**Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC)**

**MINUTES**

The Statewide Independent Living Council held a meeting on October 4th and 5th, 2018, at American Red Cross at **American Red Cross Building, 4655 Sherwood Common Blvd, Baton Rouge, LA**. Chairperson Roszella Viltz presided.

Present:

Bristo, Rashad (Day 1,2)

Duplechine, Jamie(Day 1,2)

Harrell, Antoinette(Day 1,2)

Cochran, Jay(Day 1,2)

Geddes, Sharon (Day 1,2)

Morales, Rosemary (Day 1,2)

Nguyen, Steven (Day 1,2)

Polotzola, Bambi (Day 1,)

Cottonham, Danny(Day 1,2)

Herbert, Kris(Day 1,2)

Broussard, Daryn (Day 1,2)

Ainsworth, Jamie(Day 1,2)

Guillory, Michelle (Day 1,)

Hennessey, Sharron(Day 1,2)

Viltz, Roszella (Day 1,2)

Egle, Jill(Day 1,2)

Baker, Kandy (Day 1,2)

Bristo, Rashad (Day 1,2)

Gray, Anita (Day 1,2)

Beverly, Keiara(Day 1,2)

Absent:

Taylor, Erick (Day 1,2)

Fuselier, Rocky (Day 1,2)

Polotzola, Bambi (Day ,2)

Granger, Mitch(Day 1,2)

Guillory, Michelle (Day 2,)

SILC Staff Present

Lewis, Jessica

Guest:

Jamar Ennis

Melissa Bayham

Gale Dean

Melanie Washington

**CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

SILC Chairperson, Roszella Viltz, called the meeting to order at 1:15PM, and asked everyone to briefly introduce themselves. Viltz asked Jamie Duplechine to call roll to determine if a quorum is present. A quorum was present.

**MISSION STATEMENT**

The members of SILC read the council’s Mission Statement. Roszella Viltz informed members to adhere to the ground rules.

New members gave a 2 minute description of themselves.

**LEGAL PRESENTATION**

Attorney Jamar Ennis ,Asst. Director Disability Affairs gave a short 15 min presentation of open meeting laws. The laws are controlled by section 11- 28 in the revised statutes of Louisiana. Everyone has to comply with open meeting laws! SILC meets all requirements that are established by federal statutes. This defines what SILC is about. The council asked some questions and answers was given. The question was asked , can SILC or anyone record meetings in any capacity? The answer was Absolutely! The meeting is to provide information to the public. Question two topic redaction in minutes. The minutes have to accurately reflect anything that was said and voted on in good faith. He gave a description as to why councils go through minutes for accuracy. Anyone can come to the meeting because its public. He then went over executive sessions and the 2/3 vote rule to go into an executive session. This topic is under sec. 17 under title 42. Open meeting laws is dictated in the construction so everyone can have the right to observe a meeting. A packet was handed out regarding the laws and questions that was discussed in presentation. Section 17 through 18 title 42 controls executive sessions.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Roszella Viltz asked members to review the agenda for any corrections. A correction was made to take out report from @SLIC since was not at meeting. Rashad Bristo motioned with corrections, and Steven Nguyen seconded to approve the agenda with corrections. There were no objections and the agenda was approved.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

The council reviewed the minutes from July 12th and 13th 2018. Members made corrections to the minutes. There was a motion to approve the minutes with corrections by Jay Cochran and seconded by Anita Gray. There was no opposition and the minutes were approved.

**DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

Jessica Lewis provided an update regarding the membership update. She asked that each month SILC members to please send a listing of what they have done as a council member regarding advocacy so that she can put in the 704 report. Also any groups that they are associated with. The new SILC poster, SILC Brochures, RevUp posters and handouts with voters registration forms were shown at the meeting for SILC viewing. The SPIL committee meet on August 22nd and the documents are in binders. The committee also to be included what will be new in the SPIL goals. Jessica asked the SILC if they would like to include something in new SPIL about voting? They replied yes. Person on committee was Mitch, Gale, Rashad, Rose, Kandy, Jamie. Jessica went on to ask for 2 hearing dates to disseminate the public notices. The council should maybe think of something to make SILC important. This can be done by some of these examples. Target a different group each meeting to invite or maybe have an event joined with someone. All meeting will move to 2nd month in quarter for FY 19-20. Stated by chair February date will stand and will meeting in Baton Rouge and in April the SILC will meet in Shreveport . Jessica and Jamie D. will be going to the American Association on Intellectual Disability conference. A table will be set up and hand out brochures for SILC will be passed out. Remember this National Disability Employment Awareness Month. A flyer regarding this event is in binders and to please post in your areas. Jessica discussed that she is working with Health Blue on an event for this month and need SILC participation. The event is the SILC Inclusion Job and Resource Fair. This event will be funded by Health Blue as a partner. She went on to state that the REVUP/SILC tour was a success and thanked everyone for their participation in this matter. SILC will host a Domestic Violence event on October 11th at the Louisiana State Police. SILC name will be on this flyer in partnership with Women’s Policy. Full participation for this event is needed. She went on to state she tried to get the Mayor’s Council started and but now has been placed on hold. The Executive Director participated in the New Orleans Accessibility Audit with other IWD throughout the country. Steven stated that the person that conducted the audit had very high praises for the ED and she was very helpful. Jessica went on to state that she had a surprise for SILC. The surprise was that Governor will be on the PSA along with the 3 individuals that recorded this morning. The PSA has no set date for completion at this time. Stated that this is the first and only council to have a PSA with the Governor on it. She showed the SILC the new brochures and table skirt and asked that we take a new picture to update the brochure old picture. The Chair restated about the events that SILC name is on which are the REVUP/ SILC tour, Domestic Violence event and the Job and Resource Fair. Praises was given from the Chair to Jamie D. and Jessica for the Tour.

**BUDGET UPDATE**

Jessica stated that there will not be a report of the budget because the fiscal office has to make some corrections and some items are still pending. Will have a report for the next meeting in February. Jamie A. asked where does the money for council come from? This was explained by Jessica and Kandy. Independent Living part B grant funds independent living in the state an LRS is the authority to pay. Also a contract is done from LRS with NH and @SLIC to provide IL services. In order to get the money a SILC has to be formed. Basically, VR funds the SILC but the funding comes from the federal Department of Education. It also requires a match. Further discussion regarding justification of the funding took place.

**REPRESENTATIVE PAT SMITH**

Rep. Pat Smith started with thanking SILC for being a advocate for IWD . she went on to state that she is heavily involved in appropriation process for the state. she went on to say she was glad that the state was able to get a budget done that is there for 7 years with no issues so far. Last year budget ended in surplus. The Governor will see how he wants use the money but it’s up to legislators untimely. Part of funds go to rainy day and costal and the other part goes to pay off some of the debt. She explained the surplus was not for this tax year, but if the tax had not passed it would have caused a midyear cut for 2019. In the mean while we hope no emergency comes up to make us use money. The question was asked how can LA draw down funds to better support services for IL centers and VR? At this time the state do not have that plan. Anything with matching money we try to draw this down, now where it goes, that has to be determined later. Bambi stated in terms of VR 20 million of fed dollars is left on table consistently. The full amount is never appropriated. This is specific to VR. Bambi stated advocacy has not been there to make legislators know. Rep Smith asked has discussions happened? If this can be done a 17.00 return on investment will take place . She stated the advocates have to have conversation with right people for advocacy for this to happen. Pat Smith stated she did not know and workforce has not stated this. Can’t always rely on legislator but the support is needed from IWD to push once it brought to the attention. Pat smith said to set up a meeting with workforce and have conversations about dollars left. SILC and other advocates need to make sure this is brought up in next year budget. Pat stated she can be in conversations about this. Most important to bring attention to this matter. Encourage advocates to speak up. SILC asked what we can do to advocate more for IWD. Rep Smith stated one things is to pay workers more money. Pat stated next year is her last year in house but wants to move to senate. She is always available to talk. Kris thanks Rep Pat on behave of IWD. Picture with legislator and council.

**SPIL GOAL# 3: Objective 2: Activity 2: Continue partnering with other CILs and disability-related organizations to foster best practices.**

**Update from GODA**

Bambi stated that the GODA conference was a success and would love to have and keep partnerships with other council. She then went on to speak about the different presenters that they had at the conference. She went on to say that, there will now be a housing committee on the GACDA. This was established to get better housing for IWD. In the accessibility committee they discussed a bill Rep. Smith passed regarding interpreters and close caption in capital. There will be more investigation for this matter. Also working with our communications department to speak with other media to make sure interpreters are in the shot with emergencies. Other media has talked about it in non-emergency issues. GACDA formed a legislative committee in and will meet later in the month. Went on to talk about the newsletter and how SILC seems to always have a story. She made aware this is NDEAM and doing things to focus on employment. The Chair is the representative to GACDA from SILC and will serve on some of the committees . Daryn wanted to know why do we have to ask for interpreters on the stations? This issue is that the stations were zooming in on speaker and cutting out the interpreter. A letter is to be drafted on this topic and get out to all media across the state. GACDA cannot make it a requirement to have interpreters on camera unless a law was passed. Federally you have to have closed caption.

