**The Kentucky Statewide Independent Living Council**

Minutes

December 15, 2015

Embassy Suites

Lexington, KY

**Members Present:** Bobby Begley, Tony Carmack, Jennifer Dudinskie,Mike Freholm, Benita Lind, Darrell Mattingly, Jeff Merrill, Marilyn Mitchell, Danny Perry, George Polur, Elsie Speed, David Thompson, Jimmy Wise

**Members Absent:** Gay Pannell

**Guests:** Cindy Chandler, Jan Day, Willis Dietz, Kasey Dobson, Victoria Elridge, Christina Espinosa, Michael Fein, Ashley Green, Joellen Hale, Buddy Hoskinson, Cathy Allgood Murphy, Kelly Sheets, Dave Wickstrom, Valerie Wise

**Staff:** Dave Matheis and Kari Skaggs

**Interpreters:** Amy Holt and Hilary Riley

**CART:** Tracy Lundergan

Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) Chairperson Benita Lind called the meeting to order at 9:02am.

A quorum was recognized.

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

**Pledge of Allegiance:** The pledge was said by all in attendance.

**Overview of Agenda:** George Polur moved to accept the agenda as is. Bobby Begley, second. No oppositions or abstentions. Motion carried unanimously.

**Swearing In New Member:** Chair, Benita Lind, swore in new member, Darrell Mattingly.

**Public Comment:** Discussion was held regarding Germaine O’Connell’s resignation as SILC Coordinator and that Dave Matheis will act as Coordinator for the meeting.

**Review of Sept. 1, 2015 Minutes:** Benita Lind gave the council a time to review the minutes from September 1st meeting. Jeff Merrill made the motion to accept the minutes from the September 1st Statewide Independent Living Council Meeting. Elsie Speed, second. No oppositions or abstentions. Motion carried unanimously.

**Review of Oct. 13, 2015 Minutes:** Benita Lind gave the council a time to review the meeting minutes from the October 13th meeting. Elsie Speed made a motion to accept the meeting minutes of the Statewide Independent Living Council meeting for October 13th. Jeff Merrill, second. No oppositions or abstentions. Motion carried unanimously.

**Unfinished Business:**

**September Meeting Evaluation:** Benita Lind called for any questions on the report and implored council members to fill out the survey monkey when requested.

**SPIL Update:** Dave Matheis reviewed the current SPIL update and called for any questions from the council members. Mike Freholm noted that the council has met the goals and should consider raising the goals in the next State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL).

**Transition Update:** Dave Matheis informed the council that the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) received a letter from the Administration on Community Living (ACL) in DC approving the move of the designated state entity to Department for Aging and Independent Living (DAIL). He continued that ACL will work with the SILC on specific language changes to the SPIL shortly which will then need to be approved by the SILC. He added that Governor Beshear signed an Executive Order at the state level on Dec 7, 2015 moving the independent living program administratively to DAIL. Dave Matheis announced to the council that Jennifer Dudinskie of DAIL will be the Ex-Officio member.

**Paul McKee Replacement:** Benita Lind reiterated that Darrell Mattingly has been appointed to replace Paul McKee.

**SILC Congress:** Per Dave Matheis, at this time, DAIL and OVR would not seek approval for any council member to attend the SILC Congress in January because of the transition. Deborah Anderson will attempt to schedule a consultant to work with the SILC on the new SPIL. Elsie Speed, as the Regional 4 Representative, updated the council that if someone wanted to go on their own, she has the contact information.

**Committee Assignments:** Benita Lind directed the council members to the Committee Assignments in the booklet. Ms. Lind then asked the council to break up into Committee’s to decide the committee chair. Upon reconvening, Benita appointed Danny Perry as the chair for the Nominating Committee and Darrell Mattingly as chair for the Public Awareness Committee. Ms. Lind reminded the council that there are openings on the SILC and that for the March meeting, the Nominating Committee needs to have a slate of officers for a new Vice Chair and a new Member-At-Large. Bobby Begley asked the whether the subcommittees can do a teleconference. Dave Matheis explained that per OVR’s attorney, official business cannot take place via teleconferences. He added that teleconferences can take place to discuss issues, but official voting cannot happen unless face to face. Elise Speed questioned how many official members are on the council. Dave Matheis stated that there are 14 members with Jennifer Dudinskie as the DAIL ex-officio, with two current openings. Mr. Begley asked for guidance from DAIL. Jennifer Dudinskie responded that Commissioner Debbie Anderson plans on meeting with the committee next month to finalize the transition.

**Committee and Partner Reports:**

**Chair Report:** Benita Lind stated there is no chair report for this booklet but she will have one for the next book in March.

**Executive Committee Report:** Benita Lind gave the council a few minutes to review the Executive Committee Report located in the booklet and called for any questions.

**Public Awareness Committee:** No report at this time.

**Nominating Committee:** Benita Lind reminded the council this topic was covered previously during the Committee Assignments.

