Summary for Agenda item# 16 from April 21 SILC Meeting:

“Updates, Discussion and Make Recommendations Regarding Events and Conferences (for possible action)”.

1. **Self-Advocacy Conference**

The Silver State Self-Advocacy Conference will be held August 2-4 at the Palace Station Casino and Resort in Las Vegas, hosted by the Governor’s Council on Developmental Disabilities. John Rosenlund, Kate Osti, Sabra McWhirter and DeeDee Foremaster will present a formal session on Independent Living and Nevada’s IL Network. Havander Davis, Wendy Thornley, and Dawn Lyons will help run a vendor booth to help gather more consumer surveys and educate the IDD population about NV SILC and the Youth Action Council. The NV SILC has agreed to sponsor Julie Taylor, the current WIPA representative for Nevada to attend and answer questions at a vendor booth at the conference , as well. If you have not registered yet, please do so at [www.nevadaddcouncil.org/2022-self-advocacy-conference/](http://www.nevadaddcouncil.org/2022-self-advocacy-conference/)

1. **Self-Direction Conference**

The Self-Direction Conference held on April 11 & 12 in Baltimore, MD was an experiment by NV SILC Executive Team to see if it would be relevant to entire disability community or if it was only geared toward the IDD population. As previously marketed to the IDD service industry in the past according to familiar sources, we were unsure if this conference would be beneficial to SILC’s. Due to recent newsletters from the organization that discussed many important and relevant issues that the disability community has been facing over the last couple of years, we thought it important to assess its relevance to determine if this is a conference SILC members should attend in the coming years.

As it turns out, it was extremely interesting and important for disability advocates across the Nation to hear the innovative new strategies, witness the long-standing successes, and network among others with experience in this endeavor. I also learned that Nevada ADSD and Medicaid have plans to expand Self-Directed services into the waiver programs in the near future. It would be unfortunate if we did not keep up with the world of Self-Direction and how it can benefit our community.

1. **Carson City Health Fair**

RSVP is hosting a Community health Fair in Carson City at the Carson City Community Center on April 27. Wendy Thornley is in charge of NV SILC vendor booth at the event and will coordinate with Marina Holcomb, Ace Patrick and DeeDee Foremaster to collect consumer surveys and educate about people with disabilities’ experiences with health care and our advocacy efforts.

1. **Nye County Social Services Fair**

This year, Nye County will have their fair in person on Friday, June 24 at the Nye Communities Coalition Activity Center. NV SILC will be present to provide more community education and collect consumer surveys. So far, Dawn Lyons will attend. This event is free of charge for vendors and participants.

1. **SILC Congress**

Just a reminder that SILC Congress is coming up from May 16-18 in San Diego, CA. Dawn Lyons is a member of the planning committee and we have several Council members attending. Dawn Lyons and Havander Davis will be participating in sessions and Catherine Nielsen from NGCDD will be presenting on Emergency Preparedness. Go, Nevada representors! There will be sessions focused on becoming a 501c3, new SILC members, Chair succession planning and more! Come ready with your questions and be ready to learn a lot.

1. **National Council on Independent Living Conference (NCIL)**

This year, NCIL will be held both virtually and in person from July 25-28 in Washington DC. The NV SILC has prioritized other conferences this year and is only able to send 1-2 people to attend in person. Both Wendy Thornley and DeeDee Foremaster are being given first opportunity to accept this as they have not been able to attend in past years, but there are several opportunities to attend virtually. Please let Dawn Lyons know if you are interested in registering for the virtual event asap.

1. **Association of Programs for Rural Independent Living (APRIL) Conference**

Since this conference is held from October 12-14 in Orlando, we may be able to send individuals who are interested in attending in person using remaining 2022 FY funds along with some additional FY23 funds. Of course we will encourage all Youth Action Council members to attend, but if anyone else is interested, please reach out to Dawn Lyons for early bird registration.