Suggested by Ms. Harrell that a picture to picture while the Governor speaking should be seen and could happen. Issues like this must be covered because some live in a rural areas. What is the plan to reach IWD in those areas for emergencies. It was suggested to connect with the EOC regarding this matter also the EMDAC. Stated the local advocacy really push people to do this.

**Update from LRS**

Melissa Bayham statedLRS opened Order of Selection Group 3 on October 1, 2018. LRS can now serve applicants who fall in Order of Selection Groups 1, 2, 3. Staff are in the process of contacting individuals that were on the Order of Selection Group 3 waiting list to schedule planning. LRS is in the process of filling vacant counselor positions to increase capacity now that we have funding to provide services to additional consumers. On September 12, 2018, RSA gave LRS Prior Approval for the SILC FFY 2019 travel (in state and out of state) and registration costs to attend conferences and trainings to carry out the functions of the SILC. The approval comes with the conditions that LRS must assure that all expenditures are reasonable, allowable, necessary, and allocable and that any expenditure are properly allocated if any portion is not allowable under the VR program.

**Update from OCDD**

Rosemary stated a lot going on over the last year. OCDD was able to secure some new slots for waivers that has made a huge difference. Also they have implemented a new process now based on need and a screening. Over the last year OCDD has screened about 10,000. Some have not been located . If anyone know someone in need , please contact OCDD. Now doing a teared wavier system based on your needs. Still moving and now working on consolidated waiver . This will take place be in July 2020. When mapped out we are still behind even with come out in 2020. OCDD is still working on community setting rule at the time. Drop dead date is March 2020. On this date all providers have to be compliant. Right now is just a transition. There has been a great outcome for waiver individuals. Around 12,000 clients are in waiver. A change in leadership took place with Mark Thomas to LDH to Deputy Sec. and Julie Foster Hagan and Charles Hellsis now in Mark spot. If ever any questions just ask and she will get an answer.

For urgent and emergent there is no waiting list. The discussion went on regarding this topic. Stated that a person have to have Medicaid to receive waivers. If a change happens contact or unclear please tell Rosemary and she will go back and tell OCDD that they need a refresher for the no waiting list. The Chair stated more education need to happen. Bambi stated LDH issue about mental illness in nursing homes and the lawsuit with that. Yesterday was a meeting regarding this. There will be a huge shift from institutions to community base. SILC should watch closely. If you go to the website LDH.gov/mychoice you can read on this. Group homes fall into LDH. Rosemary stated some employment in group homes have strengthened and moving in right direction. A lot of IWD don’t have family support.

**Update from Elderly Affairs**

Michele Guillory gave an overview of the Office of Elderly Affairs. GOEA receives federal and state funds to advocate, educate and to keep people in their homes and communities for as long as possible. If an individual cannot remain in their home, the Long Term Care Ombudsman works to ensure the resident’s rights are maintained while residing in a long term care facility. In addition, the Elderly Protective Services Program is housed within GOEA to ensure the safety (financial, emotional and physical) is maintained for the elderly. To be considered aging, one must be 60 years of age or older. At some point everyone will be in this category. Most GOEA services are offered through for Councils on Aging and Area Agencies on Aging. The SenioRx/Aging and Disability Resource centers are regional across the state and are set up similar to CIL’s. The SenioRx/ADRC offers prescription assistance, Medicare counseling, Options Counseling and other resources to any caregiver or individual who is disabled or aged. GOEA has the Elderly Protective Services Program back as of last year. EPS has a call center but if OAAS/APS program receives a call for an aged individual, referrals are made appropriately. GOEA has received a federal grant for Medicare outreach, education and enrollment assistance. Thru this grant funding, Medicare eligible individuals may receive help in applying for the Low Income Subsidy (Extra Help Program) and the Medicare Savings Program (MSP). Contracts are being awarded to COA’s, Area Agencies on Aging and Senior Centers to begin October 1. Karen Ryder is the newly appointed as Executive Director for GOEA and the CFO is promoted as a detail to the Deputy Secretary. The budget was salvaged and so far so good.

