**The Kentucky Statewide Independent Living Council**

Minutes

June 9, 2015

Embassy Suites

Lexington, KY

**Members Present:** Bobby Begley, Mike Freholm, Benita Lind, Dave Matheis, Jeff Merrill, Marilyn Mitchell, Gay Pannell, Stephanie Sharp, Elsie Speed, Jimmy Wise

**Members Absent:** Corey Kennedy

**Guests:** David Allgood, Cathy Allgood Murphy, Sean Cochran, John Daly, Jan Day, Michael Fein, Allison Flanagan, John Glisson, Jo Ellen Hale, Keith Hosey, Celise Middleton, Pamela Roark-Glisson, Chris Sheetinger, Dave Wickstrom, Valerie Wise,

**Staff:** Germaine O’Connell, Kari Skaggs

**Interpreters:** Paula Ginter, Hilary Riley

Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) Chair, Benita Lind, called the meeting to order at 9:12am.

A quorum was recognized.

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

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Read aloud by all in attendance. Benita Lind called for a moment of silence. A moment of silence was taken.

**Agenda Overview and Additions:** Benita Lind noted that John Daly from FEMA will be added to the Public Comments section. Elsie Speed requested to add a report on SILC Congress under SCVR on the agenda. Marilyn Mitchell made a motion to accept the agenda with the additions. Elsie Speed, second. No oppositions or abstentions. Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Comment:** John Daly with FEMA gave a presentation regarding the emergency management planning program. Mr. Daly informed the council the website to apply for disaster assistance is: [www.disasterassistance.gov](http://www.disasterassistance.gov). The presentation was well received.

Dave Matheis commented on the member appointments to the SILC, explaining that appointments were submitted in early May and should expect them back in a couple of weeks. Mr. Matheis made note that he is an ex-officio member.

**Review/Approval March 10, 2015 Minutes:** Benita Lind gave the council time to review the minutes from the March 10, 2015 meeting and then called for the motion to accept the minutes. Elsie Speed moved to accept the minutes as printed in the booklet for the March meeting. Marilyn Mitchell, second. No oppositions or abstentions. Motion carried unanimously.

**Welcome New OVR Executive Director:** Benita Lind stated that Buddy Hoskinson, the OVR Executive Director, was unable to attend the meeting and he will be invited to the September meeting.

**Unfinished Business**

**March Evaluation Report:** Germaine O’Connell read the March Evaluation Report located in the meeting booklet.

**CAL Request:** Cathy Allgood Murphy presented information on the KY News Network, which is located on page 20 of the meeting booklet. Elsie Speed requested that council learn more regarding this program, deferring this discussion to the Executive Committee. Benita Lind stated that it will be on their agenda for the next meeting.

**WIOA Update:** Germaine O’Connell directed the council’s attention to the Indicators and Standards, in the meeting booklet on page 22, put together by SILC Congress. She requested any input from the council should be sent to her by the end of the week which she would then send to SILC Congress.

**SPIL Update:** Benita Lind called for any questions regarding the SPIL Monitoring Report in the meeting booklet. Ms. Lind noted the “No Progress” under Activity “Explore use of DSU 800# to link KY with their CIL”. Dave Matheis stated that he will look into it. Marilyn Mitchell requested that Steve Burchett, who she says is aware of the methods of accomplishing this goal, be involved on the discussion concerning the 800#. Benita informed the council this topic will be put on the agenda for the next Executive Meeting.

**Committee and Partnership Reports**

**Chair Report:** Benita Lind noted that her report is in the meeting booklet on page 33. Among the duties she listed in the report, she sent emails to and had phone calls with Germaine O’Connell, Council Members, and Dave Matheis.

**Executive Committee Report:** Benita Lind called for any questions regarding the Executive Committee Report located in the meeting booklet.

**Public Awareness Committee:** Germaine O’Connell gave the report in Tony Carmack’s absence. She informed the council they will be working on updating the canned presentation. She explained that the Public Awareness Committee would like to get vignettes on YouTube, work on an App, and send the brochure electronically to the libraries.

**Nominating Committee:** Bobby Begley gave the Nominating Committee Report. He stated that they are still waiting appointments and reappointments from the governor’s office. He said that they accepted the resignation of Paul McKee and will have a nomination for that position at the September meeting. Mr. Begley deferred to Benita Lind regarding the OFB Representative and she stated that Stephanie Sharp was submitted, with herself listed as an alternate. Elsie Speed noted that according to Roberts Rules of order, a resignation must be signed and cannot be sent in electronically. Benita Lind replied that she will contact Paul McKee to remedy the situation.

