**Communication and Collaboration Committee Meeting**

February 10, 2023

DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Action Items:

* Ms. England will research and bring the committee more information on AB222 Civil Rights Department: Californians with Disabilities Workgroup.
* Ms. England will look into writing a letter about how the Independent Living network can be involved in AB385 Alzheimer’s Disease: public awareness campaign.
* Ms. England will send the approved letter about Opioids and Chronic Pain to the California Health and Human Services Agency.
* Members will send any resources they know of for Durable Medical Equipment (DME) and accessibility tools and equipment to Ms. England, and the committee will discuss this at the next meeting.

1. Call to Order
2. Introductions

Ligia Andrade Zuniga – SILC Vice-Chair/C and C Chair

Lisa Hayes – SILC Chair/C and C Member

Kyla Aquino Irving – SILC Member/C and C Member

Roque Alas Bucton – SILC Member/C and C Member

Jessica Riestra – YO! Disabled and Proud

Carrie England – SILC Executive Director

Danielle Hess – SILC Office Manager

1. Public Comment

Ms. England shared that the position for the SILC Legislative Specialist has been posted and closes on February 17. This position works very closely with the Communication and Collaboration committee, so she asks members to share it with anyone they feel would be a good fit.

Ms. Andrade Zuniga shared about an upcoming San Mateo Behavioral Health and Recovery Services Youth Committee meeting about a grant for mental health services and supports.

1. Approve draft minutes from January 13, 2023, Committee meeting

Ms. Aquino Irving motioned for approval of January 13, 2023, draft meeting minutes, and Ms. Hayes seconded the motion. This passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

1. Legislation Update
   1. Legislative items for review and approval

Ms. England reviewed the Legislative Agenda with members, and members decided to continue following all of the bills. Members asked for Ms. England to bring more information about AB222 Civil Rights Department: Californians with Disabilities Workgroup back to the Committee. It was suggested that the Independent Living Network could be a good resource for AB385 Alzheimer’s Disease: public awareness campaign, and Ms. England will write a letter ensuring they are aware of the resource.

Ms. England followed up on the January discussion about getting demographic information on how many people with disabilities voted in the November 2022 Election. The Secretary of State’s office didn’t seem to be a good resource for the information the committee wants, so she will continue to research if there are any other sources.

* 1. Current events and updates
     1. Opioid Discussion

Ms. England reviewed the contents of the letter speaking about the effects that policies intended to address opioid addiction have had on Californians with Disabilities. There was some discussion about drug policies and funding for the testing of drugs for safety.

Ms. Andrade Zuniga motioned for approval of the letter to be sent to Secretary Dr. Mark Ghaly, and Ms. Hayes seconded the motion. This passed unanimously through a roll call vote.

* + 1. IHSS Budget and Wages

Information about this was included in the documents for this meeting, but there were no additional IHSS raises scheduled except for the scheduled minimum wage increase.

1. Advocacy and Collaborations - Requests from Members or partner organizations
   1. YO! Disabled and Proud Updates

Ms. Riestra shared that YO! Is looking at SB624 and AB447, they have a statewide youth call scheduled on February 23, a Disabled Speakers of Color presentation on February 28, and weekly meetings discussing intersectionality and the future of disability organizing.

She has been reaching out to legislators to discuss Disability History Month and having one on one meetings with colleges and ILCs. They are partnering with the Disability Rights and Education Defense Fund (DREDF) on projects reviewing stock photos and establishing training in their Parent Training and Information Center (PTI). They’re partnering with the State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD), Disability Rights California (DRC), and the UC Davis Mind Institute about alternative guardianship for youth with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

* 1. Youth Leadership Forum for Students with Disabilities (YLF)

Ms. Hess shared that the YLF application is still open through March 17, 2023. She has been reaching out to ILCs individually to try and solicit help reaching students in their communities. She is also working with ILCs to complete interviews with the applicants.

* 1. Hand in Hand Follow-Up/Development of Resource List

Ms. England shared the request of Hand in Hand to share a resource list for Durable Medical Equipment (DME) and other accessibility tools and resources to provide to workers and employers. Members were asked to brainstorm this and send any ideas they have to Ms. England, and they will discuss this list at the next meeting.

* 1. Suggestions for speakers and topics

At this time there were no new suggestions for speakers and topics.

1. Review of Committee Rubric Goals
   1. Comments from members

There were no comments on the committee rubric.

1. Summary of activities requiring follow-up at next meeting
   1. Next Meeting March 10, 2023
2. Adjourn