

# **MINUTES**

## **STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL QUARTERLY MEETING**

**June 18, 2010, Friday**

**1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

**93 Gooding Ave, Suite 3**

**Bristol, RI 02809**

**Members present: Christina Battista; Kristen Connors, 1st Vice Chair; Rick Costa, Secretary; Rui Goncalves; Elizabeth Graves, Chairperson; Margarita Grome; Anna Liebenow, Leadership Development and Advocacy, Co-Chair; Tony Pierre; Ron Racine; Lorna Ricci; Barbara Rozul, Treasurer; Heidi Showstead, 2nd Vice Chair; Vanessa Volz; Mary Wambach, Leadership Development and Advocacy, Co-Chair.**

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

**Guests: Leo Canuel (PARI), Laurie Diorio (ORS).**

**Interpreter: Dona Lombardi**

**Welcome and Introductions: Liz Graves welcomed all. Self introductions, person by person, were made.**

**2. Minutes of March 26, 2010: previously sent.**

**A motion was made by Mary Wambach and seconded by Kristen Connors to accept the minutes as written. The vote passed unanimously. For: Christina Battista; Kristen Connors; Rick Costa; Rui Goncalves; Elizabeth Graves; Margarita Grome; Anna Liebenow; Tony Pierre; Lorna Ricci; Barbara Rozul; Heidi Showstead; Vanessa Volz; Mary Wambach. Against: none.**

**3. Governor's Commission on Disabilities Public Forum: previously sent. All were encouraged to attend at least one forum to give positive as well as constructive testimony.**

**4. Corliss' ADA Celebration Friday, July 23: The Corliss Institute will sponsor this year's celebration to be held at the Department of Administration, Atrium Level, on July 23rd from 1 to 4 p.m. Mary Wambach is working on an ADA trivia PowerPoint presentation. The seating will be limited.**

**5. New structure of RISILC:** Liz Graves explained the need to restructure the Council due to the limited funds being offered from the Designated State Unit (DSU) and RSA's interpretation of the regulations and the role of the SILC. The Leadership Development and Advocacy Committee will be restructured as a Needs Assessment Committee and the Membership and Nomination Committee will become a standing committee. The Council's staffing will also be reduced and the office will be relocated.

**6. Vote on State Plan 2011-2013:** previously sent. The Goals & Objectives and several other sections were reviewed in detail.

Liz Graves reported on the last budget meeting with the ORS stating that the \$77,000 budget was rejected. Ron Racine stated that the ORS would approve the plan if the line items were more specific and the plan was capped at \$75,000. Ron also stated that itemizing items were required by DHS for the contract and that the itemization would not be used to further reduce dollar amounts from each category but to insure that the funds are being used within the federal regulations. Ron stated that if \$2,000 was reduced from the proposed budget he would give his immediate approval and sign the State Plan with a revised budget of \$75,000. A motion was made by Heidi Showstead and seconded by Tony Pierre to accept the State Plan as presented along with the revised budget of \$75,000. The vote passed unanimously. For: Christina Battista; Kristen Connors; Rick Costa; Rui Goncalves; Elizabeth Graves; Margarita Grome; Anna Liebenow;

**Tony Pierre; Lorna Ricci; Barbara Rozul; Heidi Showstead; Vanessa Volz; Mary Wambach. Against: none.**

**7. Committee Reports:**

**Leadership Development and Advocacy Committee: previously sent.**

**Finance Committee: previously sent. Barbara Rozul reported that the committee was working on the resource plan for the new SPIL, but indicated that it was difficult to itemize items with exact dollar amounts because of the many unanswered questions, for example, the relocation of the office.**

**Executive Director: previously sent.**

**Chairperson: previously sent.**

**8. CILs” report on SPIL Goal 2 Obj. 1, outreach to Hispanic population: Leo Canuel presented a hard copy of his report which was read aloud. A copy will be sent to members not present.**

**9. New Business: Lorna Ricci reported that OSCIL has hired a part-time outreach person to inform nursing homes of the Centers’ services and to encourage referrals to the Centers.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Rick Costa**

**Secretary**