



PA STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL
Quarterly Meeting Minutes
Held at CILCP
February 12, 2015

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chair, Ms. Susan Tomasic.

A quorum was established by Ms. Tomasic and the mission statement was read.

Secretary: At the direction of Ms. Tomasic, certification of voting members and the roll call was conducted by Bonnie Mountz.

Roll Call: The following councilors were in attendance:

Gary Bootay	Robert Mecca	Susan Tachau
Theo Braddy	Rob Oliver	Susan Tomasic
Melissa Hawkins	Matthew Seeley	Keri Wilkins
Yvonne Hughes		

The following councilors were in attendance by telephone:

Amy Beck	Denise Corcoran	Shona Eakin
Kathleen Kleinmann		

The following Ex-Officio members were in attendance:

David Gingrich	Gelene Nason
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MOTION was made by Theo Braddy and seconded by Matthew Seeley to accept the minutes from the November 5, 2014 meeting. Motion carried.

Finance Committee Report

Susan Tachau, Treasurer

Highlights:

- Federal Part B funding freeze from February 24th through May. Funds have been requested and approved through June 2015 for standard expenses
- No findings on the audit report
- Record Retention Policy

MOTION was made by Keri Wilkins and seconded by Robert Mecca to approve the records and retention policy. Motion carried.

FY1314 Fiscal Audit Report

Ed Wagoner, SF & Company

Highlights:

- Summary of audit report and 990 report
- No significant deficiencies or issues with management

MOTION was made by Keri Wilkins and seconded by Yvonne Hughes to accept the audit as report. Motion carried.

MOTION was made by Theo Braddy and seconded by Robert Mecca to accept the 990. Motion carried.

Membership Committee Report

Matthew Seeley, Chair

Highlights:

- Continue to work with the Governor's office on outstanding appointments and re-appointments
- Committee interviewed 2 candidates and is recommending one candidate for membership to the board

MOTION was made by Susan Tachau and seconded by Theo Braddy to accept the recommendation to send paperwork from Robert Graves to the governor's office for appointment to the board. Motion carried.

Bylaws Committee Report

Keri Wilkins, Chair

Highlights:

- Discussed proposed changes to current Bylaws
- Discussion about CIL Directors not eligible to serve as chair of the board

MOTION was made by Kathleen Kleinmann and seconded by Theo Braddy that CIL Directors are not eligible to hold the office of Chair. Motion carried.

A friendly amendment to the MOTION was made by Kathleen Kleinmann and seconded by Theo Braddy that CIL Directors are not eligible to hold the office of Chair or Vice Chair. Motion carried.

MOTION was made by Susan Tachau and seconded by Robert Oliver to accept the bylaws with the inclusion of the friendly amendment. Motion carried.

ACT 139 Committee Report
Kathleen Kleinmann, Chair

Highlights:

- Several meetings have taken place to study the way the law changed under WIOA and reviewing what NCIL has communicated
- Reviewing Act 139
- Next meeting is March 12th

Action Committee Report
Susan Tachau, Chair

Highlights:

- Written report in the board packet
- Update on the ABLE act, Assistive technology, Housing, and Transportation
- Reminder that the appropriation hearings will be coming up.

Chair Report
Susan Tomasic, Chair

Highlights:

- Written report in board packet
- Reminder to SILC Members about speaking on behalf of SILC only comes from Chair, Executive Director or member that has been designated to do so.
- Announcement that Zainab is resigning. She will stay until a replacement is named
- Discussion about the setup of the conference room for the meetings.

Executive Director Report
Zainab Jama, Executive Director

Highlights:

- Written report in board packet
- Monitoring of the local system projects completed for first quarter
- Trainings for the deaf blind community
- Webinars for WIOA changes
- Overview of the Domestic violence grant that SILC was awarded

OVR Report
Kimberly Means, OVR

Highlights:

- Josh Pittenger has left OVR. He is the new Executive Director of Bucks CIL.
- Funding freeze starting February 24th through May

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)

Denise Verchimak, Vocational Rehabilitation Services Director

Highlights:

- Overview of legislation and significance to OVR
- New language in area of serving students with disabilities
- Pre-employment transition services
- Strong emphasis on employer engagement
- Competitive integrated employment
- Funding

Kelly Buckland, Executive Director of NCIL

Highlights:

- Overview of the Title 7 funds being transferred from RSA to ACL
- New language, definitions and resources
- New core service added promoting access to community life
- Change to the SPIL where SILC and 51% of Directors of CILs sign-off
- Changes to SILC duties including resource development now allowed
- If a change is made to the selection of DSU, it must be a state agency as defined by the state

Jamie Kendall and Robert Groenendaal, Department of Health and Human Services

Highlights:

- Overview of the Department's structure
- Introductions of the SILC board members
- Regulations, fifth core services, and youth transitions are being worked on. Looking for input to finalize
- Funding freeze period

Public Comment

None given.

Adjournment until May 14, 2015 at CILCP Camp Hill