**Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) Minutes**

March 5, 2013
Fairfield Inn and Suites
Frankfort, KY

**Members Present:** Deborah Blake; Co-Chairperson, Shannon Caldwell, Lonnie Cowan, Mike Freholm, Darrell Mattingly; Member at Large, Gay Pannell, George Polur, Danny Perry, Nancy Perry, Sandi Radford; Chairperson, Pamela Roark Glisson, Ann Smits, Elsie Speed; Member at Large, and Jimmy Wise.

**Members Absent:** Benita Lind

**Guests Present:** Sandra Goodwyn and Andrew Saylor, Pathfinders for Independent Living: Jan Day, Patricia Turner, Susan Tharpe and Keith Hosey, Center for Accessible Living; Serena Thornsberry, Independence Place of Ashland; Marilyn Mitchell, Disability Resource Initiative and Lois Smith, Personal Care Attendant

**Staff Present:** Germaine O’ Connell, Dave Matheis and Nanci Soard

**Interpreters:** Lisa LaDawn and Thomas King

**Welcome and Introductions:**
Chairperson, Sandi Radford, welcomed everyone and introductions were made.

**Pledge of Allegiance:**
The full council, staff and guests recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Agenda Overview and Additions:**
Lonnie Cowan requested to speak under ‘New Business’.

**Public Comments:**
Well wishes to Benita Lind were expressed by Shannon Caldwell.

Elsie Speed asked the council keep her in mind as she goes through a difficult time.

**Review of December 4, 2012 Meeting Minutes:**
A motion was made by Shannon Caldwell to approve the December 4, 2012 meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Elsie Speed. No discussion. No abstentions. No oppositions. Motion carried unanimously.
Deborah Blake suggested keeping the minutes ‘short and sweet’.

**Old Business:**
**Evaluation of September SILC Meeting:**
Sandi Radford discussed the September meeting evaluation. She said there was not a good turnout of meeting evaluation survey as only one was completed. Discussion was held on whether or not paper copy or using a survey monkey link. Nancy Perry prefers a paper copy of the evaluation survey. Elsie speed said she would like to have a paper copy as well. It was suggested the evaluation survey be in the meeting booklet. Shannon Caldwell suggested keeping both options open. Germaine O’Connell suggested that council members tell her which format they prefer and let her know by the end of the meeting.

Marketing materials were discussed. Germaine O’Connell said the SILC brochure is currently at the printer. Germaine said she would like to get everyone trained on the PowerPoint presentation. Darrell Mattingly suggested that name tags be worn by council members when presenting the PowerPoint canned presentation.

The full council broke at 9:25am to have the center director’s meet to discuss who would represent them on the council.

The council reconvened at 9:32am.

**Committee Reports:
Nominating Committee Report:**
In lieu of Benita Lind’s absence, the Nominating Report was given by Sandi Radford. She began by stating the Nominating Committee needs 4 people to submit to the Governor’s Office. Lonnie Cowan addressed the issue of being properly informed of the Nominating Committee meetings. Discussion was held regarding this. Ann Smits suggested sending the e-mail out and follow up with a phone call. Sandi announced that two other members that will not be eligible for reappointment. Those members are Darrell Mattingly and Nancy Perry. Sandi said Paul McKee and Todd Crawford from Lexington and Louisville are recommended for replacements as well as alternatives from Owensboro and Northern, KY. Pamela Roark Glisson said Marilyn Mitchell will represent the Independent Living Directors on the SILC. Motion was made by Elsie Speed to accept the slate of nominations. Lonnie Cowan, second. No discussion. No oppositions. No abstentions. Motion carried unanimously.

**SPIL Ad Hoc Committee:**
Sandi Radford said the committee report is on page 19 of the meeting booklet. Sandi Radford announced to the full council there was a very well-organized SPIL Retreat conducted. She hoped council members had the chance to read it and approve it today. There would be a public hearing and then submit it to the federal government. Deborah Blake asked for permission to proofread the SPIL draft. Permission was granted by the Chair. No motion was given regarding this. Pamela Roark Glisson asked staff to review the timeline for the SPIL draft so the council can know when there is an opportunity for comment. Germaine O’Connell responded by stating there is a timeline for all states. She reviewed the timeline for the full council. Motion to approve the draft as presented by Shannon Caldwell. Pamela Roark Glisson, second. Discussion was open. Elsie Speed suggested attaching a vocabulary page for reference. Deborah Blake agreed. Dave Matheis said there is a financial plan that is not completed yet and it will contain the financial resources of the SPIL. The committee did include some asset development issues and is included in the SPIL. The financial plan is about a week or two away and can be approved at the June 2013 meeting. The financial plan will also be included in the draft SPIL during the public hearing. Shannon Caldwell amended the motion to approve the draft SPIL with the understanding there will be additions and changes and with the understanding there will be a process to continue to change and complete the SPIL. Deborah Blake suggested putting the timeline on the calendar. Sandi Radford clarified. No more discussion. No oppositions and no abstentions. Motion carried unanimously.

