

Independent Living Council of Wisconsin (ILCW)  
State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL) Committee Teleconference  
Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 5, 2020  
2:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

**Action and Motion Items**

**A. SPIL Committee Action Items**

1. **Action Item:** Michelle Harper will send a pre-draft draft of the 2021-2023 SPIL to Maureen Ryan before March 1, 2020.
2. **Action Item:** Maureen Ryan will distribute the SPIL pre-draft draft to the Independent Living Centers for review and approval, and return the feedback to Michelle Harper before March 11, 2020.

**B. SPIL Committee Motion Items**

1. **Motion Item:** A motion was made by Thomas Benziger to approve the February SPIL Committee Meeting agenda. The motion was seconded by Stephanie Birmingham. Motion carried.
2. **Motion Item:** A motion was made by Jason Endres to approve the January SPIL Committee meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Jason Beloungy. Motion carried.
3. **Motion Item:** A motion was made by Sue Premo to hold the SPIL Draft Input Public Hearing on April 13, 2020 at Options for Independent Living. The motion was seconded by Stephanie Birmingham. Motion carried.

**C. Meeting Minutes**

**I. Welcome and Introductions by: Michelle Harper Program Coordinator**

**Committee Members Present:** Jerry McCloskey; Sue Premo; Marci Boucher; Jason Beloungy; Kathie Knoble-Iverson; Michael Donahue; Stephanie Birmingham; Tom Benziger; Lisa Sobczyk, Designated State Entity (DSE); and Maureen Ryan, Wisconsin Coalition of Independent Living Centers (WCILC)

**Absent/Excused (\*):** Kathie Knoble-Iverson\*

## **II. Call to Order and Roll Call**

- The meeting was called to order at 2:04 P.M. by Michelle Harper, Program Coordinator.
- The meeting was available by teleconference by calling (888) 788-0099 (US Toll-free) and entering meeting ID 707 805 6211. It was also available via ZOOM.

## **III. Review and Approval of February SPIL Committee Meeting Agenda**

- A motion was made by Tom Benziger to approve the February SPIL Committee meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Michael Donahue. Motion carried. See motion item 1.

## **IV. Review and Approve January SPIL Committee Meeting Minutes**

- A motion was made by Jason Endres to approve the January SPIL Committee meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Stephanie Birmingham. Motion carried. See Motion Item 2.

## **V. Public Comment on the SPIL 2017-2020, or Related to Independent Living Centers and Services**

- No public comment was received by the Committee.

## **VI. Council Discussion Regarding: January 2020 SPIL Input Public Hearings**

- Stephanie Birmingham stated no public members attended/called in to the Options hearing.
- Michael Donahue stated one member of the public called in to the Independence First hearing and wanted to discuss collaboration. He was unaware the hearing was intended to gather input on the 2021-2023 SPIL.

## **VII. Council Discussion Regarding: How to improve accessible remote-access to future SPIL hearings**

- Ideas discussed: Increase public hearing awareness to Statewide Independent Living Centers, encourage the public to gather at other centers to call-in for hearings, consider exploring technology to “lock in” an ASL interpreter to the ZOOM feed of the hearing.

## **VIII. Council Discussion Regarding: Number of Public Hearings before June 2020**

- One public hearing is needed to gather public input on the 2021-2023 SPIL Draft.

- Maureen Ryan offered additional methods to gain feedback from people with disabilities, other than public hearings: IL Days feedback form counts as one method and ILCW quarterly meetings public comment counts as a second method.
- Sue Premo suggested involving Independent Living Center Board members in the input process.

#### **IX. Council Discussion Regarding: SPIL Writing Format**

- The new SPIL writing tool is not released. Discussion on which tool to use for 2021-2023 SPIL writing- Old or New? Michelle Harper will approach the 2021-2023 SPIL writing as a “conceptual” project, preparing for both formats to be used.

#### **X. Council Discussion Regarding: 2021 – 2023 SPIL Goals**

- Sue Premo presented the SPIL Goals Draft created by the SPIL Goals Work Group.
- Michelle Harper and Lisa Sobczyk stated the goals would need to be converted to a more specific format if the new SPIL writing tool is implemented. Sue Premo and Maureen Ryan agreed.

#### **XI. Council Discussion Regarding: Next Steps for SPIL Development**

- Sue Premo asked Stephanie Birmingham if she would agree to facilitate a SPIL Draft input public hearing at Options on April 13, 2020 and she agreed. See motion item 3.
- Maureen Ryan stated she wanted a SPIL pre-draft draft to give to the Independent Living Centers before the draft is released for public comment. Jerry McCloskey said he would work with Michelle Harper to get that accomplished. See action items 1 and 2.

#### **XII. Adjourn**

- At 4:00 P.M., A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Marci Boucher. The motion was seconded by Tom Benziger. Meeting adjourned.