Call to Order and Introductions

Scott Lindbloom called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. Introductions were made and a quorum was present.

SRC Full Council Agenda Discussion

Scott Lindbloom inquired whether the SRC Full Council agenda should include a discussion regarding the SRC Committees. Adam Robson stated the SRC council members could discuss the committees and that each committee needed a new Chair. Melissa Wojtak agreed and noted the Program Review Committee did need a new Chair for the committee. Scott Lindbloom stated that he would be willing to be the Chair of the Employment and Community Partnerships Committee. Adam Robson suggested that a non-Officer council member be a Chair of the committees. Mr. Robson suggested the Full Council agenda also include any relevant updates from the National Coalition of State Rehabilitation Councils (NCSRC). Adam Robson stated that he or Lindsey Powers attended the NCSRC conference calls and could report any updates relevant to the council as a standing agenda item.

Adam Robson inquired whether he should review the council membership vacancies at the upcoming meeting as well. Scott Lindbloom agreed and stated the council should recruit a blind or visually impaired individual and a representative from the State Workforce Investment Board. Scott Lindbloom stated he had been in contact with the Office of Boards and Commissions regarding the council vacancies to fill them. Adam Robson
suggested that all council members discuss current member vacancies so that Executive Committee members were not responsible for filling all open positions. Scott Lindbloom stated his term with the Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) would be ending soon, and another council member would need to provide those updates until the position was filled on the council. Adam Robson agreed, and noted the council did need to fill the SILC representative position, several representatives of Business, Industry and Labor, as well as a former Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) client. Scott Lindbloom stated he talked to an HR representative at Sky Harbor Airport regarding their FAA program, and noted that she could be a potential representative of a business. Mr. Lindbloom stated he was also trying to recruit members from the Marriott and Honeywell as business representatives, although they were busy with their jobs and did not always have time to participate on the council. Adam Robson noted that was a challenge and inquired whether the council should develop a separate recruitment committee. Scott Lindbloom inquired whether the council should develop an outreach committee also. Adam Robson suggested that instead of developing new committees, the council include a standing agenda item for member recruitment discussion. Melissa Wojtak agreed and noted that council members might know of potential council members and could bring them up at the meetings. Adam Robson stated the council members could discuss potential members and the Executive Committee members could perform any follow up regarding recruitment if necessary. Adam Robson stated the council also required that most members be individuals with a disability, although he was unsure how to bring that up. Scott Lindbloom inquired whether the council needed a member from the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD). Adam Robson stated his understanding that the council was not required to have a DDD representative, although the council would benefit from someone from DDD. Scott Lindbloom inquired whether the SRC should recruit a member from DDD Employment as well. Adam Robson stated he worked closely with the DDD Employment Administrator and could inquire about that. Mr. Robson noted that DDD was currently short-staffed on Employment Specialists, although he could still discuss that with the Administrator.

Scott Lindbloom inquired whether the council should discuss potential participation with the National Council on Independent Living (NCIL). Adam Robson stated that SILC had their own responsibilities and inquired whether the SRC should focus on their own activities. Scott Lindbloom stated that NICL had a subcommittee on Individualized Employment Plans (IEP)s, which could be useful to SRC members. Adam Robson stated the SRC could invite a subject matter expert to discuss IEPs as a presentation at a future meeting. Scott Lindbloom stated that other states sent VR counselors and staff to attend NICL conferences and was unsure whether RSA staff
participated in those events. Adam Robson suggested that Scott Lindbloom have a discussion regarding participation at NICL events with RSA leadership to inquire whether that would be an option. Scott Lindbloom stated he would like the Executive Committee to meet a few weeks prior to the SRC Full Council meetings to discuss the agendas. Adam Robson and Melissa Wojtak agreed to meet prior to the SRC Full Council meetings. Scott Lindbloom inquired whether the council agenda should include COVID-19 updates as well. Adam Robson suggested that Kristen Mackey provide any updates regarding RSA/VR services surrounding COVID.

Community Activities

- ADA Training Discussion

Scott Lindbloom stated he would be providing ADA Training with the Arizona Disability Law Center on May 7th and June 10th to Behavioral Health staff, and he would include that as part of his Chair Report.

Agenda and Date for Next Meeting

The next meeting of the SRC Employment and Community Partnerships Committee was scheduled for July 13, 2021. Agenda items are as follows:

- SRC Full Council Agenda Discussion

Announcements

There were no announcements.

Public Comment

A call was made to the public with no response forthcoming.

Adjournment of Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 am.