**Mentoring Program:** Benita Lind informed the council that

Jeff Merrill will serve as Darrell Mattingly’s mentor.

**Transportation Ad Hoc:** No report at this time.

**SPIL Ad Hoc:** Benita Lind directed the council’s attention to the meeting minutes in the booklet. She noted that they are waiting for the federal regulations to format the SPIL. Dave Matheis updated the council that to date there are 306 responses for the SILC Plan Survey.

**SCVR Committee:** Elise Speed apprised the council on the SCVR meeting that took place on December 7th at the Embassy Suites. She told the council that SCVR gave out the first annual Lifetime Advocacy Award to Arthur Campbell, Jr., which will now named for him.

**OFB Committee:** No report at this time. Ms. Lind requested a volunteer to serve on the OFB Committee and will send out an email to members.

Bobby Begley made a motion to accept all committee and partner reports. Danny Perry, second. No oppositions or abstentions. Motion carried unanimously.

**New Business:**

**Corey Kennedy Resignation:** Benita Lind notified the council that Corey Kennedy’s resignation is in the booklet. Ms. Lind also read the resignation of Stephanie Sharp that was sent via email on December 9, 2015.

**874K:** Ms. Lind stated that Germaine O’Connell attended the 874K meetings for the SILC. Dave Matheis informed the council that February 2nd is date of the event and that it is very beneficial to attend. Jennifer Dudinskie replied that she will represent SILC at the meeting. Jan Day explained that CAL has been involved with 874K for several years and it is a good time to meet government officials and legislators.

**WIOA Regulation Update:** Dave Matheis alerted the council that the proposed regulations related to independent living have come out and there is opportunity to submit public comments until January 16, 2016.

**Center Reports:**

**CAL:** Jan Day stated that the report is in the booklet and noted that since there report was sent, they did have to lay off one staff member in Northern Kentucky.

**Independence Place:** Dave Wickstrom announced that due to computer issues, the report was not in the booklet but it will be sent out to members soon. Mr. Wickstrom informed the council that the office move has been complete and Open House will be held after the first of the year.

**DRI:** Marilyn Mitchell remarked that the report is in the booklet and that due to budget cuts, their numbers are low. Ms. Mitchell informed the council that any concerns on the monitoring reports have been address to the Designated State Unit. Elsie Speed thanked Marilyn Mitchell for helping with a consumer. George Polur inquired about a problem with DRI’s registration with the Secretary of State’s Office. Marilyn Mitchell noted there is no problem and that DRI is again in good standing on the state website.

**South East:** JoEllen Hale gave an oral report to the council. She noted that the theme for the last quarter was an ADA Celebration. Ms. Hale stated that ten vendors and approximately 300-400 people were in attendance.

**Monitoring Reports:** Dave Matheis directed the council’s attention to the monitoring reports in the booklet. Mr. Matheis reminded the council that OVR is required to annually monitor the centers that receive Part B Contracts with the state and they use the same monitoring guide as federal does for Centers that receive Part C Funds directly. He explained that responses have been received from the three centers and OVR and DAIL have been meeting to discuss further action if needed.

**Standing Reports:**

**SILC Coordinator:** Benita Lind stated that the report is in the booklet. Ms. Lind let the council know that Ms. O’Connell told her that she thoroughly enjoyed working with the SILC and meeting each council member.

**OVR:** Dave Matheis gave his report for the council. Mr. Matheis updated the council on CIL’s spending of the contracts. He explained that OVR and DAIL are in discussion on transferring the contracts to DAIL in the next couple months. Mr. Matheis informed Ms. Dudinskie and the council that OVR has not changed the contracts and has instructed the two CILs with $60,000 contracts to spend as if they were getting $50,000 this year. He explained that OVR has had 4,499 Positive Employment Outcomes which is a 13% increase from FFY 2014. Mr. Matheis told that council that OVR and OFB collaborated and were awarded a grant from Rehabilitation Services Agency (RSA) under Career Pathways competition. Dave informed the council that Project CARAT (reuse project) has received an overabundance of equipment thanks largely to Ken Gould, and to contact the KATS network if equipment is needed. He updated the council that Project Sharp continues to do well. Mr. Matheis told the council that DAIL and OVR will be working on the annual 704 report, due on December 31st, which is a report on Independent Living and SILC activities. He stated that a survey will be going out which the SILC council members need to prioritize training needs. Dave discussed the Car IDA phasing out and concluded that administrator Sarah Richardson will attend a SILC meeting to tell what she has learned from this program.

**Public Comment:** No public comment at this time.

**Future SILC Meeting:**

Full Council Meeting March 8, 2016. Location: To be determined

Executive Board Meeting February 3, 2016, 10:30am. Location: To be determined

Nominating Committee Meeting February 3, 2016, Time and Location: To be determined.

Public Awareness Meeting: To be determined

**Wrap Up and Adjourn:** Benita Lind adjourned the meeting at 11:19am.