

MINUTES

STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL

QUARTERLY MEETING

Wednesday, March 23, 2011

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

PARI Independent Living Center

500 Prospect Street, Pawtucket, RI

Members present: Leo Canuel; Madeline Colon; Kristen Connors, 2nd Vice Chair; Rick Costa, Secretary; Elizabeth Graves, Chairperson; Margarita Grome; Anna Liebenow, Membership/Nominating Committee, Needs Assessment Committee, Co-Chair; Ron Racine; Lorna Ricci; Jack Ringland; Barbara Rozul, Treasurer; Heidi Showstead, 1st Vice Chair; Mary Wambach, Needs Assessment Committee, Co-Chair.

Members absent: Christina Battista; Rui Goncalves; Don Phelps; Tony Pierre.

Guest: Laurie DiOrio

Staff: Camille Pansa, Administrator; Lisel Rockwood, Assistant to the Administrator.

Interpreter: Dona Lombardi

1. Welcome and Introductions: Liz Graves welcomed all. Self-introductions were made.

2. Minutes of the December 10, 2010: previously sent.

A motion was made by Kristen Connors and seconded by Jack

Ringland to accept the minutes as written. The vote passed unanimously. For: Leo Canuel; Madeline Colon; Kristen Connors; Rick Costa; Elizabeth Graves; Margarita Grome; Anna Liebenow; Lorna Ricci; Jack Ringland; Barbara Rozul; Heidi Showstead; Mary Wambach. Against: none.

3. Suggested dates for the June quarterly meeting: Friday, June 17; Monday, June 20; Friday, June 24: Liz Graves requested suggestions for a meeting place, keeping in mind the parking situation, wheelchair accessibility, and central location. It was decided that the June quarterly meeting will be held on Monday, June 20 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. at the Warwick Public Library pending the availability of the meeting room.

4. Committee Reports:

Needs Assessment Committee: previously sent. Anna Liebenow reported that the committee is still developing the survey. Several surveys from other states have been reviewed and past SILC surveys. The goal of the survey is to be short, ongoing, and capable of determining the unmet IL needs of Rhode Islanders with disabilities.

Finance/Resource Committee: previously sent. Barbara Rozul stated the \$6,000 surplus from the previous State Plan cycle has been returned to the DSU. All bank records have been reviewed and are satisfactory. Review of the Personnel Manual was completed and the suggested changes were sent to the Executive Committee for approval. The first and second quarter funds have been received.

State Plan Committee: Liz Graves reported that no meetings have

been planned.

Membership / Nominating Committee: Anna Liebenow requested that names of possible nominees be passed along to her. She stated that recruiting should be a continual process of seeking volunteers with different perspectives and life experiences. It was suggested to send the RISILC brochure and committee descriptions to several places including the Cross Disability Coalition, ATAC, and former YLF delegates.

5. Meeting with Representative Langevin: A meeting with the Congressman was held on January 14. The subject matter of the meeting was the Reauthorization of Rehabilitation Act, the creation of a separate IL Administration not part of RSA, and the SILC funding stream. The Congressman was very receptive to all the topics and has since been in contact with Bob Michaels (NCIL) and other Congressional leaders.

6. RISILC Bylaws: The Executive Committee is still in the process of revising the Bylaws and plan to have a draft revision presented at the June quarterly meeting for Council approval.

7. GAC Report: previously sent. Liz Graves highlighted several areas of her report.

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9. YLF and Cross Disability Report: Heidi Showstead stated that YLF has already received five applications and interviews will begin shortly. She also plans to update a resource packet she previously created which is given to the delegates upon graduation. Heidi

reported that the Cross Disability Coalition has been very productive, members are energetic and several sub-committees have been established. Topics of discussion have been voting, housing, and transportation.

10. Chairperson's Report: previously sent. Liz Graves added that Camille Pansa was assigned the position of Contract Project Officer for the new contract. She added that Heidi Showstead and Rick Costa will be honored at the Serve Rhode Island VolunCheers ceremony in April.

11. Report on CILs' 2010_704 Part II Reports: previously sent. Leo Canuel and Lorna Ricci highlighted several sections of their respective reports. Leo stated a notable change in demographics from young adults with single disabilities to older adults with multiple disabilities and an increase in services to non-English speaking Hispanics/Latinos. He also spoke about the Time Banking initiative. Lorna distributed a summary report stating the number of consumers that received services and transitional services noting a continual increase in referrals.

12. Update on Medicaid Global Waiver: Leo Canuel gave an update on the positive and negative aspects of the Waiver which is now in its third year and spoke about the unlikeliness that other states will request a similar waiver.

13. "No Wrong Door": Lorna Ricci stated that OSCIL is working with the Warwick 13, a group of non-profit organizations, to centralize the application process for receiving services.

14. New Business: none.

Rick Costa

Secretary