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## **Independent Living Council of Wisconsin (ILCW) Full Council Teleconference Meeting**

March 6, 2025

12:30 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.

### **APPROVED APRIL 21, 2025 Action Items and Motion Items**

#### **A. ILCW Full Council Meeting Action Items**

- 1. Action Item:** ILCW Executive Director will continue to investigate options to improve collaboration on documents for the Council.

#### **B. ILCW Full Council Motion Items**

- 1. Motion Item:** Tyler Wigington made a motion to approve the March 6, 2025 ILCW Full Council meeting agenda. LySandra Owens seconded the motion. ILCW Full Council voted unanimously to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
- 2. Motion Item:** Ramsey Lee made a motion to approve the February 6, 2025 ILCW Full Council meeting minutes. Julie Bergan seconded the motion. ILCW Full Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes. Motion carried.
- 3. Motion Item:** Ramsey Lee made a motion to approve the 2025-2027 SPIL Amendment with updates to some of the language within the document. Tyler Wigington seconded the motion. ILCW voted unanimously to approve the SPIL Amendment.
- 4. Motion Item:** Tyler Wigington made a motion to adjourn the March 6, 2025 ILCW Full Council meeting. Kyle Kleist seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned at 1:32 P.M.

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## **C. Meeting Minutes**

### **I. Welcome and Introductions, Kyle Kleist, ILCW Vice Chair**

**ILCW Members Present:** Julie Bergan, ILCW Vice Chair-Elect; Sara Eckland, ILCW Independent Living Center (ILC) Representative; Kyle Kleist, ILCW Vice Chair; Ramsey Lee; LySandra Owens, ILCW Treasurer; and Eric Riskus, ILCW Chair.

**ILCW Members Absent; Excused (\*):** Randi Johnson\*, ILCW Secretary.

**ILCW Ex-Officio Members Present:** Ashley Baker, Department of Health Services (DHS), Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources (BADR), Designated State Entity (DSE) Representative.

**ILCW Staff:** Tyler Wilcox, ILCW Executive Director.

### **II. The meeting was called to order by Kyle Kleist, ILCW Vice Chair**

- The meeting was available via teleconference by calling (312) 626-6799 with meeting ID: 890 9852 6645. The meeting was also available via [Zoom](#).

### **III. Review and Approve March 6, 2025 ILCW Full Council Meeting Agenda**

- Tyler Wigington made a motion to approve the March 6, 2025 ILCW Full Council meeting agenda. LySandra Owens seconded the motion. ILCW Full Council voted unanimously to approve the agenda. Motion carried. See Motion Item 1.

### **IV. Review and Approve February 6, 2025 ILCW Full Council Meeting Minutes**

- Ramsey Lee made a motion to approve the February 6, 2025 ILCW Full Council meeting minutes. Julie Bergan seconded the motion. ILCW Full Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes. Motion carried. See Motion Item 2.

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## **V. Public Comment on the State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL) or Related to Independent Living Centers and Services**

- Link to SPIL (<http://www.livebinders.com/media/get/MjQ3MTE0MDM=>)
- During a meeting/discussion session regarding Federal changes to the Medicaid program, somebody “zoom bombed” the meeting and disrupted the proceedings with foul language and pornographic imagery. The meeting was cancelled. The presenters are working develop materials or a recorded presentation which can be distributed in lieu of a public meeting.
- Public comment period closed at 12:56 P.M.

## **VI. Review and Approve 2025-2027 SPIL Amendment**

- Wisconsin SPIL was updated by ILCW Executive Director following Executive orders from Donald Trump and guidance provided to other agencies within the Department of Health Services (DHS) that required elimination of programming devoted to Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI).
- All Independent Living Center (ILC) Executive directors are in favor of the changes made to the SPIL.
  - While language has changed, the intended purpose of certain goals and objectives has not changed.
  - There is some worry that these changes may signal that the Independent Living movement may not be interested in working with some communities who we have not traditionally worked with frequently. It will be important to continue to support and encourage those communities to join the IL movement.
  - These changes were made to ensure that funding can continue for the ILCs, and to ensure that SPIL may remain intact so that the Wisconsin Independent Living Network (WILN) can continue working toward ensuring that persons with disabilities are able to lead independent lives. The changes only reflect a change in semantics, not necessarily a change in intent or process.



- The changes in language beign made, in some cases, go against our values. However, those changes may be necessary given future guidance from the Administration on Community Living (ACL.) Because the SPIL Amendments had not been submitted to ACL, it was prudent to make changes at this time.
- A quorum of the Full Council is present at this meeting, therefore they may vote to approve the changes made to the 2025-2027 SPIL Amendment.
  - Ramsey Lee made a motion to approve the 2025-2027 SPIL Amendment with updates to some of the language within the document. Tyler Wigington seconded the motion. ILCW voted unanimously to approve the SPIL Amendment. See Motion Item 3.

## **VII. Discuss Software Solutions for Document Collaboration**

- ILCW has access to Google Workspace, however the State of Wisconsin blocks use of the Google platform.
  - Slack is also blocked by the State of Wisconsin
  - There is a platform being used by the Board for People with Developmental Disabilities (BPDD) that is not being blocked by the State of Wisconsin. The platform may be useful for ILCW as well.
- ILCW Executive Director will continue to investigate options to improve collaboration on documents for the Council. See Action Item 1.

## **VIII. Discuss ILCW Council Member Duties During ILCW Executive Director Parental Leave**

- ILCW Executive Director, Chair, Treasurer, and Policy and Procedure Committee Chair are working together to develop a guide for council members to use during ILCW Executive Director's parental leave, which will begin April 7, 2025 and last at least ten weeks.
  - ILCW Executive Director may determine he wishes to use some vacation time to extend his leave.

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- Department of Health Services (DHS) may be able to provide some administrative support. ILCW must request such support formally and indicate that the support will only be requested for the period of ILCW Executive Directors Leave.

## **IX. Review, Discuss, and Approve Parking Lot Items**

- There were no parking lot items to discuss following this meeting's agenda.

## **X. Adjourn**

- Tyler Wigington made a motion to adjourn the March 6, 2025 ILCW Full Council meeting. Kyle Kleist seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 4.

**Meeting Adjourned at 1:32 P.M.**