**SPIL GOAL #1: Objective 1: Activity 1: CILs provide updates at each SILC meeting**

Update from New Horizons Independent Living Center (NHILC)

Gale Dean stated the NH annual board meeting was held September 27. Handout was binder of documents to be voted on. Binder was dedicated in memory of former Executive Director, Harry Miley, who died in January 2018. The NH Monroe office has moved to 1401 Hudson Lane, Suite 200, Monroe, la 71201.NH had some surplus funding which needed to be spent prior to September 30. Durable medical equipment was purchased for the Green Program, including large wheelchairs and regular manual chairs. Fundraising and disability awareness events scheduled include You Need a Taco event on November 2 and the New Horizons trinkets and treasures scheduled for April 27 – 28, 2019. This will basically be a giant flea market held at the Louisiana state fairgrounds. The program performance reports (formerly 704) for the centers has been delayed because the online template is not ready. It should be ready by November 1. The

due date is normally December 1. There will be a new due date but it has not been announced at this time. New Horizons has become a member of a group called “Live At Home.” this is a collaboration working toward individual and the elderly to be able to choose to live at home rather than enter a nursing home. New Horizons has agreed to serve as fiscal agent for the SILC Inclusion Job and Resource Fair coming up on October 30. Upon approval of the grant, New Horizons will serve as fiscal agent for a grant for the Emergency Management and Disability Coalition (EMDAC) to develop technology that will provide close connection for members during a disaster. NH has also applied for a grant for computer upgrades. The outcome is expected in November. New Horizons has not had computer upgrades since 2007.

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

Rashad talked about the Job and Resource fair and how SILC has partnered with Healthy Blue regarding this event. This is a first of its kind. His department in particular partner to do community events. We all know that the SILC is not set up to receive any sponsorships , so New Horizons will serve as the fiscal agent for the money to flow though for this event. Also stated that on October the 30th we will have this fair and will have 50 plus vendors and as on now we have 28 already and it was only sent out on yesterday! The community sees that this is a need for this type of event. Rashad explained that resources are also welcomed to have a table. This event will serve as a segway for individuals to know about resources that they may not know about without this event. If you are able to come please do so and contribute with suggestions if have any. This is just the beginning and Healthy Blue has stated that they would like to have long partnership . They would like\ to do some other events in 2019 with REVUP and another job fairs across the state. The purpose is to get SILC most exposer as possible. People want to be a part of things that are relative and SILC is moving forward. This event has been shared with families helping families as well. The vendors can set up for 9am on the day of. It will be entrance 2. Jessica will send out to vendors what areas to come in. The Chair stated that the SILC need to also know when to arrive. Jessica stated that she will be at the registration table to capture numbers but SILC can still have a table also if SILC members can commit to coming. It has been up on social media. Need full support for SILC.

No other Business

4:00 Recess

**DAY 2**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Danny Cottonham did a prayer then the meeting was called back to order at 9:15AM and Jamie Duplechine called roll again to establish if a quorum was present. Introductions were done thereafter.

**SPIL CORRECTION DISCUSSION**

The Chair stated that a SPIL committee was formed and a copy of the revised SPIL is in your binders. Jessica stated that is only the pages with corrections on it. Once approved after hearing then a full copy will be printed and giving to each person on SILC. Review of the SPIL took place and the document will be submitted in April. Persons that was on committee was named. The council went over corrections and was documented on the document as noted. This will be signed after hearings. Daryn asked if anything could be added and the Chair explained that that has already been done and now it moves to the hearings. Daryn wants to put in a goal to talk about the purchase plan for IWD with legislators. This will fit in a goal that we already have. Daryn explained the reason why he wants this goal. Jessica stated that that topic would fit under goal 2:1:3. He went on to discuss to get the limit back to the 52,000 for IWD. An ongoing conversation when on about this topic. Jessica gave a reasoning why it would not be a good idea to specify why it should not be one topic. If SILC leave this goal broad, we can educated about all issues instead of it being only to one specific. This will limit what we can educate about. Maybe bring more legislators to the table to sponsor or co-sponsor a bill regarding these matters would be more helpful. The wording for this goal will not to change. Kandy will check with the dates to have at the Regional Office. Must have a 30 day notice. The hearing is only 2 hours and normally the DSE and Director will be there. Suggested to do a morning run and a evening run for hearings. Want to make sure IWD have ample opportunity. One hearing will be from 9am to1pm . We are not voting to submit this on today is only for 1st draft. The notice will be on November 26th and Jan 28th. Moved to approve SPIL draft with corrections by Jay and seconded by Sharron G.

