



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

DRAFT MINUTES

Bi-monthly Meeting

Wednesday, October 21, 2015

OSCIL, 1944 Warwick Avenue, Warwick RI

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Members Present: Ray Bandusky; Laurie DiOrio, DSU Representative; Barbara Henry; Kathy Kindelan, Treasurer; Siera Leone; Margaret Molloy, Needs Assessment Committee Chair; Lorna Ricci, CIL Representative; Barbara Ringland; Jack Ringland, Chair.

Members Absent: Pat Stein, Gary Witman

Staff: None.

Interpreter: Dorothy Hodge.

- 1. Meeting called to order at 1:02 p.m. Quorum was present.** Jack Ringland welcomed everyone and reviewed meeting etiquette.
- 2. Approvals:** August 19, 2015 minutes, previously sent, were approved as corrected. Motion made by Lorna Ricci and seconded by Ray Bandusky. Unanimously approved.
- 3. Bylaws Approval:** It was noted that the marathon meeting of August 19 resulted in input from all the members present with the resulting review period only adding a couple of comments. A couple of changes that were redundant in nature and a confusing article name were suggested for change. Discussion about adding language to Article IV, Section 5 (A) (iii) to clarify that an individual recommended and appointed to fill the unexpired term of a member is allowed but only once plus their own term(s) not to exceed two full terms was also suggested. Exact wording to be determined. Additional items in the bylaws were clarified. Several paragraphs in the bylaws are from the Federal statute.

A motion was made to approve the bylaws with the changes as discussed by Lorna Ricci and seconded by Kathy Kindelan. Voting for: Ray Bandusky, Kathy Kindelan, Siera Leone, Lorna Ricci, Barbara Ringland, Jack Ringland. None against. Abstained: Margie Molloy.

Barbara Henry joined the meeting and was updated on the discussion.

- 4. Center Director's Update:** Lorna Ricci reported that this past year was a year of growth for OSCIL. With PARI's closing in 2014, OSCIL has had to pick up the slack, so to speak, and acquire more space where they are presently located and add more staff

to meet the increased case load. With that OSCIL's Board decided to look for additional space and is in the final stage of a lease agreement at 175 Main Street, Pawtucket, to be called OSCIL North. The aim is to make it easier for those living in the northern parts of the state to obtain services. It is planned that the present staff will spend some time at the new site meeting with clients.

5. **Approval to move to Closed Session.** A motion was made by Ray Bandusky and seconded by Siera Lenoë to move to closed session. Passed unanimously.
6. **Closed Session. Started at 2:15 PM**
Pursuant to RI Open Meeting Laws 42-46-5(a)(4) to review the OMA complaint: Re: **Costa, et al v. Rhode Island Statewide Independent Living Council** Sept. 29, 2015
7. **Return to Open Session. 2:55 PM**
8. **Motion to seal the minutes of the Closed Session.** Motion made by Kathy Kindelan and seconded by Lorna Ricci to seal the minutes of the Closed Session. Passed unanimously.
9. **Report on actions taken in Closed Session.** We are going to supplement the request for an extension to request that a determination be made regarding OMA compliance before we answer the initial complaint
10. **New Business:**
Look into the use of staff and their time.
11. **Public Comment.** No public present
12. **Announcements:** See you all here on Nov. 19 and 20 for council training.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Siera Leone
Secretary

Recorded by Jack Ringland