be working with the DSE to create a statewide disability etiquette training program. The Indiana Veteran Career Fair will be at the State Fair Grounds and information can be sent out on the exact dates if interested.

- F. **Update - Centers for Independent Living:** Peter Ciancone mentioned that Amber O'Haver will be presenting at the Fair Housing Conference tomorrow. He also stated that the WILL Center has been working with the County Clerk's Office for accessibility requirements for voting. He also reported that the Indiana Housing & Community Development Authority (IHCDA) will have money available May 1 for ramp construction projects and several Centers are intending to apply for these funds.
- G. **Update - Other Agencies:** Bonnie Bomer & Erin Hall were not present to report.
- H. **Public Comments:**
- a. René Jackson, Lake County, addressed concerns she had about INSILC Outreach and development of the SPIL 2017-2019.
 - b. George Yanick, Lake County, addressed concerns related to Robert's Rules of Order, approval of the Council meeting minutes, SPIL 2017-2019 public hearings and SPIL development. Chairman, Chris Cleveland, stopped Mr. Yanick's remarks due to the five minute time frame.
 - c. Teresa Torres, Lake County, addressed concerns of approval of Council meeting minutes, Council Bylaws, why had there been no mention from the Council about the Disability Integration Act, why her previous questions that were submitted to the Council prior to the March meeting had not yet received a response from the Council Chair and concerns of the SPIL 2017-2019 development. Chairman, Chris Cleveland, stopped remarks due to the five minute time frame.
- I. **Adjournment:** Chairman, Chris Cleveland, thanked guest and members for attending the meeting. He announced the next INSILC Council Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday May 11, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. in Conference Room C and motioned to adjourn. Al Piening seconded the motion and the motion was passed. Meeting was adjourned at 2:23 p.m.