

Kentucky
STATE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2017
9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
CLARION HOTEL - NORTH
LEXINGTON, KY

Attending: Bobby Begley, David Thompson, Jennifer Johnson, Jan Day, Amy Dougherty, Tony Carmack, Joe Cowan, Gay Pannell, Jennifer Dudinskie

Staff: Cathy Murphy

Absent: Keith McCane, Jeff Merrill, Danny Perry

Guests: Valerie Cowan, Melanie Potts, Willis Deitz, Keith Hosey, Tonya Antle, Megan Coleman

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM. Bobby Begley welcomed everyone and then introductions were made. After introductions Tonya Antle, Department of Aging and Independent Living (DAIL) went over the reimbursement system for the new board members.

For the travel voucher, there are several things that you can ask for reimbursement for during the meetings. One is the mileage and it has to be the lesser of the two from your workplace to the meeting or your home to the meeting.

If you require a hotel stay, those are direct billed. You still have to put it on your form, but they are direct billed as one bill and DAIL submit those as one invoice for payment. You can claim meals; breakfast, lunch and dinner. For example, if you came up last night, you can claim dinner. If you stayed the night here, you can claim last night's dinner, breakfast and lunch, and depending on how long we're here today, possibly dinner.

For anyone who requires a personal assistant to accompany them to the meetings, SILC will reimburse you for the cost of that. It is minimum wage minimum with the maximum of 11.50 per hour.

The personal assistant, the only hours that you can claim are hours actually worked, so the hours when you are sleeping in the hotel and those sorts of things are not counted unless you have to help you during the night.

The second page of the travel voucher is other expenses. This is where you will fill in the information if you require a personal assistant. There's a little bit of guidance on the bottom of the other expenses page that shows you what you can claim and what times you can claim certain meals for. If you have any question about if you can claim dinner tonight, refer to that.

There is a one hundred dollar (\$100.00) per diem. There's a limit of \$600 per year. You can claim this for the meetings if you are not employed or if you waive your earnings from your employer and it is spelled it out. It explains it on this form. DAIL has all of the codes. It may look confusing when you look at this form. There are a lot of department unit function codes, everything at the top. Those are all things that DAIL will fill out before they are submitted for payment. You don't have to worry about all of that.

There is a traveler ID spot. Current members have Vendor Code (VC) number and those are vendor code numbers for the Commonwealth of Kentucky's accounting system that DAIL bills to so we can keep track of everybody's amounts.

If you'd like to be registered and if you want to be paid for reimbursement, you have to register for a vendor code number, and we have very detailed instructions of how to go through that process of registering yourself for a vendor code number. Tonya will send out an example of the handouts. She will make sure she has everyone's email addresses before we leave and send out. This form can be done electronically, so it's a lot simpler and it will tally all of your amounts for you in the electronic form. She will send out a sample of how to fill these out as she knows it can be a little confusing.

The question was asked if DAIL is able to accept the signature that way as well, online. What you will do, if you send it electronically, you will send it to Tonya electronically, scan it and email it to her, and then mail her the original. Or we can do it here at the meeting.

Bobby Begley asked for a motion to accept these presentation as it is.

Jan Day made the motion.

Joe Cowan seconded.

Bobby Begley: All in favor say aye.

Any opposed say no. As read into the record.

The next thing was the swearing in of the new members. Cathy Murphy read the oath which was repeated by these new members:

- Joe Cowan
- Jennifer Johnson
- Jan Day
- Amy Dougherty

The next item on the agenda was the election, and it was somewhat different than normal as we have been without a chair and a vice chair. It was asked if there were any nominations from the floor for the chair or vice chair. There were none. On the ballot for chair was Jan Day and for vice chair, David Thompson and Tony Carmack. Both David and Tony were asked that if elected, would either of them serve and both said yes.

With no nominations from the floor, the ballots were passed out to the members, who were asked to vote and then fold it over. Staff from DAIL collected the ballots and tallied them. The new chair and vice chair will take over their duties upon adjournment of this meeting.

Cathy apologized to the members saying she is new to the coordinator position and this is her first time doing this. Our chair had to resign because of health reasons and then our vice chair resigned, and she views this as basically starting over with the SILC with only two members returning and five new.

Jan Day has been elected chair and Tony Carmack as vice chair.

The question was asked do we still have the at large members. We do. Danny Perry is an at-large and we are not sure about the other and we will have to look into that.

There was then a brief overview of the agenda.

