



**Meeting Agenda Draft
October 11th, 2022
1:00PM-4:00PM**

***On zoom AND in person
At the SeaTac airport conference center
The Zoom link to join the meeting is:
<https://zoom.us/j/8081389093>***

1:00 Welcome and Introductions

1:30 Secretary Report

1:45 pm SAIL contract update

1:50 pm review of Robert's Rules of Order

2:30 Break

2:40 Close RHC's committee update /

Shut them down coalition update

02:45 Rapid Response Team update

2:55 NorthStar Update

3:00 Community Summit update

3:10 Allies in Advocacy Report

3:20 National Council of Self Advocates (NCSA) report

3:30 Governor's office update

3:35 CAC Updates

3:40 Rally Planning Committee update

3:45 Nothing about us without us coalition update

3:50 Community Updates / Agenda building

3:55 Getting Healthy with Sandy



The September 2022 SAIL meeting started with welcome and introductions. Brian Dahl came to speak about the SAIL contracts. The application deadline was last Friday (9/9). They received 2 applications, one from the current contract holder, The ARC of Washington and the second application was from People First of Washington. The next step will be to have a few people who are not associated with the ARC or with People First or any of the SAIL members evaluate the applications and then choose which one benefits SAIL the best. They are hoping to have an answer by next week or the following week. They will have the new contract holder by the next SAIL meeting. Traci Turner then read the August SAIL meeting minutes while we waited for the guest speakers to log in. Todd and Beth joined the meeting. They are attorneys with Disability Rights they work with people in RHCs. They are here today to talk about the Rainier School. They filed a lawsuit about a week ago about the Rainier School. The lawsuit is about the continued use of the school knowing that it is such a dangerous place. If they are going to stay open, they are asking the court to order the state to bring outside people in to oversee the program until closure to ensure safety at the very least. Brandi is the new ED for the DD Counsel. She came to answer any questions that anyone might have. Kyle asked what progress has been made for hiring someone to get NorthStar back up and running. Brandi explained that there are 3 open positions that they are focusing on hiring for these positions. Hopefully that will get NorthStar up and running again. There are 6 counsel member positions open. A majority of these positions should be filled with people with disabilities or family members of people with disabilities. Ideally, these members would be spread out all over the state. Brian Dahl then spoke about legislative priorities for 2023. We currently have a list of 13 State priorities and 5 federal priorities. We need to vote on which ones to focus on. 6 State priorities are needed and 1 Federal. There were 12 votes for Fully Funding DD Caseload Forecasting Services. 13 for Nothing about us without us, 11 votes for Stipend Bill 5793, all votes for Close the RHC, Housing/prices/lack of housing / improving residential services received 13 votes, improving police relationships with people with IDD received 12 votes, transportation services received 12 votes, Increase employment opportunities and Improving school to work programs received 14 votes, School education received 7 votes, improving healthcare received 11 votes, increasing provider rates received 12 votes. For the Federal Priorities, SSI Federal increasing asset limit/retirement benefits received 15 votes, ending marriage penalty received 15 votes, home and community-based services access act received 16 votes, update and improve ADA act received 16 votes, Update the DD act received 16 votes, and employment discrimination received 16 votes. All of these issues are very close in votes, and all are very important to SAIL. Brian suggested that SAIL has a State agenda and a Federal Agenda. All 6 issues will be represented on the agenda. □ Shut them down: We are focusing on shutting Rainier first. Everyone agrees that Rainier has the most violations and the worst conditions and needs to be shut down first. They believe that this needs to be done with a clear timeline, in short to the point steps. People first also has a shut them down coalition and they are working on a panel that will be meeting on September 30th from 11-12:30. They are also working on getting Senator Braun to come to the October meeting. They are also going to have panelists from other states where they have already shut down institutions. RRT: There hasn't been a meeting. Jessica needs people to tell her if they would like to be involved with that. NorthStar Update: Adrienne did a lot of work for the NorthStar project. She left abruptly so we are trying to figure out the best way to support NorthStar going forward. That doesn't mean that NorthStar stops, it means we are figuring things out and looking into hiring a new Public Policy person. Community Summit Update: There are not a lot of updates at this time, but they are looking for ideas for what they will be focusing on for 2023. Allies in Advocacy Report: Allies in Advocacy is currently making changes to its website by making pages for its board, staff, and links to our partners. Allies will also have a news page. At the next meeting, we will be hearing from people from Washington Technology, and our hopes to help people with disabilities get easier access to technology. We also will be meeting with Brandy, the new director of Developmental Disability Council to continue our partnership with them. We are continuing to work with SAIL and Shut Them Down Coalition on efforts to close institutions and to improve community services. NCSA: Anthony has been in contact with the policy director at the National ARC. Nothing has really changed, we're still discussing topics around ending sub minimal wage, ending marriage penalty, and reforming social security. Governor's office: We spoke with Amber Leaders, and we came up with some topics to see if they would support increasing provider wages and the governor's office seems like they do have interest in doing that, so our bill on our legislative agenda may have some good benefits. We have another meeting in about 2 weeks to continue these talks. CAC Update: Todd and Beth are attorneys with Disability Rights they work with people in RHCs. They filed a lawsuit about a week ago about the Rainier School. The lawsuit is about the continued use of the school knowing that it is such a dangerous place. If they are going to stay open, they are asking the court to order the state to bring outside people in to oversee the program until closure to ensure safety at the very least. Rally Planning Committee: sent out email to sponsors that they recommended, and the dates are set for January 25th. We're also trying to get a new logo established for the Rally. It looks like a big dark looking building that says Close the RHC on it. We are trying to see if the ARC could help us with getting pins made. □

Nothing About Us Without Us: Trying to put together 2 committees right now. 1 is a general subcommittee and the other is a rapid response committee. We are looking to see if people are interested in joining. There is a value mission statement that someone would really have to believe in in order to join. Community Updates/Agenda Building: Add Secretary report, go over rules for meetings because there was a lot of over talking and some problems. Keep the agenda the same except add the secretary report and going over rules. Getting Healthy With Sandy: Discussion about what is healthy food and what isn't. Water and exercise is very important for our bodies. It is ok to have some sugar, but have smaller portion sizes.