

MINUTES

STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL

QUARTERLY MEETING

December 14, 2007, Friday

Noon – 2:00pm

93 Gooding Ave, Suite 3

Bristol, RI 02809

Members present: Rick Costa, Secretary; Elizabeth Graves, 1st Vice-Chair (speaker phone); Don Phelps, Chairperson; C. Anthony Pierre; Ron Racine; Lorna Ricci; Susan Shepardson; Heidi Showstead (speaker phone); Mary Wambach.

Volunteers: Margarita Grome

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

Guest: Leo Canuel (PARI)

Interpreter: Dona Lombardi

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

2. Minutes of the Annual Meeting of September 26: minutes previously sent. A motion was made by Lorna Ricci to accept minutes and seconded by Rick Costa. The vote passed unanimously.

For: Rick Costa, Secretary; Elizabeth Graves, 1st Vice-Chair; Don Phelps, Chairperson; C. Anthony Pierre; Lorna Ricci; Heidi

Showstead; Mary Wambach. Against: none.

3. 704 Report/Vote/Approval: 704 report previously sent. A motion was made by Heidi Showstead to accept the 704 Report and seconded by Elizabeth Graves. The vote passed unanimously. For: Rick Costa, Secretary; Elizabeth Graves, 1st Vice-Chair; Don Phelps, Chairperson; C. Anthony Pierre; Lorna Ricci; Heidi Showstead; Mary Wambach. Against: none.

Ron Racine agreed to obtain Ray Carroll's signature and mail the hard the copy of this report; Camille Pansa will send the two electronic copies.

4. Spil 08-10: Don Phelps urged ORS, SILC, and the CILs to continue their cooperation and contributions in regard to the implementation of the SPIL and to keep in mind the requirements set forth by the goals and objectives of the SPIL.

A discussion about initiatives followed. Both Lorna Ricci and Leo Canuel had been asked to speak about how RISILC could support their efforts in implementing the SPIL. Leo Canuel spoke about hiring a counselor for the Spanish speaking community who would provide community outreach services and a consultant who would provide outreach services to nursing homes via information and referral services. He suggested RISLC document and refer Spanish speaking inquires to PARI. Lorna Ricci stated that OSCIL will have a language line shortly and will be hiring fulltime staff to help with nursing home transitions. The Centers ability to hire new employees

was a direct outcome from the change in funding with all Part B funds going to the centers. Lorna Ricci and Leo Canuel also reported that they had not received their appointment letters to the Olmstead task force.

5. Interest payments: Camille Pansa read the auditor's response to the interest payment question raised at the Annual Meeting. It is as follows: "The Board member is technically correct but in my opinion the interest we incurred in the past was because we did not receive payment from our funding source. In order to continue, we had no other choice but to borrow the money. Furthermore, our budget included a line item for interest and it was approved. In addition, the amount of interest paid during the last fiscal years was \$19.56 and \$38.50, rather immaterial." A motion was made by Mary Wambach to accept the recommendation of the auditor and seconded by C. Anthony Pierre. The vote passed unanimously. For: Rick Costa, Secretary; Don Phelps, Chairperson; C. Anthony Pierre; Lorna Ricci; Heidi Showstead; Mary Wambach. Against: none.

6. Sole Source Designation: Ron Racine reported that he had verbal approval and was awaiting official notification. Camille Pansa stressed the importance of having official written acceptance. Ron said that he would attempt to obtain written acceptance.

7. Meeting with MHRH/Shared Living Option: scheduled for December 19th at 9am. Camille invited all members to attend.

8. Committee Reports:

Finance/Resource Committee –report previously sent. Camille

Pansa stated the audit was completed and the final figures would be available in January.

Leadership Development and Advocacy Committee: report previously sent. Mary Wambach added that she is very pleased with the “dynamic” committee and its new members. The committee is in the process of identifying long and short term initiatives.

9. Chairperson’s Report: Don Phelps stated he was pleased with the teamwork exhibited the past year among the CILs, ORS, and SILC. He thanked Lorna Ricci and Leo Canuel for sharing information concerning the operations of OCSIL and PARI.

10.Executive Director’s Report: report previously sent. Camille Pansa stated that two initiatives had been accomplished, the recruitment of two new members representing the Native Americans and veterans populations respectively.

11.New Business: none.

12.Educational Presentation: Mary Wambach, as its Executive Director, spoke about The Corliss Community.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Costa

Secretary