



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

**BI-MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Wednesday, April 20, 2016 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.**  
**OSCIL, 1944, Warwick Ave, Warwick, RI 02886**

## **DRAFT MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Carmen Boucher (DOH); Christine Hammond (ORS); Margaret Molloy, Vice Chair; Lorna Ricci, CIL Representative; Barbara Ringland; Jack Ringland, Chair.

**Members Absent:** Ray Bandusky, State Plan Chair; Barbara Henry; Kathy Kindelan, Treasurer.

**Guests:** Anabela Azevedo; Helen Iasimone (OSCIL); Alyssa Gleason (GCD).

**Staff:** Rick Costa, Executive Coordinator.

**Interpreter:** Heather Anderson; Carol Fay.

**Meeting called to order. Quorum was present (6/9).**

**1. Welcome and Introductions:** Jack Ringland welcomed everyone, self-introductions were made.

### **2. Approvals**

- **Minutes of December 9, 2015:** A motion was made by Margie Molloy seconded by Barbara Ringland to accept the minutes as written. For: Margaret Molloy; Lorna Ricci; Barbara Ringland; Jack Ringland. Against: none. Motion passed (4/0).
- **Minutes of April 6, 2016:** A motion was made by Margie Molloy seconded by Barbara Ringland to accept the minutes as written. For: Margaret Molloy; Lorna Ricci; Barbara Ringland; Jack Ringland. Against: none. Motion passed (4/0).
- **Approve members(s) attendance , funds, and goals for upcoming events**

**Senior Agenda:** not discussed.

**NCIL (July):** A discussion concerning the use of carried over budget funds to send more than one council member to the NCIL Conference ensued. Lorna Ricci questioned whether budget amendments needed to be completed. Jack and Barbara Ringland were interested in attending the conference. A motion was made by Barbara Ringland and seconded by Lorna Ricci to approve to send as many members as the Council can to the NCIL

conference based on budget surplus. For: Margaret Molloy; Lorna Ricci; Barbara Ringland; Jack Ringland. Against: none. Motion passed (4/0). Rick Costa was asked to identify the line items where a surplus may occur and to send this information to the members within a week.

**3. OSCIL Report:** Lorna Ricci reported that at the half year mark OSCIL has had 364 consumers and projects to have over 500 for the year. Lorna also reported that OSCIL may be cut approximately \$400,000 of PCA funds and this would affect ten consumers who are on ventilators or severely impaired and all of whom need PCA services throughout the day. Lorna also reported the possibility of losing the CNOM funds of \$210,000 which would affect the home modification program. Lorna urged SILC members to advocate on OSCIL's behalf and to contact their state legislators. Lorna will send Council members the reference information needed when contacting their state legislators. The proposed cuts in funds will not only affect the consumers but staffing levels at the Center. Lorna urged the Council to complete the State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL) on time.

**4. Finance Committee:** A motion was made by Margie Molloy and seconded by Lorna Ricci to table this agenda item. For: Margaret Molloy; Lorna Ricci; Barbara Ringland; Jack Ringland. Against: none. Motion passed (4/0).

### **5. Membership Issues:**

- **Present Membership Committee status:** tabled.
- **Recruitment Protocol and Procedures:** tabled.
- **Election of new Secretary:** tabled.
- **Appoint member to sit on GACC per regulations (RIGL 40-9-3):** Carmen Boucher was asked to represent the SILC on the Governor's Advisory Council for the Blind and Vision Impaired (GAC). Carmen stated she would need an approval from her supervisor and would respond back to the Council.
- **Appoint representative from SILC to SRC per regulation (34CFR361.17):** Jack Ringland stated that he was currently on the SCR but this would need to be addressed in the future. A motion was made by Margie Molloy and seconded by Barbara Ringland to continue on with the designated liaisons program

as it is until it can be discussed in open forum. For: Margaret Molloy; Lorna Ricci; Barbara Ringland; Jack Ringland. Against: none. Motion passed (4/0).

- **Membership recommendations:** tabled.

**6. Establish Ad Hoc Committees:**

- **Bylaws review; Policies and procedures development:** tabled.
- **Training Manual update as needed:** tabled.

**7. Council signers and approval process – As referenced in ARTICLE X: Section Three: Check and Negotiable Instruments:** tabled.

**8. TBI Conference Report:** previously sent.

**9. State Plan Committee Report on SPIL Progress and Timeline**

- **GCD Commissioner unanimously approved to become the SILC DSE:** no discussion.
- **Necessity of requesting an extension:** Jack Ringland stated that from the correspondence he has reviewed that Council members feel that an extension of time to complete the SPIL would not be necessary. Additional meetings and Ad hoc Committees can be formed to complete the SPIL by the June 30 deadline if necessary.
- **Discussion on Council input of goals for SPIL:** Lorna Ricci presented the Council with a markup of Goals 3 and 4 from the current SPIL. The markups were reviewed by the Council. Lorna stated that there were some subtle changes made to Goal 3 which concerned Center services. The Council reviewed and discussed changes to Goal 2. Several activities were updated to align with the goal's objectives. These changes will be submitted to the State Plan committee for insertion and development of the 2017-2019 SPIL.

**10. Announcements:**

**11. Adjourn**