**SPIL GOAL #1: Objective 1: Activity 2: Ongoing orientation of SILC members through sharing effective resources and services of each Council member**

Jessica Lewis stated that the orientation that was sent out in email everyone should have and if any issues with opening please let her know. This is something that has to be done yearly as well as ethics. Please send certificate of completion for ethics for documentation. Doing these task keeps SILC in compliance as a council. Jessica stated she sends out about 3 times a year to get everyone to do at one time so when the following year comes it can be done together. The Chair stated everyone should be done but Jessica stated she has a few more that still have yet to complete. Try to have done before each FY. A reminder will be sent. This will keep in line with SPIL.

**SPIL GOAL #1: Objective 1: Activity 3: SILC members and SILC Director report on events attended to raise awareness of IL philosophy, programs, initiatives, and Centers for Independent Living**

The Chair asked Gale or Jessica if it is anything that they would like to report. Jessica went on to talk a little about the REVUP/SILC tour but without taking away from SPIL GOAL #2: Objective 2: Activity 1. Jessica discussed a host of other events and meeting she attended and the minuets are in your binders of those event to see what was spoke about. Daryn stated that he did some presentations with and without Jessica for 3 of the REVUP/SILC tour locations.

**SPIL GOAL #1: Objective 1: Activity 4: SILC Director update on progress made toward SILC website**

Jessica Lewis stated to send her new pictures so that she can update the SILC page. She will update with SILC page with group picture they took yesterday. Please get the individuals pictures to her by November 1st.

**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**

The Chair stated members provide reports on recent activities/events and provide dates/information about upcoming events in local community. The Chair opened floor to secretary. Jamie stated that Daryn assisted with the tour. Jessica stated for clarification Daryn did presentations in Shreveport and 2 in Lake Charles. Also did 3 others in Shreveport. He and Jessica have another on October the 16th , location TBA. He will also do one in region 7 at FHF also next week. Other members stated that they can help if needed. Jamie indicated that we got a lot of good information out to the people and hope we can get more IWD out to vote. The Chair stated she is planning a bulling and suicide event on 20th of October and the motivational speaker is Rashad Bristo. Lafayette had a SWAP Meet and Resource Fair. If anyone has participated in anything please let SILC know because this goes on the 704 report. Kris stated that he is a part of the pride board and they did a fundraiser and raised 1,500.00. In February Kris will speak at a Mardi Gras Ball and it is diverse. Tickets are 40 bucks. You can go to www.royalorderofuicorns.com for more information. NH did 3 support groups this month. Daryn talked about voting and advocacy rights at those events.

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

**Arc of LA Kelly Monroe**

Kelly passed out document about the Arc LA. She introduced herself. The Arc has been in business over 60 years actually 65th . The Arc came together with parents in LA that was looking for something for their kids with disabilities in LA. At that time kids was not educated nor in daycare facilities. So they developed co- ops in churches and basements. The ARC came from families . Today they still do the same and advocate. The ARC was instrumental in the legislation in the MRDD waiver and helped develop policies. 1st president and Director worked towards waiver and was the first one to be in House of Reps. They have 22 chapters in the state that provide services. She passed out the list of services provided. Some chapter provide group homes, maybe 5 chapters. All use to be names after parishes that are serviced but the branding in the Terrebonne parish did not switch with everyone else. They did not drop the capital letters as the others. 30 years ago they took retarded out completely. Some arcs are still using capital letters. Notice that the ones that have the Swoosh are affiliated with the regular ARC. People first is a project from the ARC but basally ran by families. The ARC is coming out with video in January to explain history.

**Michael McGee- Jobs for Veterans State Grant- LWC**

He gave a introduction of his self and gave a history of what they do . The grant service vets that have berries for employment , homeless, or disabled., low income, lack of education. A PowerPoint was shown for the do’s and don’t for veterans and 15 things vets want you to know.

