

STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL

MINUTES

QUARTERLY COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 11, 2007

93 Gooding Avenue, Suite 3

Bristol, RI 02809

Members Present: Ray Bandusky, Tanja Blicher, Rick Costa, Liz Graves, Secretary; Don Phelps, Chair; Ron Racine, Lorna Ricci, Barbara Rozul, Treasurer; Heidi Showstead, Chair of Leadership Development and Advocacy Committee; Marika Terlecky

Guest: James deBoer, Coordinator Disability Vote Project; Judith Kapuscinski, Ernie

Interpreter: Dona Lombardi

Staff Present: Linda Hutnak, Program Facilitator; Camille Pansa, Executive Director

1. Welcome and introductions: Introductions were made.

2. Minutes of December 15, 2006: Lorna Ricci motioned to accept the minutes. Rick Costa seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Ray Bandusky, Tanja Blicher, Rick Costa, Liz Graves, Secretary; Don Phelps, Chair; Ron Racine, Lorna Ricci, Barbara Rozul, Treasurer;

Heidi Showstead, Chair of Leadership Development and Advocacy Committee; Marika Terlecky

3. Audited financial statement for FFY 2006: Lorna Ricci motioned to accept the audited financial statement. Liz Graves seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Ray Bandusky, Tanja Blicher, Rick Costa, Liz Graves, Secretary; Don Phelps, Chair; Ron Racine, Lorna Ricci, Barbara Rozul, Treasurer; Heidi Showstead, Chair of Leadership Development and Advocacy Committee; Marika Terlecky

4. Disability Vote project/RISILC legislative agenda: James deBoer discussed the process of assisting the LD&A Committee narrow the choices for the SILC legislative agenda. Heidi Showstead described the two choices, the Olmstead Commission and special education reform. Mary Wambach discussed Olmstead and Heidi discussed the need for legislation regarding special education. Don requested a vote by hand. Eight members of the eleven Council members present chose the Olmstead Commission.

5. Committee Reports:

- Don discussed the progress of the SPIL planning committee. He**

reported the public hearings and the interpreters for the hearings are confirmed.

- **LD&A Committee:** Heidi reported that the LD&A Committee will take an active roll in recruiting for the Youth Leadership Forum.

- **Finance Committee:** The Youth Leadership Forum will receive financial support from the Council. In addition, the Council will support one member's attendance at the NCIL Conference.

6. Executive Director's Report: Camille reported the addition of several volunteers to the SILC: Mary Wambach, Jane Slade, Susan Shepardson.

7. Chairperson's Report: Don discussed the progress the LD&A Committee has made with the guidance of James deBoer.

8. Educational Presentation: Heidi Showstead introduced James deBoer, Coordinator of the Disability Vote Project. James introduced the Disability Vote Project to the Council, its mission, current work and future direction.

9. Strategic planning for health and wellness of Rhode Islanders with disabilities: Judith Kapuscinski discussed the project with the Department of Health. Questions relating to the topic are posted on the RISILC website.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

Elizabeth Graves