

MINUTES

STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING / ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Wednesday, October 10, 2012

12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Radisson Airport Hotel

2081 Post Road, Warwick, RI 02886

Members present: Christina Battista; Leo Canuel; Madeline Colon; Kristen Connors; Rick Costa, Council Chairperson; Vinny DeJesus; Laurie DiOrio; Karen Dougherty; Margarita Grome; Anna Liebenow; Margaret Molloy; Jean Lawlor; Don Phelps; Jack Ringland; Heidi Showstead.

Volunteers/Guests: Alicia Babcock; Ray Bandusky, Disability Law Center; Kathy Kindelan; Ron Racine, ORS; Lorna Ricci, Oscil.

Staff: Lisel Rockwood, Assistant to the Administrator.

Interpreters: Carol Fay; Kristen Marotto.

1. Introductions: Rick Costa welcomed Council members to the annual meeting. Self introductions were made.

2. Minutes of quarterly Council meeting of March 28, 2012: previously sent. A motion was made by Kristen Connors and seconded by Heidi Showstead to accept the minutes as written. The vote passed unanimously. For: Christina Battista; Leo Canuel; Madeline Colon; Kristen Connors; Rick Costa, Council Chairperson; Vinny DeJesus; Karen Dougherty; Margarita Grome; Anna Liebenow; Margaret Molloy; Jean Lawlor; Don Phelps; Jack Ringland; Heidi Showstead.

Against: none.

3. Liability insurance: Rick Costa stated that the Directors' and Officers' liability insurance is in effect.

4. Interest Disclosure statement: New Council members were asked to complete the statement and existing Council members were asked to submit any changes.

5. Meeting dates for writing 704 Part 1 Report for FFY 2012: The State Plan Committee will meet on Wednesday, October 26th from 10 a.m. – 12:00 Noon at the RISILC Office to discuss the report and assign sections.

6. Committee reports

Finance/Resource Committee: previously sent. Madeline Colon gave a brief overview of the report.

Needs Assessment Committee: Anna Liebenow reported that the NAC attended several conferences and that the survey was well received.

Margaret Molloy was introduced as the new chairperson of the NAC.

State Plan/Monitoring Committee: The Centers reported on their progress toward SPIL Goals. Leo Canuel (PARI) stated 45% of clients are Spanish speaking and that they are actively looking to increase their staff. PARI has been contacted by the city of Pawtucket to take over the ramp program that the city has run for years. PARI will get block grant money from the city for this program. PARI will also complete a full property assessment which had not been previously done under the city's program. Lorna Ricci reported an increase in INR, Outreach and Assistive Technology programs this year. OSCIL

has just received a grant for the visually impaired and to date still have money left for assistive technology in that area. She further stated that 28 home modification projects were completed this year.

Membership/Nominating Sub-committee:

Nomination of Council Members' reappointments:

Don Phelps introduced Alicia Babcock, Ray Bandusky, Kathy Kindelan, and Lorna Ricci for first term Council appointments. A motion was made by Kristen Connors and seconded by Jack Ringland to nominate all three first term members to the Council.

The vote passed unanimously. For: Christina Battista; Leo Canuel; Madeline Colon; Kristen Connors; Rick Costa, Council Chairperson; Vinny DeJesus; Karen Dougherty; Margarita Grome; Anna Liebenow; Margaret Molloy; Jean Lawlor; Don Phelps; Jack Ringland; Heidi Showstead. Against: none.

Don Phelps introduced Christina Battista, Jean Lawlor, and Margaret Molloy for Council Member reappointment. A motion was made by Kristen Connors and seconded by Jack Ringland to nominate all four members to a second term. The vote passed unanimously. For: Christina Battista; Leo Canuel; Madeline Colon; Kristen Connors; Rick Costa, Council Chairperson; Vinny DeJesus; Karen Dougherty; Margarita Grome; Anna Liebenow; Margaret Molloy; Jean Lawlor; Don Phelps; Jack Ringland; Heidi Showstead. Against: none.

Nomination of Officers: Don Phelps presented the slate of officers as follows; Chairperson, Rick Costa; 1st Vice Chairperson, Kristen Connors; 2nd Vice Chairperson, Vincent DeJesus; Secretary, Jack

Ringland; Treasurer, Madeline Colon. Don asked for nominations from the floor three consecutive times for each position. There were no nominations from the floor. A motion was made by Jack Ringland and seconded by Kristen Connors to direct the Secretary to cast one ballot for the slate of officers as presented. The vote passed unanimously. For: Christina Battista; Leo Canuel; Madeline Colon; Kristen Connors; Rick Costa, Council Chairperson; Vinny DeJesus; Karen Dougherty; Margarita Grome; Anna Liebenow; Margaret Molloy; Jean Lawlor; Don Phelps; Jack Ringland; Heidi Showstead. Against: none

7. Chairperson's Report: previously sent.

8. New Business: Margarita Grome stated that she has to reduce her involvement in the Council to the NAC due to employment responsibilities. Christina Battista stated that she has changed jobs and is no longer involved in the Cross Disabilities Coalition.

9. Educational Presentation: Anna Liebenow gave a PowerPoint presentation of the Needs Assessment Survey.

10. Recognition Awards: The following Council members who completed their terms were each presented with a plaque for their years of service: Liz Graves, Anna Liebenow, and Heidi Showstead. The Hope and Help annual award was presented to Jack Ringland.

Jack Ringland

Secretary