

# **MINUTES**

## **STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL**

### **QUARTERLY MEETING**

**December 29, 2008, Monday**

**Noon to 2:00pm**

**93 Gooding Ave, Suite 3**

**Bristol, RI 02809**

**Members present: Ray Bandusky; Terrance Chapman; Rick Costa, Treasurer; Elizabeth Graves, Chairperson; Don Phelps, 1st Vice Chair; Barbara Rozul, Secretary; Heidi Showstead, 2nd Vice Chair; Mary Wambach, Leadership Development and Advocacy Chairperson.**

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

**Guest: Laurie Diorio (ORS); John Moon (NEADS); Tracey Poole (Department of Corrections).**

**Special guest: Freddie, canine companion dog (NEADS).**

**Interpreter: Dona Lombardi**

**1. Welcome and Introductions: Self introductions, person by person, were made.**

**2. Educational Presentation: Tracy Poole, Chief of Information and Public Relations for the RI Department of Corrections spoke about the Prison Pup Partnership Program affiliated with NEADS. John**

**Moon, Major Gift Officer from NEADS, spoke about the Dogs for Deaf and Disabled Veterans Program. The presentations included slide shows and short movie. Freddie, a two year old black Labrador, canine companion dog, was a special guest.**

**3. Minutes of the September 24, 2008: previously sent. A motion was made by Heidi Showstead to accept minutes and seconded by Don Phelps. The vote passed unanimously. For: Ray Bandusky; Terrance Chapman; Rick Costa; Elizabeth Graves; Don Phelps; Barbara Rozul; Heidi Showstead; Mary Wambach. Against: none.**

**4. 704 Report/Vote/Approval: previously sent. A motion was made by Don Phelps to accept the 704 Report and seconded by Mary Wambach. The vote passed unanimously. For: Ray Bandusky; Terrance Chapman; Rick Costa; Elizabeth Graves; Don Phelps; Barbara Rozul; Heidi Showstead; Mary Wambach. Against: none. It was noted that writing of the 704 Report went very smoothly and was completed in record time due to the organizational help by former Council Member, Judith Kapuscinski. A thank you letter will be sent.**

**5. Vote on Transportation/Nursing Home Transition Position Paper: previously sent. A motion was made by Heidi Showstead to accept the paper as written and seconded by Rick Costa. The vote passed unanimously. For: Ray Bandusky, Terrance Chapman; Rick Costa; Elizabeth Graves; Don Phelps; Barbara Rozul; Heidi Showstead; Mary Wambach. Against: none.**

**6. Budget Crisis/Update on Global Medicaid Waiver (GMW): Ray Bandusky reported that many non-profit organizations are making**

requests for public hearings and the RI legislature has thirty days to vote on the GMW. Mary Wambach noted that there is a need for sufficient advance notice of public hearings to accommodate scheduling of Ride and ASL interpreters. The Governor's Commission on Disabilities is having a meeting on January 5th from 5-7PM to discuss the public hearings.

**7. Council Initiatives for 2009: Liz Graves reviewed the 2009 Council Initiatives.**

„« **Medical Global Waiver** ¡V in progress

„« **Cross Disability Coalition**

„« **Disability History Bill and Curriculum**

„« **Trial Work periods without losing benefits**

„« **RIPTA Advocacy**

„« **Workshops: Cross Disability Symposium, Educating the Public on System and Service Changes, Self Information and Action.**

**8. Committee Reports:**

**Finance/Resource Committee** ¡V previously sent. Rick Costa reported that the audit was completed and will be reviewed by the auditor at the January Finance/Resource committee meeting. There is an approximate \$10,000 carryover of funds that is needed for Fiscal Year 2010. There are two new committee members.

**Leadership Development and Advocacy Committee:** previously sent. Mary Wambach reported that it was another „¡bang up year¡” for the LDA with exciting meetings and many dynamic committee members.

**9. Executive Director's Report: previously sent.**

**10. Chairperson's Report: previously sent. Liz Graves mentioned that ORS has permission to fill 75 vacancies. She also stated how important it was for Council Members to attend meetings and respond to Council surveys/requests for information so that the Council will have a wide variety of views on which to make decisions on how to run the SILC and what the Council's priorities should be.**

**11. New Business: none.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Barbara Rozul**

**Secretary**