The chair asked for a motion for the September meeting minutes and Tony Carmack made the motion to accept.
Amy Dougherty seconded.

The question was asked will they be sent out. Cathy responded that she sent them to everyone via email and U.S. mail three weeks ago. Two members indicated they did not receive them. The packets for the board meetings will be sent out three weeks before each meeting via U.S. mail and email unless members tell Cathy they have a preference for one or the other.

The board binders will be the responsibility of the member. When members get their packets in the mail, they will be hole punched for easy inclusion into the binder.

Jan Day stated that this is an opportunity for us to do some different kind of things with the SILC and she is excited to work with new people, the old people, and Cathy.

Next was an update on Bowling Green and Northern Kentucky offices. Jan Day said that when The Center for Accessible Living got the contracts, there had been a lot of discussion about possibly moving into some state offices where there might be some available space, and the more that was pursued, the more it didn't look like it was going to be a viable option, so she has been playing realtor and they do have a location, have signed the leases in both Bowling Green and Northern Kentucky. Destiny Plaza in Bowling Green. It is a very nice office. There will be plenty of room that if we want to have some kind of a public meeting.

The Center for Accessible Living (CAL) is hiring for an office manager/IL specialist, and that's going to be a full time person who will be in there every day and they are not going to handle any budgetary items as all of that comes through Louisville. The position should be posted by Friday. Depending on how far the funds go CAL will try to hire as many IL specialists as we can. They want to fill those positions if possible with people with disabilities.

A lease has been signed with the Covington office and it is in the 550 Center. It's a nice office building, on the first floor. CAL already has two IL specialists that are

already working in Northern Kentucky who will be housed there. They are looking for an office manager up there to start with.

CAL is looking to have staff in place and have an open house in both places by the end of April.

The DRI equipment update: Jan is leaving on Sunday to go to the Cumberland Valley Area Development District, as that is where everything is, and will be loading all the equipment up and then bringing it back to Louisville. It will be stored to see exactly what is there and then it will be taken to Covington.

David Thompson made a motion to accept the report and Joe Cowan seconded.

Committee reports:

The Executive Committee met Monday, March 13 and discussed the elections and the oath of the new members. There was discussion about the committees that the SILC will have. Currently there are the Executive, Nominating and Mentoring committees, and we would like to have an Advocacy committee and a Resource Development committee. Now that we have a chair and a vice chair the Executive Committee will be getting together to talk about these committees. After we get those committees and a definition of each and what we want them to do, Cathy will be sending that out to all the SILC members, asking each of the members to select their top two to serve on, and then the chair and the vice chair will be picking the committee members and the chair of each committee. The chair of each committee will then be on the executive committee when they meet.

The executive committee decided on dates for the rest of the year, and the executive committee, according to the bylaws, has to meet one month prior to the SILC meeting. The committee will go over the agenda and all the materials that are going to be in the handout. We realize that once we get chairs of committees, you may not be able to make these dates and we'll have to change them, but for right now, and all these meetings will be at 1:00 PM and the location is to be determined because it'll depend on where everyone is coming from.

- June 6
- September 12
- November 28

- March 6, 2018

The Executive Committee also discussed changing the months that the SILC meets because currently the way that they are set up they are meeting before the end of the CILs quarterly reports, therefore we are not getting full reports from them. They requested that we change those dates so that they can give us a full report of their center and their activities for those three months prior. The dates of the future SILC meetings are:

- July 18
- October 17
- January 16, 2018
- April 17, 2018.

We will have a start date at 10:00 a.m. That allows folks who need extra time to have that extra time to get together and get to the meeting.

Another item that the committee discussed was having a presentation from partners at every SILC meeting. We would ask them to do a 30 minute presentation with a 15 minute Q and A, while trying to build our network around the state to let those people know that we exist and what we do and what our purpose is. We would also like to hear what they do and who is out there in the state that we can call on. The groups that were discussed were:

- Protection and Advocacy
- Centers for Independent Living
- The Brain Injury Association of Kentucky
- The Kentucky Council of Developmental Disabilities
- The Human Development Institute
- The Office for Vocational Rehabilitation
- The Kentucky Department for the Blind
- Kentucky Housing Corporation
- The Department of Transportation

If any of the members know any other agencies out there that work with people with disabilities and think we need to bring them in, let the Executive Committee know.

