

MINUTES

STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

May 4, 2011 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

20 Nobert Street, Warren, RI 02885

Members Present: Liz Graves, Chairperson; Anna Liebenow, Membership/Nominating Committee, NAC Co-Chair; Barbara Rozul, Treasurer; Heidi Showstead, 1st Vice Chair; Mary Wambach, NAC Co-Chair.

Guest: Rui Goncalves

Staff Present: Lisel Rockwood, Assistant to the Administrator.

Interpreter: Dona Lombardi

1. Minutes of April 6: previously sent. A motion was made by Heidi Showstead and seconded by Mary Wambach to accept the minutes as written. Vote passed unanimously with one abstention: Barbara Rozul.

2. Review June 2011 calendar: The June scheduled meetings are as follows: Executive Committee – Wednesday, June 1st , 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.; Needs Assessment Committee – Monday, June 13th , 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m; Finance Committee (if needed) – Wednesday, June 15th , 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.; Quarterly Council meeting – Monday, June 20th, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Warwick Public Library.

3. Final review of Bylaw revision: previously sent. No further changes were made.

4. Teleconference: SILC Fiscal Guide to Federal Dollars: Camille Pansa and Rick Costa participated in the three part teleconference. Report tabled.

5. Teleconference: ILRU Youth transition Training: Heidi Showstead reported that the teleconference was very informative and suggested many ways that the Centers could get involved with youth with disabilities prior to the age of 18, such as advocacy, hosting teen nights, and networking with schools and other agencies/programs that work with children with disabilities.

6. Conference: RIPIN: Liz Graves and Heidi Showstead attended the conference and reported that it was very well organized, informative, and the venue was very accessible. Topics centered on how healthcare affects people with disabilities and the lack of funding for the Katie Beckett program.

7. Chairperson's report: Liz Graves advocated for continuing to foster close contacts with other agencies and the need for the Council to be known throughout the State. Liz also asked members to think about officer positions for next year.

8. Finance Committee Report: Barbara Rozul reported that the E2 has been send and third quarter funds have been received.

9. Needs Assessment Committee report: previously sent. Mary Wambach reported that the draft Needs Assessment survey is nearly complete and that the committee was meeting on May 16th at OSCIL

to distribute the survey to the group as a pretest of the survey's content, structure, and understandability. Final comments will be elicited that the committee will take under consideration. The committee is also working on ways to make the survey accessible to a wide range of people including graphics and language translations.

10. Membership/Nominating Committee report: Anna Liebenow reported that two new members have joined the Needs Assessment committee and Camille Pansa will be interviewing several other potential volunteers within the next two weeks. Travel reimbursement options for volunteers were discussed, such as, using money in the fundraising account or asking RSA to revisit this issue as a potential hindrance to recruiting volunteers.

11. State Plan/704 Report Committee report: Liz Graves reported that the committee is in the interim period and will meet in the fall to write the 704 report and review the Needs Assessment survey data.

12. Old Business/new business:

Anna Liebenow reported that she had attended the CTC forum about finding alternative funding sources for RIPTA. RIPTA is estimating a 4.9 million dollars budget deficit for the next fiscal year.

The June quarterly reports and an educational presentation were discussed. It was suggested that the Centers report on how the State budget cuts have affected the home modification program (OSCIL) and its impact on consumers' services (PARI). Liz Graves will contact a transition social worker at Meeting Street School as a possible educational presentation.

Rui Goncalves offered to represent the Council at the Naval Base

conference in August. There is no charge to attend as an exhibitor.

Rick Costa

Secretary