**Kentucky Statewide Independent Living Council**

**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, January 22, 2020 HDI Coldstream Training Room, Lexington, KY**

**Members Present (in person):** Chair Amy Dougherty, Vice Chair Joe Cowan, Member-At-Large Bobby Begley, Robin Bush, Brenda Noble, Gay Pannell, Grace Gilliam

**(Via Zoom)** Darrell Mattingly, Jennifer Dudinskie, Brad Schneider

**Members Absent:** Member-At-Large Lukas Saint-Clair, Kelvin Fugate, Dusty Columbia-Embury, Tyler Howard

**SILC Staff:** Scott Sisco

**Guests:** Jan Day, Susan Tharpe & Michael Markiewicz, Center for Accessible Living; Megan Coleman, Independence Place; Katherine Moore, disABILITY Resource Center; Rob Festenstein, Peggy Tucker & Amanda Hardcorn, Center for Independent Living Options; Valerie Herrera, attendant for Mr. Cowan; Lala Williams, Department for Aging and Independent Living; Tony Peavler, Kentucky School for the Deaf; Cora McNabb, Office of Vocational Rehabilitation.

Chair Amy Dougherty called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and welcomed all members and guests. Chair Dougherty installed Grace Gilliam as a new member of the SILC, appointed by outgoing Gov. Matt Bevin in November 2019.

Bobby Begley moved to approve the minutes from the October 30, 2019 SILC Quarterly meeting, second by Joe Cowan. Motion passed.

There were no public comments.

Tony Peavler, Director of Outreach for the Kentucky School for the Blind presented an overview of the programs offered through the school.

Mr. Sisco presented a financial report showing amounts from Part B funding distributed for the first quarter of Federal FY20. Joe Cowan moved to approve the financial report; second by Robin Bush. Motion passed.

Chair Dougherty updated the Council on conversations regarding the state’s Part B funding. She started by identifying the two main functions of the SILC in Kentucky, increasing awareness of services for people with disabilities in the Commonwealth and distributing Part B funding.

The CIL Directors, along with Chair Dougherty and Mr. Sisco, have been discussing future distribution of the funds. The group agreed that the funds currently utilized for Northern Kentucky were not enough to sustain the presence in that area and would better be utilized by adding to established areas. Chair Dougherty requested written proposals from Center for Accessible Living for the Bowling Green area, Independence Place, and disABILITY Resource Center. The proposals were emailed to SILC members the morning of the meeting. All three proposals included five (5) percent of the total allocation to DAIL for administration of the grant and $39,696 for the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation for Older Blind programs. The proposals then divided the Part B fund to the centers. Megan Coleman briefly presented IP’s proposal, an even spilt of $141,042.57 for IP and CAL-Bowling Green. Jan Day and Michael Markiewicz presented CAL’s proposal for BG to receive $152,500. Katherine Moore, Executive Director for disABILITY Resource Center, proposed CAL-Bowling Green receive $118,542.57, Independence Place $141,042.57 and dRC would receive $22,500 to expand youth programs. Chair Dougherty stated the group would get back together after reviewing the proposals and come develop a consensus plan to submit to the full SILC. In order to complete contracts for the coming fiscal year, the state needs a decision in the next couple of months. Bobby Begley asked if the Council members will be given time to review the final proposal and discuss with other SILC members before making a decision. Mr. Sisco said he would send the proposal to the full SILC as soon as it was approved by the group and the Council members should have a week or so to review, asking if that was enough time. Mr. Begley agreed that was enough time.

Rehab Act Refresher was on the agenda under SPIL Review & Planning Update. Mr. Sisco sent a digital copy with the meeting materials. This is the Federal Law that governs SILCs and CILs. Mr. Sisco encouraged members to review it and stated the Council could discuss at the next quarterly meeting.

Nominating Committee Chair Bobby Begley reported he has been contacting university contacts to educate them about the SILC and the need for members from around the state. He thanked Gay Pannell for helping him gather contacts. A list of Mr. Begley’s contacts is in the packet for the meeting.

Due to the time remaining for the meeting, members were referred to the packet for other committee and partner reports.

**Unfinished Business:**

Mr. Sisco presented the updated Policy and Procedures manual sent to the members for review before the meeting. Robin Bush moved to approve the changes in the manual, second by Bobby Begley. Motion passed.

Mr. Sisco reported that due to the change in the Governor’s administration, travel requests were put on hold in November, including travel to the SILC Congress in February. Requests are now being processed again and Mr. Sisco’s travel is submitted for the trip.

**New Business:**

APRIL Membership for the SILC was due in December 2019. After consulting with Chair Dougherty, Mr. Sisco submitted the invoice for payment. The membership is $100 per year.

Jan Day suggested the CIL Directors have a quarterly meeting to discuss issues and challenges unique to CILs. This was a practice that was done in the past, but discontinued. All directors in the room, as well as Rob Festinstein from the Center for Independent Living Options, who joined via Zoom, agreed it was a good idea.

Ms. Day also suggested the CILs could take turns participating in relevant webinars and take notes to share with the others.

Chair Dougherty adjourned the meeting at 11:49 a.m.