

MINUTES

STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL

ANNUAL MEETING

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Wednesday

September 26, 2007

4-5:30 p.m.

Radisson Airport Hotel

2081 Post Road

Warwick, R.I.

Members present: Ray Bandusky; Tanja Blicher; Rick Costa, Secretary; Elizabeth Graves, 1st Vice-Chair; Don Phelps, Chairperson; Tony Pierre; Ron Racine; Lorna Ricci; Ken Sacks; Heidi Showstead; Mary Wambach; Tricia Whitehouse.

Volunteers: Kristen Connors; Alexandra Gonzales; Al Iacobbo; Susan Shepardson

Staff: Camille Pansa, Executive Director; Lisel Rockwood, Program Support.

Guests: Jim Bateman; Ray Carroll; James deBoer; Linda Hughes; Linda Hutnak; Jean Lapore; Earnest Letendre; Mike McGovern; Pat Ryherd; family and friends.

1. Introductions: Don Phelps welcomed Council members to the 2007 annual meeting. Self introductions, person by person, were made

throughout the banquet room.

2. Minutes of Quarterly Meeting of June 22, 2007: minutes previously sent. A motion was made by Elizabeth Graves to accept minutes and seconded by Lorna Ricci. The vote passed unanimously. For: Ray Bandusky; Tanja Blicher; Rick Costa, Secretary; Elizabeth Graves, 1st Vice-Chair; Don Phelps, Chairperson; Tony Pierre; Lorna Ricci; Ken Sacks; Heidi Showstead; Mary Wambach; Tricia Whitehouse. Against: none.

3. Liability Insurance: Camille confirmed that the Directors and Officers liability insurance is in effect.

4. Interest Disclosure Statement: Camille stated that there were many statements not properly filled out. Camille asked that the form be completed again and the directions were given to complete the statement correctly.

5. Report on the NCII Conference: Lorna Ricci thanked the RISILC for the opportunity to experience the conference. One highlight was a luncheon that addressed collaboration between Centers for Independent Living and Aging and Disability Resource Centers. This luncheon was attended by approximately 900 people, divided by states. The conference validated that Rhode Island is in good shape.

6. New SPIL: Pat Ryherd reviewed the new State Plan 08-10 and emphasized its requirement of measurable outcomes. The new plan will be in effect on October 1, 2007. Ron Racine thanked Pat for her hard work and diligence and also thanked the committee for their hard work. The new plan was launched.

7. Committee Reports:

Finance/Resource Committee –report previously sent. Ray Bandusky stated that he believes there is a problem in using federal funds to pay interest charges. Camille advised that the auditor had suggested that the Council take out a line of credit and that all our audits had been clean audits. However, Camille said she would check with the auditor. Camille reviewed the proposed budget revision. Tricia Whitehouse made a motion to accept the budget revision. Elizabeth Graves seconded. The vote passed unanimously. For: Ray Bandusky; Tanja Blicher; Rick Costa, Secretary; Elizabeth Graves, 1st Vice-Chair; Don Phelps, Chairperson; Tony Pierre; Lorna Ricci; Ken Sacks; Heidi Showstead; Mary Wambach; Tricia Whitehouse. Against: none. Camille explained the need to update the personnel manual to reflect the new employee contribution schedule for the health benefit package. The change would be as follows: The Council will pay 90% in 2008, 88% in 2009, and 85% in 2010 and all subsequent years of the cost associated with health insurance coverage at an individual rate for all employees who work 30 hours or more per week. Heidi Showstead made a motion and Lorna Ricci seconded to amend the personnel manual. The vote passed unanimously. For: Ray Bandusky; Tanja Blicher; Rick Costa, Secretary; Elizabeth Graves, 1st Vice-Chair; Don Phelps, Chairperson; Tony Pierre; Lorna Ricci; Ken Sacks; Heidi Showstead; Mary Wambach; Tricia Whitehouse. Against: none.

Leadership Development and Advocacy Committee: report previously sent. Ray Bandusky made a motion to accept the Olmstead Position Paper as drafted. Rick Costa seconded. The vote

passed unanimously. For: Ray Bandusky; Tanja Blicher; Rick Costa, Secretary; Elizabeth Graves, 1st Vice-Chair; Don Phelps, Chairperson; Tony Pierre; Lorna Ricci; Ken Sacks; Heidi Showstead; Mary Wambach; Tricia Whitehouse. Against: none.

State Plan/Monitoring Committee: Don Phelps told members that work would begin shortly on this year's 704 Report. Committee meeting dates were scheduled for October 17, November 7, November 14 and December 3 from noon to 2 p.m. In addition, Don asked if there were any questions or comments concerning the work plans. There were none. Due to time constraints, Heidi Showstead made a motion and Elizabeth Graves seconded to table discussion of the 2006 Part II Reports until December's quarterly meeting. The vote passed unanimously. For: Ray Bandusky; Tanja Blicher; Rick Costa, Secretary; Elizabeth Graves, 1st Vice-Chair; Don Phelps, Chairperson; Tony Pierre; Lorna Ricci; Ken Sacks; Heidi Showstead; Mary Wambach; Tricia Whitehouse. Against: none

Membership/Nominating Sub-Committee: Tricia Whitehouse, Chairperson of the Membership/Nominating Sub-Committee, introduced the nominations. Terrence Chapman's partial term expires on October 1, 2007. Don Phelps made a motion and Ken Sacks seconded to recommend Terrence Chapman to the Governor for reappointment to the Council. The vote passed with one opposed.

For: Ray Bandusky; Tanja Blicher; Rick Costa, Secretary; Elizabeth Graves, 1st Vice-Chair; Don Phelps, Chairperson; Tony Pierre; Lorna Ricci; Ken Sacks; Mary Wambach; Tricia Whitehouse. Against: Heidi Showstead. Lorna Ricci made a motion and Elizabeth Graves

seconded to recommend Susan Shepherdson to the Governor for appointment to the Council. The vote passed unanimously. For: Ray Bandusky; Tanja Blicher; Rick Costa, Secretary; Elizabeth Graves, 1st Vice-Chair; Don Phelps, Chairperson; Tony Pierre; Lorna Ricci; Ken Sacks; Heidi Showstead; Mary Wambach; Tricia Whitehouse. Against: none. Tricia Whitehouse asked three times for nominations from the floor for each officer position. There were no nominations from the floor. Lorna Ricci made a motion and Tony Pierre seconded to elect the slate of officers as presented. The vote passed unanimously. For: Ray Bandusky; Tanja Blicher; Rick Costa, Secretary; Elizabeth Graves, 1st Vice-Chair; Don Phelps, Chairperson; Tony Pierre; Lorna Ricci; Ken Sacks; Heidi Showstead; Mary Wambach; Tricia Whitehouse. Against: none. Election results are as follows: Don Phelps, Chairperson; Elizabeth Graves, 1st Vice-Chair; Heidi Showstead, 2nd Vice-Chair; Rick Costa, Secretary; Barbara Rozul, Treasurer.

8. Executive Director's Report: report previously sent.

9. Chairperson's Report: Don expressed his appreciation for the cooperation between ORS, the Centers and RISILC. He also recognized Ray Carroll for his help with the new State Plan. Don looks forward to a continuation the teamwork exhibited this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Costa

Secretary