**Standing Staff Reports:**
**SILC Staff:**
Germaine O’Connell provided the SILC staff report. Germaine said she had been working on gathering the information and facilitating the SPIL ad hoc committee. She said she attended the SILC congress. Discussion was held regarding the SILC congress. Focus of the meeting was how to develop the SPIL.

**DSU/OVR:** Dave Matheis provided the DSU/OVR report. He said the report was on page 72 of the meeting booklet. He stated the balances of the Part B centers and announced that OVR just completed the monitoring visits of the Part B centers and finished up those reports. Those reports start on page 78 of the meeting booklet. The responses to the reports will be in the next booklets. Mr. Matheis then mentioned a few things about the agency. He stated the Asset Development Summit took place in Louisville, KY and there is a Transition pilot with TACE that may be set up on Campbell County, KY. Mr. Matheis announced the Asset Development Summit information can be found on the KATLC website. He then stated there was no action taken on the employment first legislation. OVR received a RTAC grant in the amount of $50,000. Mr. Matheis said the grant will focus on what is quality in terms of Vocational Rehabilitation counseling and how we can determine that. Project CARAT was discussed. Dave provided a brief description on Project CARAT. He announced it was nearing its first year of completion and has a website. Dave Matheis concluded his report by discussing KATLC. Discussion was held regarding Project CARAT. He informed the council to call the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation for donated equipment.
 **Office for the Blind:**
Gay Pannell provided the Office for the Blind report. She said the State Rehabilitation Council is working on the state plan and conducting public hearings. She had nothing else to report at this time.

**Centers on Independent Living Reports:**
**Disability Resource Initiatives:**
Marilyn Mitchell provided the Disability Resource Initiative report. She announced that the Red Cross set up their training site and that the Independent Living Center continues to work with them. She also announced the center received a donation from Kentucky Downs because the center helped them with an accessibility survey. The center continues to search for additional sources of income. Deborah Blake asked about the volunteer handbook and Marilyn said she would give her one at the next meeting.

**Center for Accessible Living:**
Keith Hosey provided the Center for Accessible Living report. He discussed the legislative session and briefly described the accessible parking placards bill. The bill would raise the fine up to $500 and 75% goes to the Personal Care Attendant program. Mr. Hosey said the Center for Accessible Living has hired two, new part-time staff in Covington and has utilized the office space that Benita has offered. The two part-time employees cover the whole service area.

**Independence Place:**
Pamela Roark provided the Independence Place report. Pamela provided a brief description of the Washington seminar. She said the seminar concentrated on fair wages for people with disabilities. She also spoke with them about the Space Availability program. Pamela then discussed accessible textbooks and instructional materials that should be accessible. She announced that Independence Place has been involved with Red Cross and had a fantastic meeting with the Friends for Life group. CyberCil has created a consortium and the Directors are in discussion about the development and moving forward without funding and the current level.

**Pathfinders:**
Sandra Goodwyn provided the Pathfinders for Independent Living report. She reported that staff had been having several different health issues. However, staff is resilient. The website for Pathfinders has been fairly active with 3981 hits during the first three months. The Center has provided 40 veterans with benefits information and currently has 162 active consumer service records. Sandra stated on September 30th the center will move every file with an inactive status and after three years, get rid of the records. Sandra said the center served an individual who is deaf and needed assistance with doctors’ appointments. She said staff went with the deaf individual to all her doctor appointments, etc. and it proved to be a very successful service. Sandra hopes to make increase her interaction with the deaf community. Sandra said she attended a job club meeting and there have been veteran’s coming to the meeting. Sandra said there have been 1,341 calls asking for some kind of information and referral. She continued by talking about how the center keeps track of their money.

**Executive Committee:**
Sandra Radford said the committee was asked to send a letter of support to the University of Kentucky to construct a web application to find homes apartments that are accessible. The SILC was asked to also to take part in the advisory body for the application to see how if it works efficiently. The Executive Committee did write a letter and set it and said they would be glad to be a part of the program as an advisory body. The letter will be sent to the full council. Sandi announced the 2013 dates and locations for the next meetings:

June 4th, 2013 – Hilton Garden Inn- Georgetown (accessibility is good). No oppositions or abstentions. September 17th, joint meeting with SCVR on the 16th – Paintsville, no oppositions or abstentions.
December 3rd, 2013 – Hilton Garden Inn – Georgetown. Motion to approve made by Elsie Speed. Lonnie Cowan, second. Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Comment:**
Lonnie Cowan made a public comment and asked if he had a right to be concerned about the individual who was taken ill at the SILC Congress. It was suggested to send a card to her home. Sandi Radford suggested making plans with the person who their traveling with in case of falling ill. Lonnie wanted to offer his support.

**Next Meeting Date and location:**

June 4th, 2013 – Georgetown, Ky.

Motion to adjourn made by Nancy Perry. Darrell Mattingly, second. Motion carried unanimously.