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STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

March 6, 2009 12:00Noon iV 2:00 PM

93 Gooding Ave., Suite 3, Bristol, RI 02809

Members Present: Rick Costa, Treasurer; Liz Graves, Chairperson; Don Phelps, 1st Vice Chair; Barbara Rozul, Secretary; Heidi Showstead, 2nd Vice Chair (speaker phone).

Staff Present: Camille Pansa, Executive Director; Lisel Rockwood, Program Assistant.

Interpretor: Dona Lombardi

1. Minutes of February 6, 2009: previously sent. A motion was made by Rick Costa and seconded by Don Phelps to accept the minutes as written. Vote passed unanimously.

2. Review April 2009: attached. Quarterly meeting is set for Friday, March 27th. All monthly meetings are on their regular day/times.

3. Agenda/Educational presentation for March quarterly: The agenda was reviewed. Lori Dunsmore, Director for RI School for the Deaf will give a 15 minutes presentation.

4. Collaborative meeting: scheduled prior to the March 27th quarterly Meeting at 10:30am. Liz Graves and Don Phelps will represent the Council. Ideas for agenda items were: OSCIL and PARI to become a WIPA Network, Cross Disability Coalition Initiative, and the Global Medicare Waiver. It was also suggested that DHS Director, Gary

Alexander and Representative Naughton be contacted concerning SILC representation on the Global Medicare Waiver Task Force.

5. Global Waiver Task Force: A letter from Gary Alexander, DHS, was received concerning the task force. Camille Pansa responded on behalf of the SILC. The letter was also forwarded to all SILC Members and Volunteers.

6. Initiatives for 2009:

„« Status of Disability History Week/Bill/Curriculum: Due to the economic crisis, this initiative has been tabled.

„« WIPA Workshop: scheduled May 8th, at the Warwick Public Library. Congressman Langevin will give the opening remarks.

„« Cross Disability Coalition/Disability Vote Project: The goal of this coalition still needs to be defined. Camille Pansa wrote to Jean Lawlor stating that the coalition could take the next step. Whereas RIDVP's mission is to establish a voting block, the coalition would define and advocate for specific rights/policies.

„« Global Waiver/Federal Stimulus Package: Camille Pansa will ask Ron Racine to facilitate a discussion on the economic crisis/stimulus funds at the March quarterly meeting.

„« RIPTA's "Better Bus Lines"/Accessible Taxi Cabs: A RIPTA position paper was sent out to key RIPTA personnel and legislatures. Camille Pansa also wrote a letter to legislatures in support of House Bill 5641, accessible taxicabs. The SILC Nursing Home/Transition Position Paper was included in the latter.

7. Chairperson's Report: Liz Graves thanked everyone who was

involved in contacting legislators to make sure funds for such things as Independent Living, Head Start, etc. remained in the budget.

8. Executive Director Report: no report.

9. Financial Report: previously sent. The decision on whether to send someone

to NCIL Conference this year will be determined after examining the final figures for March.

10. Leadership Development and Advocacy Committee Report: previously sent.

11. Old Business/New Business/Incoming Mail: The Brain Injury Conference is on Tuesday, March 24th. It was determined not to send a representative from SILC due to the cost and relevance.

Camille Pansa will write a letter to the President of URI, on behalf of Heidi Showstead, expressing concerns about the lack of accessibility to the Library at URI. Don Phelps made a motion to the same; seconded by Barbara Rozul. Vote passed unanimously.

Don Phelps suggested writing a letter to Congressman Langevin's office concerning what is the norm for contractors to comply with building accessible infrastructure with federal funds. The Boston Globe reported that some Boston contractors had requested a waiver from complying with ADA regulations in order to shorten the construction approval time.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Rozul

Secretary