**The Kentucky Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC)**

Executive Committee Minutes

May 13, 2015

Human Development Institute (HDI)

Lexington, KY

**Members Present:** Bobby Begley, Mike Freholm, Benita Lind, and, Danny Perry

**Members Absent:** Tony Carmack

**Guests Present:** None

**Staff:** Dave Matheis, Germaine O’Connell, and Kari Skaggs.

The meeting was called to order at 1pm.

A quorum was recognized.

**Welcome and Introductions:** Introductions were made.

**Minutes Review and Approval:** Chairperson, Benita Lind, called for any additions or corrections to the minutes – none were noted. Mike Freholm made a motion to accept the minutes. Danny Perry, second. No oppositions or abstentions. Motion carried unanimously.

**WIOA Update:** Germaine O’Connell reported that she has received the Standards and Indicators of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act from the SILC Congress. Discussion was held regarding putting it in the booklet for the June meeting. Dave Matheis noted that the proposed regulations for the Voc Rehab portions of the new law have been out for about a month and that the Office for Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) has been looking at them. He continued that under the new law, Independent Living and SILC will be under the federal office, Health and Human Services and it is the SILC’s decision where the program will be at the state level. Discussion was held regarding the possible move.

**Letter of Support:** Germaine O’Connell shared the Letter of Support for Independence Place that was sent out. She noted that it was for the grant submission for the Work Incentives Planning and Assistance (WIPA) grant. This letter will be included in the SILC June Book.

**Mentoring Program:** Germaine O’Connell directed the committee’s attention to the Draft Mentoring Program Policy and Procedures. Benita Lind asked for questions or additions. Danny Perry made a motion to accept policies and procedures for the mentoring program. Bobby Begley, second. No oppositions or abstentions. Motion carried unanimously. Danny Perry made a friendly amendment to include, “and present to the full SILC”. Bobby Begley, second. No oppositions or abstentions. Motion carried unanimously. They will be presented at the June SILC meeting for final approval.

**Committee Updates**

 **Nominating Committee:** Bobby Begley stated that they are still waiting on the reappointments and appointment from the Governor. He stated that Paul McKee resigned from the SILC. Mr. Begley informed the committee that the Nominating Committee will need to meet the evening before the full SILC meeting to go over applications to make a recommendation to the full SILC.

 **Public Awareness:** Tony Carmack asked Germaine O’Connell to give the report.

 **Transportation:** Ms. O’Connell reported that there is not a chair for the Transportation Ad Hoc and that the focus is the CAR IDA. The committee discussed other possible areas of focus which included increasing awareness of accessible parking.

 **SPIL Ad Hoc:** Germaine O’Connell noted that there will not be a report for the book as the Committee will begin it’s work after the NCIL conference in late July. Discussion was held regarding the NCIL Conference at the end of July.

 **Committee Assignments:** Ms. O’Connell reminded the Committee that they usually appoint committee assignments at the June meeting; however it was recommended putting the committee assignments off until the September meeting since it was unlikely that the new appointments would be done by the June meeting.

**OFB Representative:** Since Paul McKee has resigned from the SILC, the SILC needs to appoint a new OFB rep. OFB would like to have a representative from either the west or the east. Benita Lind stated that she will talk to the council members to see who is interested in serving on the OFB Council.

**OVR Update:** Dave Matheis gave his report to the committee. He reported that the Part B Contract Expenditures are on track. Discussion was held regarding the CYBERCIL. Discussion was held regarding amending the SPIL. Mr. Matheis summarized the status of the Car IDA program, noting that two cars have been purchased, one in Murray and one in Ashland, and that another person that is really close. He told the committee that the Northern KY Summit is next week and that as of the meeting, registration is low. Mr. Matheis also updated the committee regarding the KATS Network’s Statewide Hearing Aid Program (SHARP).

**Agenda for SILC meeting:** March evaluation report, Jan Day’s request tabled from last meeting, WIPA Support Letter, Minutes, Dave Wickstrom, WIOA updates, Standing Committee/Staff Reports, Chair Report, New OVR Director, Mike Freholm to discuss the Employer Conference, New Member orientation (if appointments come through).

Next Executive Committee Meeting will August 5th, 2015 – 1 pm.