One objective that is in our SPIL, the State Plan for Independent Living, is that we are required to meet with all these groups at least one time every year. The chair will write a letter to each of these agencies, letting them know about what the

presentations, asking them to present and to ask to get together with all groups to discuss issues and concerns. It was suggested doing it in October as that would be right before the legislative session and we can discuss bills and how we can work together. We looked at October 18th in Frankfort. Cathy will be looking for free space in Frankfort and Lexington for that meeting as well as for the Executive Committee meetings.

The Nominating committee met and discussed the need for a chair and vice chair, nominations and the ballot.

Jan Day made the motion to accept the committee reports and David Thompson seconded.

There is not a Mentoring committee report, however, Bobby Begley said that the new officers can design how they want it done because he thinks what is currently being done isn't really beneficial to the new members.

The Center for Accessible Living report was given by Keith Hosey. He welcomed the new members. He said that Jan spoke about the biggest things that are going on right now as far as our SILC funding, that we've signed leases in Covington and in Bowling Green and hope to have those physical sites up and running.

Those that have been on the council know that we've been providing services in the Northern Kentucky area for several years now on a smaller grant, and we've been doing that with two part time staff members who were working out of home offices, and so they are still employed by us.

You may notice in our last two quarterly reports which are in packets that those reports we do specifically detail on what is done under the SILC funding that we receive. We have our own sources of funding as well. You may notice a drop in services from the previous quarter to the most recent quarter. We've had some health and family health issues with one or our two staff members and that has affected our direct services a little bit.

In October we had our fourth annual Disability Empowerment Conference in Covington and it was well attended. It is a partnership with the city; with the

mayor of Covington involved. CAL staff is heavily involved in planning it and executing it. There were over 50 individuals with disabilities who attended and there are booths and resources and speakers. It's a great event that we've done every October since we received this grant. Our staff took it on and has done a great job. They're really proactive in getting out into the community. They go to the local library almost weekly to do outreach for individuals who may be going into the library that don't have services or know about services.

Willis Deitz, Executive Director of Independence Place gave their report. He welcomed the new SILC new members.

Brief history: Independence Place has had a lot of transitions in the last year and a half, and as we've worked through those transitions we've begun to shore up our supports and services maintaining the five core services and reevaluating how we perform those five core services, making sure that we're using best practices. The written report in your binders.

In the past few months since we've last met we have had the opportunity to merge with the Kentucky Congress on Spinal Cord Injury, and so we will be doing a quality of life conference called the Kentucky Congress on Spinal Cord Injury in Lexington, that will take place in October. More information will be coming out about that.

We are also currently working with Human Development Institute potentially to help service an assistive technology center. Plans have not been finalized on that and we're in the process of looking at what that will look like for Independence Place to participate in such an endeavor, so that will be in the next report that you will receive and we'll have more concrete information about that.

Jan Day said that for those of us that have been around for a while and gone through the changes at IP it is important to note that they have come so far. For the longest time we felt that we really don't have partners, this is before Hazard was awarded the grant, and now with the Lexington center and the Hazard center, it's just so nice to be able to share and I think that we ought to give a lot of credit to Willis and his staff for what they've been able to achieve, taking a mess and making it into a really viable program. So congratulations, Willis.

The disAbility Resource Center report was given by Melanie Potts, Associate Director.

We finally opened in Hazard on March 1st, it has taken a while dealing with lease issues. We got an office space that was completely gutted, so there's a lot of work that has gone into getting it ready. There's still a little work left to do but we opened on March 1st and we have one Independent Living specialist so far who is part time and who has turned out to be great.

For those of you who don't know, we're going to be servicing the counties of Bell, Harlan, Leslie, Letcher, and Perry, so right now we're in the process of creating our outreach lists and acting on those. We're putting together our needs survey to get out into the communities to find out what are the needs that people have.

We had a pretty successful meeting last week with the Executive Director of KRADD, which is Kentucky River Area Development District and they want to partner with us. They sent me a list of other agencies that they partner with and we just recently filled out an application to provide services for Vocational Rehabilitation, so we should be hearing from them soon. There's a huge need in that area and people are excited.

Jan Day made a motion to accept the reports and Joe Cowan seconded.

New Business:

Jennifer Dudinskie spoke about ex officio voting rights. The bylaws committee had done a lot of work on going through the bylaws and trying to make some corrections and updating them and in the process of that we had gone through looking specifically at the voting rights, because ex officio members on most council's do have the right to vote.

Unfortunately after we had discussed that in a previous meeting and we thought everything was taken care of, in the bylaws there's another section that prohibits that, so we wanted to make sure that we clarified that for you and that's why Gay and I do not have voting rights, we're not able to vote.

