

MINUTES

STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL

QUARTERLY MEETING

Wednesday, June 19, 2013

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

RI Department of Labor and Training

1511 Pontiac Ave, Cranston, RI 02920

Members Present: Ray Bandusky; Christina Battista; Rick Costa, Chairperson; Vincent DeJesus, 2nd Vice Chair; Laurie DiOrio (ORS); Karen Dougherty; Liz Graves, State Plan Committee Chair; Margarita Grome; Kathy Kindelan; Margaret Molloy, Needs Assessment Committee Chair; Lorna Ricci (OSCIL); Jack Ringland, Secretary.

Members Absent: Alicia Babcock; Leo Canuel (PARI); Madeline Colon, Treasurer; Jean Lawlor; Don Phelps.

Guests: Barbara Henry, Siera Leone.

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

Interpreter: Carol Fay.

A quorum was present.

1. Welcome and Introductions: Chairperson, Rick Costa, welcomed everyone and self-introductions made.

2. Minutes of December 12, 2012 and March 20, 2013: previously sent. A motion was made by Lorna Ricci and seconded by Margarita Grome to accept the December 12th minutes as written. Vote passed unanimously. For: Ray Bandusky; Christina Battista; Rick Costa; Vincent DeJesus; Karen Dougherty; Liz Graves; Margarita Grome; Kathy Kindelan; Margaret Molloy; Lorna Ricci (OSCIL); Jack Ringland. Against: none.

A motion was made by Lorna Ricci and seconded by Liz Graves to accept the March 20th minutes as written. Vote passed unanimously. For: Ray Bandusky; Christina Battista; Rick Costa; Vincent DeJesus; Karen Dougherty; Liz Graves; Margarita Grome; Kathy Kindelan; Margaret Molloy; Lorna Ricci (OSCIL); Jack Ringland. Against: none.

3. SPIL 2014-16: Liz Graves gave an overview of the Logic Model followed by a PowerPoint presentation on the new SPIL Goals, Objectives, and Activities. Questions were addressed during the presentation. Minor edits were recorded and will be made prior to the SPIL submission. Liz explained a new evaluation method which will be used to improve the efficiency of monitoring the SPIL objectives. The reports will be presented at quarterly meetings and will include financial monies spent. A discussion ensued concerning the RIPTA program. A motion was made by Margarita Grome and seconded by Jack Ringland to approve the draft SPIL as edited, authorize the Chairperson Rick Costa to sign the SPIL on behalf of the Council, obtain appropriate ORS signature, and submit to RSA prior to the

July 1, 2013 deadline. Vote passed unanimously. For: Ray Bandusky; Christina Battista; Rick Costa; Vincent DeJesus; Karen Dougherty; Liz Graves; Margarita Grome; Kathy Kindelan; Margaret Molloy; Lorna Ricci (OSCIL); Jack Ringland. Against: none.

4. Time change for meetings: Rick Costa requested the three quarterly meetings be held from 10 – Noon hence forth. The time change will not affect the annual meeting/lunch on September 23.

5. September annual meetings: The annual meeting will be held on Monday, September 23rd at the Radisson Airport Hotel at 12:30 p.m.

6. CILS' reports/review of 704 Part II reports: Lorna Ricci stated that OSCIL had received a grant from the Department of Elderly Affairs to provide 'Option Counseling' about nursing home transition as part of the state's transitioning plan for Medicaid eligible consumers. This is part of the ADRC (Aging and Disability Resource Center) which is a collaborative effort of the U.S. Administration on Community Living and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CSM). Lorna thanked ORS for continuing to provide CNAM monies for home modifications. Part B funds are also being used for home modifications for those who do not qualify under the state program. Lorna stated that OSCIL referrals continue to grow and there is a wait list for services. Lorna spoke about OSCIL's long-overdue Strategic Planning meeting and thanked those who participated. She was happy to report that the plan which will be revealed in August is

congruent with the new SPIL. Lorna stated that PARI and OSCIL coordinate services between the Centers and converse frequently. She reported that OSCIL would be hiring some temporary staff over the summer to cover for upcoming medical leaves. Lorna also briefly spoke about the City of Warwick “No Wrong Door” collaborative project of referral services by thirteen Warwick organizations.

7. Committee Reports:

Finance Committee/Treasurer’s: previously sent.

Needs Assessment Committee: previously sent.

8. GAC and SRC Reports: previously sent.

9. Chairperson's report: Rick Costa thanked the State Plan Committee members for a fantastic job done in developing and writing the new SPIL. He recognized committee members individually, as well as other volunteers, for their cooperation, collaboration, and dedication ensuring the timely completion of the SPIL 2014-16. He also thanked the Ad Hoc Resource Committee members for their hard work and dedication. He announced that the new yearly budget would be \$82K, a slight increase from the previous budget of \$75. Rick also gave thanks to the DSU for showing support to the RISILC.

10. New Business/old business: Liz Graves commended the US Justice Department for shutting down the Providence based sheltered workshop as part of their investigation of ADA violations.

She stated that the ADA required equal pay for labor. Jack Ringland announced that the NAC had acquired vendor space at no charge for several upcoming summer events. Accessibility of the RI DLT was mentioned noting the temporary stone pathway and that the accessible parking spaces lack of pavement striping to design parking space from accessible ramp space or curb cuts. A letter from the RISILC will be written to the DLT facilities manager. Barbara Henry announced that she was leaving for Louisiana for educational purposes so would be unable to attend Council meetings for a while.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Jack Ringland

Secretary