

The October, 2022 SAIL meeting started with welcomes and introductions, followed by a reading of the September minutes by Tracy Turner.

Review of Robert's Rules of Order: First Anthony read off the Cheat Sheet. This sheet included information regarding the phrases used to make motions, and what it takes to pass. Next, Anthony showed a PowerPoint presentation showing other general rules. These rules should be followed so that meetings go smoothly and members are able to be heard and respected. As a reminder, please mute yourself so that the SAIL member who is talking can be heard and feel respected.

SAIL Contract Update: Brian Dahl came to speak about the contract. The process for deciding which Agency will take over the SAIL contract was to have 3 people not affiliated with SAIL or the ARC, or People's First to decide which application is the best for SAIL. The ARC of Washington was chosen.

SAIL website now has 2 new sections for people to share about their stories or experiences either good or bad. This blog section is called Lived Experiences. The next section is the SAIL Star Award. In order to possibly get the monthly SAIL Star Award, all you have to do is get new people to sign up for SAIL or to step up in Advocacy/Leadership.

Advocacy Days will be held on November 9th from 10-11:30. There will be guest speakers. If anyone is interested, sign up for the event on the ARC website.

Legislative Agenda: Brian, Jessica, and Anthony got together to work on the Legislative Agenda. They created a brochure that states the issues and includes the SAIL meeting times and dates so that people who are interested can join as well.

Close the RHCs Committee update/Shut Them Down Coalition update:

We are still working on the same mission of shutting down the RHCs. We are trying to get Senator Braun to come to our meeting. We still have to call to confirm it. We are looking at closing one institution at a time over the next 6-8 years, so every other year will be hopefully one less. We are looking at starting with Rainier because as we all know, Rainier is part of a lawsuit due to the lack of safety and most violations. Guest Speaker Shawn from Indiana spoke and gave advice about how to close RHCs. He suggested that we research how much it costs to run the institution and find an alternative housing solution that would help support the bill to close the RHCs.

Rapid Response Team Update: There are no updates at this time. We do need more members for the Rapid Response Team: Get ahold of Jessica if you are interested.

NorthStar Update: Still meeting at interim. They still have not hired a Public Policy Director. Once they do, we will get these meetings up and running again.

Community Summit Update: There will be a meeting on November 3rd from 10-12.

Allies in Advocacy Report: A guest speaker from disability rights Washington spoke about the Rainier school lawsuit. The state priorities for next year were worked on. Allies in Advocacy supports

1. Working on improving community services and community residential opportunities
2. Self Advocacy organizations
3. Nothing About Us Without Us
4. Increasing accessibility on the state level
5. Removing technology barriers so people can access their communities fully
6. Improve personal care services
7. Safety and new priorities.

NCSA Report: The coordinator for the NCSA who also works at The National ARC is stepping down as coordinator. Jennifer, the former coordinator is temporarily stepping in as coordinator.

Governor's Office Update: There was not a meeting last month, it is rescheduled for October 28th. A week or so before the 28th, we will meet to set up an agenda.

CAC Updates: The meeting was mostly about the Rainier School Lawsuits. December 5th is the Notebook meeting.

Rally Planning Committee Update: There are no updates at this time.

Nothing About Us Without Us Coalition Update: There is a meeting tonight from 6-7:30

Community Updates/Agenda Building: Courtney requested to be a representative of SAIL for the Special Olympics of Washington. We should put a space on the Agenda for Courtney to be able to give an update. We can take the SAIL Contract off because Brian already finished on this topic. We can replace it with review draft of new SAIL/Robert's rules. Everything else can be the same.

Getting Healthy with Sandy: Today's topic is all about vegetables.