

MINUTES

Quarterly Meeting: Vote/Approval of 704 Report

Wednesday, December 11, 2013

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Warwick Public Library

600 Sandy Lane, Warwick, RI 02889

Members Present: Ray Bandusky; Christina Battista; Madeline Colon, Treasurer; Laurie DiOrio (ORS); Liz Graves, Secretary & State Plan Committee Chair; Siera Leone; Margaret Molloy, Needs Assessment Committee Chair; Barbara Ringland; Jack Ringland, Acting Council Chair.

Members Absent: Alicia Babcock; Leo Canuel (PARI); Rick Costa (Council Chair, leave of absence); Vincent DeJesus, Vice Chair; Karen Dougherty; Margarita Grome; Kathy Kindelan; Don Phelps, State Plan Committee.

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

Interpreter: Carol Fay

1. Meeting called to order at 11:20 a.m. when a quorum was present. Acting Chair, Jack Ringland welcomed everyone and self-introductions made.

2. Minutes of September 23, 2013: previously sent. A motion was

made by Liz Graves and seconded by Siera Leone to accept the minutes as written. Vote passed unanimously. For: Ray Bandusky; Christina Battista; Madeline Colon; Liz Graves; Siera Leone; Margaret Molloy; Barbara Ringland; Jack Ringland. Against: none. Abstentions: None.

3. 704 Report/Vote/Approval: previously sent. Liz Graves read the updated substantial challenges section; copies were distributed. A discussion concerning the delay of resource funds ensued. Ray Bandusky stated that ORS was obligated to fix the problem noting that Federal law prevails over state law. Ray also stated that the RIDLC was a Federal, not state agency and asked that the correction be made in the 704 Report. Margaret Molly questioned why she was listed as a CIL employee and not a person with a disability. Camille Pansa explained how SILC members are classified as consumers or non-consumers. As the report's format is not limited to one category, it was decided to include all relevant information. For example, Margaret Molloy will be listed as "Person with a disability, employed by a Center (non-consumer)". Minor grammatical errors will also be made. A motion was made by Liz Graves and seconded by Margie Molloy to approve the 704 Report as revised, to obtain the appropriate signatures, and to submit to RSA prior to the December 31, 2013 deadline. Vote passed unanimously. For: Ray Bandusky; Christina Battista; Madeline Colon; Liz Graves; Siera Leone; Margaret Molloy; Barbara Ringland; Jack Ringland. Against: none. Abstentions: None.

4. REPORTS:

CIL's Reports: No reports previously sent; no CIL representatives were present to give oral report(s).

Treasurer's report: Madeline Colon read her report aloud; copies were distributed.

Needs Assessment Committee report: Margie Molloy stated that the next meeting would be held on January 15, 2014; copies of report distributed.

State Plan Committee report: report given orally. Liz Graves stated that the last State Plan Committee meeting was held October 25th to begin the 704 Report that was just approved. The next meeting will be on January 31, 2014; the evaluation and monitoring of the State Plan will be discussed. The committee will meet on a quarterly basis, and forms are being developed to record events/objectives, measurable outcomes, and associated costs. Liz also stated that the FY 14-16 State Plan was accepted by RSA on October 2, 2013 as written, no revision necessary.

Membership/Nominating Committee report: Jack Ringland acknowledged that several members were not in attendance. He spoke of the importance of member participation at Council meetings as well as committee meetings and asked present members to encourage absentee members to attend meetings. He stated that there were two new volunteers, Barney Hughes and Gary Witman, who would be starting in January. Additional members are needed and Jack asked everyone to actively recruit. Laurie DiOrio stated that the SRC was holding a strategic Planning Meeting and suggested that

the SILC may want to plan a similar event.

GAC and SRC reports: GAC report distributed. Liz Graves stated that Steve Brunero retired and Ron Racine is the Acting Director. The December SRC meeting was postponed due to inclement weather and is expected to be rescheduled in January.

5. New business/old business/announcements: Jack Ringland explained the circumstances of why he was the Acting Chair stating that Rick Costa had taken a leave of absence to pursue the position of RISILC Executive Coordinator. Liz Graves further explained that the hiring process had been placed on hold until the litigation with the Board of Ethics determines whether the RISILC falls under their jurisdiction and if so, whether a hardship waiver will be granted to allow Rick Costa to assume the position of Executive Coordinator.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m. A celebration of Camille Pansa retirement commenced.

**Liz Graves
Secretary**