There might be some other items for discussion with the current policies and procedures and things that were left off at the time that George resigned. That might be another area where the executive committee might want to revisit the bylaws.

I know they have done a lot of work on that. I'm not sure if everything was really solidified. So I would recommend that we go through those again, present them to the council, and make sure that everything is how the council really wants things to be.

Cathy Murphy gave a report on the SILC and the CIL training.

Cathy handed out a packet with information on the training. In November we had Paula McElwee from Independent Living Resource Utilization (ILRU) and Ann McDaniels from the West Virginia SILC come and do training for our council. Unfortunately only two council members came.

That was disappointing to those of us who showed up. All of the centers had representatives there and DAIL spent a lot of money on this for people to come, and having only two of our board members was extremely disappointing to those of us who did attend. We learned a lot. I truly wish we could have that training now with the new people but unfortunately that won't be possible.

David Thompson said there were three board members there, Tony Carmack, Darrell Mattingly and himself. That is correct.

We got together to talk about the SILC; where we were, where we wanted to be, and how we envisioned our future. The vision we came up with is that we see the ideal future to have unrestricted access to independence and autonomy in all aspects of life and community inclusion. That all individuals with disabilities will be accepted, included, and have meaningful possibilities in Kentucky.

We want to have accessible transportation and housing, jobs for people with disabilities, funding for our services, equal representation in government and politics. There are two new people in the House of Representatives here in Kentucky who has disabilities.

One is Representative Alan Gentry from Louisville and he has stated to the Director of Advocacy at the Center for Accessible Living, David Allgood that he wants to be the champion for people with disabilities in Kentucky. The other person is Representative Brandon Reed. That helps us out that have a couple people in the state legislator have disabilities and understand what's going on in the lives of people with disabilities. The SILC should invite them to come here and talk to us at a future meeting especially if we're going to work with the CILs and to have bills in the legislative session next year.

The key components of the Independent Living philosophy are self-direction and consumer control, facilitating full participation in society, equal access, that it is cross disability, assuming risk, and making choices. It's called the dignity of risk, and that's an important component of Independent Living - it is okay to fail, it's okay not to make it, just like it's okay for a person who's able bodied to fail. Just because you have a disability doesn't mean that you can't take your own risk too and there doesn't have to be somebody hovering over you and saying that you have a disability, you can't do that. You can live your life just like the able bodied people can live their life. You have consumer control; you make your decisions, and your choices.

We went over an ideal future for Kentucky and for people with disabilities and again it's accessibility in jobs, housing and transportation. We'd like to see people with disabilities in politics. We talked about the rural areas of the state and how we need to get out to those rural areas and hopefully with opening up offices in Bowling Green and in Northern Kentucky we can get to some of those rural areas. By opening up an office in Hazard, that's going to help us in Eastern Kentucky. We have our office in Murray which is where Jennifer Johnson works and they cover the part of the state.

We'd like to see the de-stigmatization with people with disabilities. We'd like to see the Centers for Independent Living have statewide services and we'd like to cover the whole state, but of course as we all know, all of that takes funding and so we need more funding.

Next year the state legislature is a budget year and that's the time when you ask for your money. That's the time that folks need to get together and hopefully if

we start meeting with some of these other disability groups we can all band together and ask for money for our services.

We'd like to see leadership development for people with disabilities especially out in the rural areas and reach out to folks who want to get involved and perhaps become leaders and become the liaison with their representatives in the state and federal legislatures.

We then asked about what can the SILC, the CILs, and DAIL do to work together. We need a collaborative network. We need ongoing internal education for the three of us. We need to develop leaders and Independent Living, advocacy, and peer support. And we need SILC education, orientation, and ongoing trainings. We need to work with the other outside partners and we need a statewide presence.

We need a strong engaged and committed SILC board, we really need our SILC board to really become involved in what's going on and go back to their community and spread the word about us. We need buy-in from people with disabilities and other disability groups, and we hope by collaborating with those folks that we would get that. The steps that we need to get there is to understand the Independent Living philosophy and its foundation principals.

We ended up with five things that we can do toward the vision in the next year.

- Recruit, develop and train new SILC members, advocates and leaders. And more geographic representation.
- Alternate meeting strategies, such as video meeting, offering transportation, rotating locations of meetings.
- All partners solicit applications, update our policies and bylaws, and find new members. Use social media. That the Independent Living network will develop an advocacy platform.
- Identify other partners in the state and meet with them and engage with them as partners.
- Discuss vision, strategies on a network wide basis at least annually.

