

MINUTES

STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL

QUARTERLY MEETING

June 20, Friday

11:45am – 2:00pm

93 Gooding Ave, Suite 3

Bristol, RI 02809

Members present: Ray Bandusky; Terrance Chapman; Rick Costa, Secretary; C. Anthony Pierre; Ron Racine; Susan Shepardson; Heidi Showstead, 2nd Vice-Chair; Marika Terlecky; Mary Wambach; Tricia Whitehouse.

Volunteer: Anna Liebenow.

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

Guests: Leo Canuel (PARI); Lori Diorio (ORS/SBVI); Angel Maisonet (PARI); Lucia Therriault (PARI).

Interpreter: Dona Lombardi

1. Introductions: Camille Pansa welcomed Council members to the quarterly meeting. Self introductions were made.

2. Minutes of March 28, 2007: previously sent. A motion was made by Tony Pierre to accept the minutes and seconded by Tricia Whitehouse. The vote passed unanimously. For: Ray Bandusky, Terrance Chapman, Rick Costa, C. Anthony Pierre, Heidi Showstead,

Marika Terlecky, Mary Wambach, Tricia Whitehouse. Against: none.

3. Disability History Week Initiative: The resolution was passed in both the House and the Senate. Mary Wambach commended Camille Pansa for her role in getting this initiative started. Rep. Naughton played the major role in the writing and passing of this resolution.

4. ADA Celebration Saturday, July 26: The ADA Celebration will be held at the Corliss Center, 290 Main St., Warren, from Noon to 3:00 p.m.. The keynote speaker will be Rep. Langevin. Many state officials and leaders in the disability community will be attending.

5. SPIL and Corporate Work Plans: previously sent. Camille Pansa gave an overview of the work plans and noted key information. Everyone was pleased at how much SILC had accomplished so far this year.

6. Transportation issues of concern paper: Mary Wambach suggested that the “Issues of Concern” papers revert back to the title of “Position Paper” because it has a more serious and stronger definition. Ron Racine suggested that the nursing home transition section of the State Plan be incorporated into the transportation paper to be more specific with our position. A motion was made by Heidi Showstead and seconded by Rick Costa to title all such papers “Position Paper”. The vote passed unanimously. For: Ray Bandusky, Terrance Chapman, Rick Costa, C. Anthony Pierre, Heidi Showstead, Marika Terlecky, Mary Wambach, Tricia Whitehouse. Against: none. The paper will go back to the LDA committee for revisions.

7. Membership sub-committee: biographical information previously sent. Tricia Whitehouse presented Anna Liebenow, as a

candidate for membership. Tricia made a motion to accept Anna as a member and was seconded by Mary Wambach. The vote passed unanimously. For: Ray Bandusky, Terrance Chapman, Rick Costa, C. Anthony Pierre, Heidi Showstead, Marika Terlecky, Mary Wambach, Tricia Whitehouse. Against: none.

8. Committee Reports, Executive Director's report and Chairperson's report: previously sent. Mary Wambach, LDA Chairperson, summarized the previously sent report adding that the Advocacy Workshop was an outstanding success.

Camille Pansa reported that the Council has worked hard and has many accomplishments thus far which are reflected in the work plans. She thanked the Centers for mailing the Advocacy Workshop flyers and stated that Heidi Showstead was representing SILC at the IL Conference planning sessions. Camille announced that SILC was sponsoring a Public Hearing on July 21 at the Barrington Public Library from 1:30pm – 3:00pm and the next Council annual meeting would be at the Radisson Hotel in Warwick on September 24th.

9. Update on state budget crisis and funding for services: Leo Canuel addressed the budget crisis and at this point little is known about where the major impacts will be. The budget was passed by the House and Senate but has not yet been signed by the Governor. Leo is concerned not only with the new budget but with the cuts that have already happened and how they are going to effect the consumer. Another concern is the Global Waiver through Medicare.

10. Centers' reports on Goal II Obj. of SPIL, outreach to Hispanic population: previously sent. The outreach efforts to the Hispanic

population were covered in more depth by Lucia Therriault during the educational presentation.

11. Educational Presentation: Lucia Therriault (PARI) gave an overview of the Personal Choice Program citing several cases as examples of the success of the program. She and co-worker, Angel Maisonet, are fluent in Spanish and work primarily with the Hispanic population.

12. New Business: none.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Costa

Secretary