

# Meeting Notice for the Rhode Island Statewide Independent Living Council



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

**Wednesday, April 18, 2018 12:38 to 2:30 PM  
Ocean State Center for Independent Living  
1944 Warwick Ave, Warwick, RI 02889**

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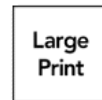
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**Attendees:** Ray Bandusky, Lorna Ricci, Rebecca Beaton, Margaret Molloy, Carmen Boucher, Christina Battista

**Absentees:** Alexis Tolliver, Angelina Stabile

**Guests:** Bob Cooper (GCD), Alyssa Gleason(GCD), Laurie DiOrio (ORS), Rory Carmody (GCD), Linda Ward (GCD), Dorothy Hodge (Interpreter)

**Staff:** Lorna Dobson (GCD)

## Welcome and Introductions



Chair calls the meeting to order at 12:38 PM.  
Introduction of Commissioners and guests.

## Approvals

### Discussion:

To accept the minutes of the previous meeting.



**MOTION:** To accept the 2/14/2018/ minutes as presented.

Moved by: Ray Bandusky

Seconded by: Lorna Ricci

*Passed Unanimously*

## Action Items

### *Budget Update*

Presented by: Bob Cooper

### Discussion:

The Fiscal Year 2017 - 2019 Independent Living Grant has reached the halfway point (1.5 years) but only expended 36% of FFY 17-19 State Independent Living Plan funding. The SILC has spent \$13,543 of the \$140,052 set aside for its administrative expenses or 10% of its 3-year plan. The SILC needs to decide whether they want to allocate more of the funds to direct services. Most of the \$140,000 is federal funds, \$95,644. OSCIL has spent \$389,251 or 47% of the 3-year plan\ of \$819,948. The Commission has spent \$20,686 or 53% of its 3-year projection of \$39,218. The 5% administration cap spread over the 3 years is \$50,383. The state funds expended to date is 8%; the required match is 10%.



**Members Discussion:**

SILC training, minority groups outreach, advocate funding, and mini-grants for groups already established were some of the ideas put forth in a free-form brainstorming session. However, ILRU assistance is free and a lot of training dollars allocated for travel was not needed. Inevitably the discussion focused on partnering with agencies, such as outreach centers, health centers, and community health workers

The members considered allocating money to direct services by amending the State Plan for Independent Living to adjust the funding.

OSCIL could use the funds for installation of bars and rails which is needed in nearly every home with all types of disability. Could be a full-time program with more funding but would need to change criteria for OSCIL help. The cutoff for assistance allows \$10k in assets, and assistance could be refused if \$20k. At \$20k you are taking care of folks that are really need the services.



**MOTION:** Allocate up to \$95k originally allocated for SILC expenses to be granted to OSCIL for disability services.

Moved by: Ray Bandusky

Seconded by: Rebecca Beaton

*Passed by Ray Bandusky, Christina Battista, Margaret Molloy, Rebecca Beaton*

*Abstaining: Lorna Ricci*

## Announcements

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The SILC will meet on Wednesday June 20, 2018, from 12:38 to 2:30 PM, at OSCIL South, 1944 Warwick Avenue, Warwick, RI. 02889. At this time Paula McElwee will participate in a conference call to answer questions about the SILC Indicators and SILC and DSE Assurances. Members are requested to prepare questions prior to the meeting to present to Ms. McElwee.

**Adjournment, Chair**



**MOTION: To adjourn at 2:30 PM**

Motion moved by: Lorna Ricci

Seconded by: Margaret Molloy

*Passed Unanimously*