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| **John Bel Edwards**  Governor | **Bambi Polotzola**  Executive Director  Disability Affairs  **Jessica Lewis, MBA**  SILC Program Director |

**MEETING NOTICE**

**There will be a meeting of the Statewide Independent Living Council on Thursday April 6, 2017 from 1pm-4pm and Friday April 7, 2017 from 9am-12pm at New Horizons Independent Living Center located at 1111 Hawn Avenue, Suite A, Shreveport, LA 71107**

**SPIL GOAL #1: INCREASED OVERALL AWARENESS**

**Objective 1: Individual with disabilities are informed of IL philosophy and services**

**SPIL GOAL #2: INCREASED PARTICIPATION IN IL INITIATIVES**

**Objective 1: To promote economic stability through employment for individuals with**

**disabilities**

**Objective 2: Supporting disability issues through community outreach or media outlets**

**for systems advocacy**

**SPIL GOAL #3: INNOVATIVE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES**

**Objective 1: Ensuring the economic stability of SILC and CILs**

**Objective 2: Utilizing best practices of successful SILCs and CILs**

**SPIL GOAL #4: ENSURE SILC AUTONOMY**

**Objective 1: Establish a freestanding SILC**

**Objective 2: Compliance with Standards and Indicators**

**AGENDA – DAY 2**

**9:00 – 9:10** Call to Order

Introductions

**SPIL GOAL #1: Objective 1: Activity 5: SILC members provide updates on activities/events occurring in each member's local community that are opportunities for dissemination of IL philosophy and services**

**9:10 - 9:30** Members provide reports on recent activities/events and provide dates/information about upcoming events (past and future events)

Bud Byrd - North Shreveport Lions Club, Lions Camp

**SPIL GOAL #1: Objective 1: Activity 6: Invitation of post-secondary youth to participate in the SILC meeting and their participation**

**9:30 - 10:00 Sabrina Langley - BPCC, Program for Successful Employment; Zac Burson; Bossier Parish Schools, Transition/Mentoring Coordinator; Youth - Amber Nicholson**

**New Horizons Independent Living Center Youth Advisory Council members**

**SPIL GOAL #1: Objective 1: Activity 7: Plans for the next annual meeting at a Center for Independent Living**

Included in closing remarks by Jessica Lewis

**SPIL GOAL #1: Objective 1: Activity 8: Partnerships with other advocacy groups by including reports from other groups or presentations from other groups**

**10:00 - 10:20** - Duane Ebarb, LACAN Region 7

**SPIL GOAL #2: Objective 1: Activity 1: SILC Director will attend the LRC meeting and provide information on SILC activities and report back to the SILC information learned at the LRC meeting.**

**10:20 – 10:25** Report from LRC meeting – Jessica Lewis

**SPIL GOAL #2: Objective 1: Activity 2: Report by CILs on Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) services**

Reported on Day 1

**SPIL GOAL #2: Objective 1: Activity 3: Creation of a one page fact sheet advocating for funds for employment supports for individuals with disabilities**

**10:25 – 10:30** Rosemary Morales (Employment Update)

**SPIL GOAL #2: Objective 2: Activity 1: Identify disability issues and organize campaign in favor of individuals with disabilities**

**10:30 – 10:35** Bambi Polotzola

**10:35 - 10:50** Break

**SPIL GOAL #2: Objective 2: Activity 2: Advocate for improvement on transportation issues that affect individuals with disabilities**

**10:50 – 11:10** Dinero Washington, SPORTRAN Paratransit/Liftline Manager

**SPIL GOAL #2: Objective 2: Activity 3: Emergency Preparedness – Collaborate with emergency preparedness entities by requesting speakers from various entities**

**Addressed in previous meetings**

**SPIL GOAL #3: Objective 1: Activity 1: Educating legislators regarding CILs and the services they provide while advocating for legislative appropriation of funds**

**11:10 – 11:15** Update by Rocky Fuselier

**SPIL GOAL #3: Objective1: Activity 2: Exploring opportunities for resource development for activities of the SILC and CILs**

**11:15 – 11:20** Update by Roszella Viltz

**SPIL GOAL #3: Objective 1: Activity 3: Sharing information regarding grants and other income sources among the SILC and CILs**

Included in previous report

**SPIL GOAL #3: Objective 2: Activity 1: Participating in webinars, conference calls, and training from national groups**

**11:20 – 11:35** Members report on participation in any recent trainings

**SPIL GOAL #4: Objective 1: Activity 1: Research and ensure compliance of federal regulations**

**11:35 – 11:45** Kandy Baker - Update on status/process of Program Performance Report (704)

**SPIL GOAL #4: Objective 1: Activity 2: Formulate Policy and Procedure manual to comply with federal regulations**

**SPIL GOAL #4: Objective 1: Activity 3: Create job description for SILC staff**

Previously met

**SPIL GOAL #4: Objective 1: Activity 4: Review Bylaws to ensure compliance with federal regulations and amend with necessary corrections as needed**

**SPIL GOAL #4: Objective 2: Activity 1: Monitor ongoing updates of SILC standards and indicators**

**SPIL GOAL #4: Objective 2: Activity 2: Prepare for the implementation of standards and indicators through training**

**SPIL GOAL #4: Objective 2: Activity 3: Develop evaluation tool or checklist for reporting standards and indicators**

**11:45 – 11:50** Update by Gale Dean

**11:50 – 12:00** Upcoming SILC meeting dates and locations, including future meeting at CIL -

Jessica Lewis

Closing Comments

Adjournment