



*Rhode Island Statewide
Independent Living Council
"Together, Making a Difference"*

DRAFT MINUTES
Quarterly Meeting
Wednesday, May 7, 2014
(rescheduled from March 26)
1:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
PARI Independent Living Council
500 Prospect Street, Pawtucket, RI 02960

Members Present: Alicia Babcock; Ray Bandusky; Christina Battista; Leo Canuel (PARI); Laurie DiOrio (ORS); Liz Graves, Secretary & State Plan Committee Chair; Kathy Kindelan; Siera Leone; Margaret Molloy, Needs Assessment Committee Chair; Barbara Ringland; Jack Ringland, Council Chair.

Members Absent: Vincent DeJesus, Vice Chair; Karen Dougherty; Don Phelps.

Volunteers: Barney Hughes; Gary Witman.

Staff: Rick Costa, Executive Coordinator; Lisel Rockwood, Assistant to the Administrator.

Interpreter: Carol Fay.

- 1. Meeting called to order at 1:10 a.m. Quorum was present.** Jack Ringland welcomed everyone and self-introductions made.
- 2. Update on Executive Coordinator/Officers/Membership:** Jack Ringland reported that Rick Costa accepted the position of Executive Coordinator and started employment on March 5th. Resignations from Madeline Colon and Margarita Grome were accepted. The Council will need a new Treasurer.
- 3. Amendment to Bylaws / Revision:** Jack Ringland stated that he was working with staff on a Bylaw revision. The revision will be reviewed by the Executive Committee then presented to the Council at the June quarterly. No amendment was made at this time.
- 4. Minutes of December 11, 2013:** previously sent. A motion was made by Leo Canuel and seconded to accept the minutes as correction. **Vote passed unanimously. For:** Alicia Babcock; Ray Bandusky; Christina Battista; Leo Canuel; Liz Graves; Kathy Kindelan; Siera Leone; Margaret Molloy; Barbara Ringland; Jack Ringland. **Against:** none.
- 5. Reports:** Upon request by Gary Witman, Jack Ringland read the reports aloud. Reports were accepted without comment.

6. **CILs 704 Part II reports:** previously sent. Leo Canuel stated that funding was always an issue, but that he was able to hire an additional Independent Living Specialist to work on skills training and PARI was able to raise \$20,000 despite not having an annual dinner event. He stated that some of the stimulus funds were used to purchase CIL Suite software. All stimulus funds have been spent with the exception of about \$326. Lorna Ricci was not present to give report.
7. **Educational Presentation:** report attached. Liz Graves reported on the 2014 SILC Congress. She began with a brief history of the SILC Congress and why it was established. She spoke about the states and US territories that attend each year and why it is important for the SILCs to share information. Liz spoke about the presentations and how the information would benefit the SILC. This year's focus was on effective methods for monitoring the State Plan. Liz stated that she has already reviewed the information with our State Plan Committee who has developed their own monitoring forms and protocol.
8. **June Strategic Meeting:** At the June quarterly there will be a mini strategic planning session to talk about the future of the Council and its goals. Based on this meeting, the members could decide whether a larger more involved meeting would be beneficial.
9. **Future agenda items and/or educational presentations:** Jack Ringland stated that ideas were always welcome and to please forward to staff. He suggested a summer social outing such as a potluck. Several members expressed interest.
10. **Announcements:** Jack Ringland announced that the RIPIN was having a calendar fundraiser with daily drawings. Those interested should speak to Christina Battista.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

**Liz Graves
Secretary**