

Quarterly Meeting

Wednesday, March 28, 2012

1:00 – 3:00 P.M.

Warwick Public Library

600 Sandy Lane, Warwick, RI 02889

Members Present: Madeline Colon, Treasurer; Rick Costa, Chairperson; Vincent DeJesus; Laurie DiOrio (ORS); Karen Dougherty; Liz Graves, State Plan Committee Chair; Margarita Grome; Jean Lawlor; Anna Liebenow, Needs Assessment Committee Chair; Margaret Molloy; Don Phelps; Jack Ringland, Secretary; Heidi Showstead, 1st Vice Chair.

Members Absent: Christina Battista; Leo Canuel (PARI); Kristen Connors, 2nd Vice Chair; Rui Goncalves.

Committee Members: Alicia Babcock; Kathy Kindelan; Lorna Ricci (OSCIL).

Guest: Tanya Blicher-Ucran, RI Developmentally Disabilities Council.

Staff: Camille Pansa, Administrator.

Staff Absent: Lisel Rockwood, Assistant to the Administrator.

Interpreter: Dona Lombardi

1. Meeting called to order at 1:00 p.m. Chairperson, Rick Costa, welcomed everyone and self-introductions made.

2. Minutes of September 28, 2011. A motion was made by Don Phelps and seconded by Anna Leibenow to accept the minutes as written.

Vote passed unanimously. For: Madeline Colon; Rick Costa; Vincent DeJesus; Liz Graves; Margarita Grome; Jean Lawlor; Anna Liebenow; Margaret Molloy; Don Phelps; Jack Ringland; Heidi Showstead. Against: none. Abstentions: None.

3. June quarterly meeting and the September Annual meeting. The Annual Meeting will be held on Monday, September 24, 2012 at the Radisson Airport Hotel. A lite lunch will be served from 12:30 to 2:00 PM with the meeting from 2:00 to 3:00 PM. Invitations will be sent out by email and a response required. The June Quarterly Meeting will be held at PARI on Wednesday, June 20, 2012 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM.

4. Independent Living Conference Wednesday May 23, 2012: In the absence of Lorna Ricci and Leo Canuel, Heidi Showstead who is on the planning committee spoke about some of the preliminary plans.

5. CILs' Reports: OSCIL received a favorable report as a result of the RSA inspection.

6. Committee reports:

Finance Committee/Treasurer's Report: Madeline Colon stated the Finance Committee has met twice since the last quarterly meeting and is due to meet again on May 16, 2012. Madeline stated that the budget is on track. She reviews the bank statements bi-monthly; everything is in order.

Needs Assessment Committee: Anna Liebenow reported that the survey is now available on-line and also in several languages and formats. The personal contact procedures were discussed, as well as how people might handle the different scenarios. Plans are to present at the MS Dream Center and Cross Disabilities Coalition.

State Plan Committee: Liz Graves said that the 704 report was completed and sent on time to RSA.

7. Membership / Nominating Committee: Don Phelps presented Jean Lawlor and Margaret Molloy for Council nomination. Camille Pansa stated that the Council membership presently stands at 15, 10 consumers and 5 non-consumers. Bylaws state 13 to 25 members. If nominees approved, the membership would be 17, 11 consumers and 6 non-consumers. A 51% consumer majority is mandated by law. A motion was made by Jack Ringland and seconded by Heidi Showstead to nominate Jean Lawlor and Margaret Malloy for Council membership and forward said names to the Governor for appointment. Vote passed unanimously. For: Madeline Colon; Rick Costa; Vincent DeJesus; Liz Graves; Margarita Grome; Jean Lawlor; Anna Liebenow; Margaret Molloy; Don Phelps; Jack Ringland; Heidi Showstead. Against: none. Abstentions: None.

8. GAC and SRC reports--- Liz Graves. Reports previously sent.

9. Chairperson's report--- Rick Costa. No report.

10. New business/old business—Anna Liebenow stated that the accessible taxicabs will be debuted on April 13, at the Dunkin Donuts Center in Providence.

11. Educational Presentation — Tanya Blicher-Ucran from the RI Developmentally Disabilities Council spoke about the Earned Income Tax Credit.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Jack Ringland
Secretary