



**PA STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL**  
**Quarterly Meeting Minutes**  
**Held at CILCP**  
**May 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:

Amy Beck	Yvonne Hughes	Susan Tomasic
Gary Bootay	Rob Oliver	Keri Wilkins
Theo Braddy	Susan Tachau	

The following councilors were in attendance by telephone:

Denise Corcoran	Shona Eakin	Robert Mecca
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The following councilors were not in attendance:

Melissa Hawkins	Kathleen Kleinmann
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The following Ex-Officio members were in attendance:

David DeNotaris	David Gingrich	Gelene Nason
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**MOTION was made by Amy Beck and seconded by Susan Tachau to accept the minutes from the February 12, 2015 meeting. Motion carried.**

Chair Report

Susan Tomasic, SILC Chair

Highlights:

- Chaired the Search committee for a new Executive Director. Reviewed 20 applications and interviewed 5.
- Selected Matthew Seeley as our next Executive Director.
- Thanked board for the privilege of serving for 2 Terms as chair. Certificate presented in recognition of leadership and service to the disability community and PA SILC
- Future Funding, SPIL and DSU discussion

## **Election of Officers – Chair and Treasurer**

Nominating Committee

Highlights:

- Slate of officer nominations: Keri Wilkins for Chair and Susan Tachau for Treasurer. No nominations were received from the floor.
- Vice Chair vacant following Keri Wilkins election for Chair. Rob Oliver nominated for Vice Chair.

**MOTION was made to accept the nomination of Keri Wilkins for Chair for a two year term and seconded. Motion carried.**

**MOTION was made to accept the nomination of Susan Tachau for Treasurer for a two year term and seconded. Motion carried.**

**MOTION was made to accept the nomination of Rob Oliver for office of Vice Chair for a one year term and seconded. Motion carried.**

## **Finance Committee Report**

Susan Tachau, Treasurer

Highlights:

- Invitation for FY1516 grant renewal received. Budget, budget narrative and work plan due in early August.
- Wildeman & Obrock quarterly review and report
- Commonwealth Travel Regulations state that travel expenses require itemized receipts for reimbursement to be approved.
- NCIL conference funding

## **Executive Director Report**

Zainab Jama and Matthew Seeley, Executive Director

Highlights:

- Reallocation of funding for the SSP Deaf Blind Goal to be used for interpreting services
- OVW grant in the planning stages to identify the mission and how we will work with the community in the area of complex communication
- Training new Executive Director
- OVR monitoring visit completed for FY1415
- National Council on Disability quarterly meeting. Staff presented on transportation
- Met with Jen Burnett, new head of OLTL
- Summary of local systems change SPIL projects in board packet

### **Deaf Blind Living Well Services (DBLWS) Update**

Donald Gordon, Program Manager

#### Highlights:

- Progress on the two year project which was awarded on October 2014
- Trainings have been conducted across the state. To date 56 individuals have been trained to function as SSPs for persons who are deaf-blind and who are eligible for SSP services.
- SSP Online Registry has been created
- 20 individuals are signed up for SSP services

### **Office of the Governor Update**

Jen Swails, Special Advisor to the Budget Secretary, Randy Albright

#### Highlights:

- Apologies from Budget Secretary – scheduling conflict
- Increase of \$406,000 to the CILs budget line
- Budget line highlights
- Managed long-term care
- Revenue generators – tax plan
- Discussion about AT, Shared Ride and Home modifications
- Cost savings serving somebody in the community versus a nursing home

### **PA Department of Human Services (DHS) Update**

Ted Dallas, Acting Secretary

#### Highlights:

- Overview and introductions of board members
- Top 3 priorities for the Department – (1) Improve access to high quality services (2) Serve people in the community first and (3) Help people find jobs and gain employment.
- Discussion about having more dialogue, using assistive technology, durable medical equipment and housing solutions.
- Waivers and Act 150 issues
- Provisions of long-term care
- Focus on making sure services are managed to provide a better quality of life
- Requests for voices to be heard and advocate to members of the general assembly about the importance of services

### **OVR Report**

David DeNotaris, Executive Director

Highlights:

- Personal overview/bio
- Staff changes in OVR
- Workforce Innovations Opportunity Act (WIOA) changes
- Pre-employment transition services for individuals with disabilities.
- Webinars on May 18<sup>th</sup> and June 1<sup>st</sup> about the new regulations
- OVRs annual report / calendar
- Email address; [ddenotaris@pa.gov](mailto:ddenotaris@pa.gov)

### **Action Committee Report**

Susan Tachau, Chair

Highlights:

- Report in the board packet highlighting activities for Housing, HCBS, Assistive Technology/Durable Medical Equipment
- Transportation Reauthorization
- Transportation Alliance is doing a position paper which is close to being complete
- Next Committee meeting is June 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm

### **ACT139 Committee Report**

Kathleen Kleinmann, Chair

Highlights:

- No report. Committee met on March 10<sup>th</sup> and are waiting for the regulations to come out

### **Public Comments**

Theo Braddy announced on Saturday May 16<sup>th</sup>, CILCP is participating in a High Mark walk for healthy community. The money that is generated for that will go to the fitness center.

**Adjournment until August 13, 2015 at CILCP Camp Hill**