And then we ask what can we do to achieve this vision? The

Designated State Entity (DSE), which is Department of Aging and Independent Living, can help with resource development, training opportunities and a statewide conference. The Centers for Independent Living in Hazard, Louisville, Murray, Lexington, they can do resource development, engage the community and provide advocacy, develop an Independent Living coalition, do recruitment and leadership development. The SILC, can do resource development, education of current members, recruitment, a statewide conference, participate in an Independent Living coalition and update our bylaws.

Our mission statement that we came up with is this: “All Kentuckians have meaningful opportunities for community inclusion and Independent Living. The Kentucky IL network is a statewide consumer controlled collaborative movement that ensures support and advocacy for people with significant disabilities by promoting education and awareness among the general public through a statewide network in order to maximize the leadership, empowerment and independence and full inclusion of people with disabilities.”

We came up with value words:

- Commitment
- Inclusion
- Open mindedness
- Integrity
- Equality
- Respect
- Gratitude
- Honesty.

It was really a good meeting. Everyone worked together and collaborated and it was a positive meeting.

Jan Day said we also had good representation from the DSE, which was wonderful, and Tonya was in her group, and it was so fun to see her in a different role. She felt like for the first time that everybody was together. It wasn't a division of DSE and members; it was just a great meeting.

Jennifer Dudinskie said that we've gone through a lot really quickly today, so she wanted to slow down and talk about a few things since we have a lot of new members in here that may have questions. It has been a year and a half since

DAIL took on this role. About a year and a half ago the SILC was moved from OVR to DAIL, and it has been quite a learning experience for all. The transition took a lot of time because the money was still flowing through OVR to DAIL so we worked very cooperatively during that time to keep things functioning as well as we could, and we've had a lot of roadblocks along the way, I do have to say I speak very kindly of OVR, they have been very good to work with, we've appreciated all of their help during this transition.

Then it seems like we got transitioned and things with membership started to fall apart. We had scheduled the training and unfortunately we did not have a lot of member representation and since that time we've lost quite a few members. A couple of members I think just weren't reappointed, but then as most of you know, Mike has been very ill, George was put in the role essentially as the chair in a vice chair role, and I don't believe that was the role she wanted, so at the time she stepped down. Mike decided that it was just time for him to step down as well.

And, of course, you know we had the missed meeting, so it's been a long time since we've even convened, so things feel really disjointed today. Even during the time frame where we had missed the meeting due to several different issues and in regard to that we had set up to do videoconferencing and I know that was mentioned just a minute ago by Cathy that has not worked out very well for us? It's something we may revisit in the future, but I think for now meeting in person is probably how we're going to proceed and I think it's probably the best thing for us to do, because we're rebuilding, and I, like Cathy, wish that we could do the training now. Unfortunately, that training cost around \$5,000 and we're not going to be able to do that again so quickly, but at least those of us who were there had benefited from that.

I think all of us are committed to rebuilding the council and we're very grateful to have those of you who are new and we look forward to hearing your ideas and anything that you can bring to the table for this council.

Jan mentioned that IP in Lexington, they have really stepped up and they have done a lot of hard work. I have to say I really appreciate Willis, we had good communication, I think everybody is working very well together.

Melanie was at the training, as well as another staff member. It was great to get to know them, and I think for the first time we do have centers that are going to be able to work together, communicate well, and work for the better for the state.

So I'm very pleased with that. I know Cathy's going to be working really hard on getting things going with the SPIL. We've been off to a slow start, but we're going to start moving on that so she will be contacting all of us with what role we have within that SPIL to help participate.

Cathy's role: I wanted to talk about that just a few minutes. There's been a lot going on behind the scenes since we last met, so I'm trying to think of everything that's occurred to kind of bring you all up to speed on what's been happening and those of you who have been around that have questions, please ask them, and those of you who are new that have then, don't be afraid to ask questions because there truly has been a lot of transition.

Cathy's role came about because in the training with the ladies who came in and did that, they had suggested that the role of the coordinator not be a direct DAIL staff employee. It wasn't really working very well for us anyway.

Basically Kelli, Tonya, and I were trying to do everything that we could, but with our other job duties it wasn't really the best fit, and so Cathy is a contract employee with DAIL and Cathy's role came about during discussions with Mike and George about how we needed to get a new SILC coordinator in place after that training, and so we came up with options and one option that the Commissioner had suggested was that Cathy is a contract employee and she was at a point where the project that she had been working on could be transitioned and we thought this was a very good role for her.