**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.**

Jessica Lewis stated that Melissa is the new director for LRS and that the LRC had a short combined meeting with the GODA conference. Also in your binder there are the minutes for April LRC. Kandy stated the next LRC meeting date: October 25, 2018 from 9:00am to 4:00pm at the Lod Cook Conference Center on LSU campus. She stated that they have a hotel and a walk way between the two. Question asked have the council revisited the LRC and SILC executive councils meeting?. Stated by Kandy at some point we will do. Kandy stated she will bring up in executive committee meeting on October 11th. The Chair stated she really wants this to happen.

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

Jessica Lewis stated that we have a one-page sheet that was created and is in binders. This was created to give to legislators regarding SILC and what we do. Jessica can create another for employment but what do SILC want on that fact sheet? Also what was numbers that was requested from LRS for? We did ask for those numbers for that from LRC at last meeting ,but unclear as to what they were pertaining to. The chair does not recall the reasons. Jessica stated she will look back in the July minutes and find out who said it and what were the numbers needed for. She will send the email out pending investigation. This factsheet was given to Senator Johns and Representative Pat Smith for their knowledge before meeting. Could not condense anymore without missing the point for the one pager. Steven stated its really two separate documents , one for SILC and one for CIL’s. The Chair told everyone to look over and if need to change can bring back at next meeting.

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

Jessica Lewis stated we have over 200 people visit the exhibit table, events and other events that included REVUP/SILC Tour. We passed out information as well as register some people to vote. We had 2 individuals that are registered to vote more numbers are forthcoming regarding a group home. The response was really good. A lot of people did not know about the centers, REVUP, or SILC. Jamie did the information regarding REVUP and Jessica did the information about SILC on this tour. The Chair stated on behave of council they would like to thank Jessica and Jamie regarding doing the tour and glad that it was very successful. The Chair told SILC to share those facts about REVUP and SILC that are posted on Facebook everyday. Also to encourage the parents of IWD to vote also. For NDEAM Jamie wanted to announce for everyone to take a picture with their strengths for LaCan.

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

**Jamie Ainsworth-DOTD**

There is a handout included in binders regarding PowerPoint for DOTD. Jamie will tell SILC about the issues at state level and where federal money come from. A PowerPoint presentation was giving. Jamie then went on to talk about the 5310 and 5311 plan. Jamie stated about the transportation committee that was formed and who was on it and there capacity as to why they serve. They have a few individuals that represent IWD but only one that actually have a disability that came to meeting. Steven stated that he may want to participate. The taskforce is a open meeting. The taskforce is not specific to disabilities. SILC will be added to email list and the next email will be what was the taskforce priorities for legislative session. Since DOTD is a state agency we do not lobby but educate. There are fairs that help support the rest of the program because the feds only pay 50%. The amounts range on distance. People in rural communities should access that dialog. The average cost for rural areas is 29.00 including the trainings, vehicle, and other issues. Sharron G. stated transportation may not always be reliable because the timing issues. Sportran regulations do not go through DOTD at all. Sportran do not service the areas outside of Caddo parish. Jamie A. went on to state what Parishes have rural transportation. 2/3 of a mile para transit services can be done. There are still massive gaps in transportation. LA just do not have the infrastructure like larger places. DOTD match is provided by local. State budget is 120,000 a year. Transportation is not seen as a priority. The Chair stated to contact Jamie A. regarding any issues about transportation.

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

Jessica Lewis discussed the one page fact sheet also co-sponsoring a bill. SILC accomplished this goal by inviting Rep. Pat Smith to the SILC meeting.

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

Jessica sent all trainings she did in an email yesterday. Jessica will go back and see where those webinars are archived that she participated in . Daryn participate weekly webinar on disability employment. Also the Chair discussed that a few SILC members went to the GODA conference. The Chair stated that the SILC had a table at the AAIDD Conference and it was well attended. Our secretary presented on the Friday. Over 263 was in attendance. The chair from LRC came to support. Stated Antoinette is running for council woman.

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

The Chair stated next meeting is in Baton Rouge. 02/07 and 2/08/19 in Baton Rouge and April in Shreveport. Jessica will send out reminders around Charismas . Contact Jessica regarding any issues.

No Closing Comments. Adjournment

Daryn B. motioned to adjourn and Kris and Steven seconded

Approve minutes with corrections on 2/7/19 Steven N. motioned and Sharron G. and Daryn B. seconded.