

Indiana Statewide Independent Living Council (INSILC)  
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Indiana Government Center South  
Conference Center – Conference Room C  
402 W. Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

**INSILC Members Present:** Peter Ciancone, Bonnie Bomer, Cynthia Rockwell, Fred Vaiana, Chris Cleveland, Peri Rogowski

**INSILC Members Absent:** Kevin Burk; Erin Hall, Derek Deckman

**Guests Present:** Amber O’Haver, Amy Allen Sekhar, Tonya Resler

- I. **Welcome and Call to Order:** Chair Chris Cleveland officially called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance:** INSILC Members and Guests recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. **Roll Call:** ), Peter Ciancone (Center for Independent Living (CIL) Rep - Voting Member), Bonnie Bomer (State Agency Rep – Non-voting member), Cynthia Rockwell (Secretary, Voting Member), Fred Vaiana (Vice-Chair, Voting Member), Chris Cleveland (Chair, Voting Member), Amber O’Haver (INSILC Executive Director), Amy Allen Sekhar (INSILC Administrative Coordinator), Tonya Resler (Independent Living Program Director, FSSA/BRS – Guest), Theresa Koleszar (Director, BRS)
- IV. **Approval of the Agenda:** A motion to approve the agenda with changes was made by Fred Vaiana. The motion was seconded by Cynthia Rockwell and the motion was passed.
- V. **Statement of the Chair:** A Statement of the Chair was given indicating that there would be limited time at the end of the meeting for public comment; the Chair further reminded the public of the rules for public comment.
- VI. **Approval of Minutes:** Chair Chris Cleveland asked for a motion to approve the July 12, 2017, meeting minutes. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Cynthia Rockwell. The motion was seconded by Fred Vaiana and the motion was passed.
- VII. **Treasurer’s Report:** Amber O’Haver explained the balance sheet as of July, 2017. Ms. O’Haver also explained any outstanding claims as well as the claims snapshot for May, June, and July.
- VIII. **Old Business**
  - A. **SPIL Reporting Tool/Template Update:** Peter Ciancone expressed that the SPIL group had met a couple of times over the preceding weeks to discuss the SPIL Reporting Tool and the Template.
  - B. **INSILC FY 2018 Officer Slate/Nominations):** The slate of INSILC Officers for Fiscal Year 2018 was approved. Chair: Fred Vaiana; Vice-Chair: Cynthia Rockwell; Treasurer: Kevin Burk; Secretary: Derek Deckman.
  - C. **INSILC Outreach/Marketing (Pivot Marketing) Contract – Phase I Update:** Amber O’Haver updated the Council on the round-table focus group of people with disabilities that was held by Pivot Marketing. Pivot Marketing has also spoken to a couple of CIL directors and will be speaking to some SILC directors from other states. Part of the initial phase also includes talking to community partners and some representatives from state agencies. There will be a

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report/presentation at next council meeting, which will include recommendations for Phase II of this project.

- D. **APRIL Conference (October 20-23, 2017 in Spokane, Washington):** Amber O’Haver will be attending the APRIL Conference in Spokane, Washington, from October 20-23, 2017.
- E. **GCPD Annual Conference & INSILC IL Forum (December 3-5, 2017 in Indianapolis): New Business:** Amber O’Haver commented that INSILC will be partnering with and supporting the annual Governor’s Council for People with Disabilities (GCPD) conference. INSILC will be able to be a part of the pre-conference event to talk about Independent Living. Ms. O’Haver is participating in session/speaker development. Senator Tom Harkin will be a key speaker. Ms. O’Haver also commented that the first annual Conference on Hate was phenomenal. GCPD is trying to bring the disabilities speaker from this conference back for GCPD. There is a potential presentation from the WILL Center low-vision and a potential Independent Living Panel.

**IX. Committee & State Updates, Reports, Comments**

- A. **INSILC FY 2018 Budget:** Amber O’Haver discussed the INSILC Fiscal Year 2018 Budget. Peter Ciancone asked a question about some income rollover. Ms. O’Haver explained that this will be rolled over from FY17 to FY18 to do SPIL work. Peri Rogowski stated that this request has already been made and should not be a problem. A motion to approve the budget was made by Peter Ciancone. The motion was seconded by Fred Vaiana and the motion was passed.
- B. **INSILC Member Expectations:** Fred Vaiana summarized the Council Member Expectations document. A motion to approve the document was made by Cynthia Rockwell. The motion was seconded by Fred Vaiana and the motion was passed.
- C. **INSILC Operational Policies/Procedures:** Cynthia Rockwell summarized the Operational Policies & Procedures document. A motion to approve the document was made by Cynthia Rockwell. The motion was seconded by Peter Ciancone and the motion was passed.
- D. **INSILC Bottom Dollars Screening Event:** Amy Sekhar discussed her work with Earlham College and Ball State University to coordinate screenings and discussions of the film *Bottom Dollars*, a documentary about sub-minimal wage employment for people with disabilities.
- E. **ED Report:** Amber O’Haver made the following report and highlights of her activities as Executive Director:
  - a. GCPD Conference planning;
  - b. Division on Aging workgroup: Long-term care and transition to the community plan workgroup;
  - c. Visiting other SILCs in the region (Michigan, Ohio); Ms. O’Haver commented that it interesting to see how different SILCs do things and that this could be a potential for partnerships as a region. She will be heading to Illinois in October and Wisconsin in the spring.
  - d. Ms. O’Haver highlighted a conversation with Sen. John Ruckelshaus at an event. We will meet with him 1-on-1 about disability rights in Indiana.
- F. **AC Report:** Amy Sekhar commented her work to support educational presentations and her plans for future work in this area.
  - A. **Outreach Committee:** Chris Cleveland discussed future work with Pivot Marketing.
  - B. **SPIL (2017-2019) Committee:** Peter Ciancone commented that the committee worked with Bonnie Bomer and Tammy Themel (AccessAbility) to help develop reporting tool template. The document should be available at the next meeting.

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**C. Update: DSE:** Peri Rogowski gave an update: The Blind/Low-Vision conference was very successful; DSE is looking at average wages for Vocational Rehabilitation (increase of 16%; reduction in staff); Homeland security is updating state plan and incorporating needs of people with disabilities instead of being separate attachment

**D. Update: Centers for Independent Living:** No update

**E. Other Agencies:** No update

**F. Other:** Amber O'Haver commented that she would like to move November meeting to December in order to have report ready for the Council.

**G. Public Comment:**

a. Theresa Torres: Ms. Torres made comments about concerns with INSILC business.

b. Lorell Kilpatrick: Ms. Kilpatrick made comments about concerns with INSILC business.

c. Renee Jackson: Ms. Jackson made comments about concerns with diversity of INSILC membership

**XI. Final Remarks of the Chair:** Chris Cleveland made final remarks on the progress of the Council.

**XII. Adjournment:** Peter Ciancone motioned to adjourn the meeting. Fred Viana seconded the motion and was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 2:327 pm. The next INSILC will be scheduled in December. Information will be posted once the time, date, and location are determined.