She's already familiar with the council, she had been attending the meetings and Cathy has great organizational skills and she had been taking minutes and keeping up with everything and we just felt like it was a seamless transition. We had a phone conference with Mike, George, and I and we discussed that that was probably the best option considering the place we were in at the moment. And so that's why Cathy's here and so far she has been just such a blessing for us at DAIL because she's been able to take over some things that we just can't do in day to day business. So that's how Cathy came into this role.

Jennifer then asked if we have vacancies on the board and Cathy responded that there are currently two positions open and as soon as the Nominating committee gets appointed that will be their first order of business.

Bobby Begley asked if Jennifer would talk to the members about how to reapply when their term is up. She said yes that there are two or three open positions. If you're on for a three year term, and then you can serve a second term and that means that you have to submit your application for reappointment that goes to the nominating committee and they take a look at that and make those decisions on what names that they want to submit, and then once the nominating committee has made those decisions, the paperwork actually funnels through DAIL to the governor's office. Some individuals make applications directly to the governor's office. I can tell that you if they don't come through the council or through us, then we sometimes don't have any knowledge at all about them, so if you want the SILC to actually acknowledge and go through the applications they do have to come through us, but ultimately it's the governor's decision who he decides to appoint.

But if you do want to reapply, then you'll submit that application close to the time of your term, and, of course, we'll cover that at meetings. We will guide you through what has to be filled out and submitted.

Bobby Begley said that all new applications only last for three months.

Cathy went over a folder she put together for the members. Now that we have the chair and vice chair we'll be getting together to talk about the committees and then I'll be sending them out to everyone asking that you send an email back to me with the two that are your first and second pick.

I put these folders together mostly on behalf of the new members but I wanted every member to have one because I think there's good information in here. I'm asking you all to do something I think will be beneficial for all of the members to do. I have here on the left hand side a handout of the Independent Living philosophy so that you will have a thorough understanding of what is Independent Living is and what we're promoting and advocating for.

On the right hand side it has what the SILC is required to do and what the state plan for Independent Living is, what we keep referring to as the SPIL.

It's got the bylaws in it, the policies and procedures, and online trainings that I'm asking each of you to do before the next meeting in July. There are four trainings here and I have done all of these trainings myself, and it's probably a total of about five or six hours of online training between now and July. Included is the Foundation of Independent Living series and there are four courses in that series. There is also the DSE, SILC Roles, Responsibilities and Regulations, the SILC Composition, and the SILC Dues and Responsibilities.

These are really good and very informative and will help you understand what your role is here as a SILC council member. I'm asking you after you have completed each one of these courses that you let me know that you have completed them. I think as a SILC member that we should be taking some of these courses to know what's going on in the world of State Independent Living Councils because a lot of the other states do this too.

I also have some information on the centers here in Kentucky - Independence Place, Center for Accessible Living, and Hazard.

We need to do an orientation. We talked about this in our executive committee yesterday. The new people need to be there. For the current members, if you want to come to this, I strongly encourage it, we'd love to have you. We didn't know if you all wanted to do it the day before the July meeting so that would be the Monday, July 17th, or if you wanted to do it on a day in June. But that would mean you would have to come here again, and if we did it the Monday before the SILC meeting, we could do that on Monday and then the next day have the SILC meeting and then you're only making one trip. All agreed to hold it the day before the July SILC meeting.

Jan Day asked if Cathy would provide some information on her background because she doesn't just come to this SILC coordinator's position as a contract employee, Cathy has a vast experience with working with people with disabilities.

Cathy: I worked at Center for Accessible Living from 1998 to 2001 as the advocate, and then from there I went to the AARP Kentucky State office as their director of governmental affairs, which is basically their lobbyist, so I have worked

in politics for a total 20 years. I do have extensive background in politics, in advocating and lobbying.

I left AARP in 2013 and went back to the Center for Accessible Living as a contract employee under DAIL. So I was with the SILC back in the late '90s and early 2000s, I worked with the people with disabilities while I was at AARP on lots of legislation, on different committees and on waivers. I have a family member, David Allgood, who is the Director of Advocacy for the Center, and he and I worked a lot in Frankfort together, he is a quadriplegic.

The meeting closed with Cathy saying the SILC is starting anew and we will be meeting for a longer time at the board meeting in July. We will most likely break for lunch and then come back to finish up. We will have committees and reports at the meeting and the partner agency/group presentation.

Bobby Begley adjourned the meeting.