**Transportation Ad Hoc:** Germaine O’Connell reported the Ad Hoc has not met formally recently but that several members attended the informational meeting held in Lexington regarding the Car IDA.

**SPIL Ad Hoc:** Benita Lind informed the council that the meeting of the SPIL Ad Hoc committee will be meeting on August 6, 2015 9:30am at HDI. She said that the meeting was scheduled after the NCIL Conference which she and Germaine O’Connell will be attending. Benita stated that the SPIL has to be submitted by July 1, 2016 for it to be effective October 1, 2016. Ms. Lind called for volunteers to sit on the SPIL Ad Hoc. Dave Matheis noted that in accordance with the WIOA, 51% of the CILs have to sign off on the plan.

**Mentoring Ad Hoc:** Benita Lind directed the council’s attention to the draft in the booklet. Stephanie made a motion to accept the draft as noted. Bobby Begley, second. Discussion was held regarding the Mentoring Policy. Elsie Speed suggested that page 41 of the meeting booklet “Mentoring Policy” should state “Draft” at the top. Ms. Speed noted that the duties of the At Large Members are outlined in section C of the by-laws. She recommended that other members of the council be able to be mentors to make it all inclusive. Benita Lind stated that they can make a revision of the by-laws if this program is passed. Mike Freholm commented that this is an attempt to have consistency to assure that every new member receives a certain direct one on one face to face contact. Marilyn Mitchell clarified that Elsie’s point was that Members-At-Large may not the most experienced and that the most experienced council members should be mentors. Dave Matheis replied that the most new members at a time would be 5, this year is 2. Bobby Begley proposed a mentor be on the council for 2 years before they can mentor. Chair called for a vote. Roll call was requested: Jeff Merrill, yes; Stephanie Sharp, yes; Bobby Begley, yes; Mike Freholm, yes; Marilyn Mitchell, no; Elsie Speed, no; Jimmy Wise, yes. No abstentions. Motion carries.

**SCVR Council:** Elsie Speed began by discussing the Nominees for the 2015 Employer Award Recognition program which were selected at the meeting. She stated that at the SCVR meeting there were presentations from FEMA and also on the ABLE Act. Ms. Speed apprised the council about the Leadership Academy, taking place in Nashville on October 5th-9th. She also passed along the information for the survey Speak Up Now, Kentucky [www.kentuckyccdd.com](http://www.kentuckyccdd.com), deadline June 15, 2015. Dave Matheis noted that MaryLee Underwood from the DD Council gave a presentation on the ABLE Act and that he will send out the information via email to the council. Marilyn Mitchell interjected that Steve Burchett will put the survey Speak Up Now, Kentucky on the Resources4Independence website and that if there are any other items of importance, people should email the information to: [steve@dri-ky.org](mailto:steve@dri-ky.org). Ms. Speed informed the council that SCVR voted to have the SCVR/SILC Joint Meeting in December.

**SILC Congress:** Elsie Speed stated that as the Regional 4 Representative, she would like to attend the SILC Congress in Phoenix AZ on January 15th-19th.

**OFB Council:** Benita Lind noted that there is no report for the book at this time. Gay Pannell updated the council about a program called Insight at Morehead State, to help high school students transition into college. Ms. Pannell noted that OIB program, which is an Activity in the SPIL, is on target. She mentioned that Allison Flanagan heads a work group that is going through the proposed regulations of the WIOA. Gay concluded by saying that the McDowell Center has a month long program in July focusing on transitions.

Benita Lind called for a motion to accept all the committee reports. Mike Freholm moves to accept all the committee reports as given. Jeff Merrill, second. No oppositions or abstentions. Motion carried unanimously.

**New Business**

**WIPA Support Letter:** Mike Freholm reported that there was a request to the SILC for a letter of support for Center for Accessible Living (CAL) and Independence Place (IP), both letters were signed and sent out. He stated that as of the meeting, decision has not been made.

**IP Request:** Dave Wickstrom, the Executive Director of IP, began by stating that they are working closely with CAL in streaming their I & R’s, opening a suit closet, submitting the WIPA proposal, and conducting quarterly meetings with CWICKS. He reported that the center is working on some new programs for Adaptive Recreation, such as: blind baseball, wheelchair basketball, and rugby. Mr. Wickstrom further elaborated that the center supports Veterans Treatment Court, which is for non-sexual non-violent offenders. Mr. Wickstrom then gave a presentation on a request to add Pikeville to the state plan (SPIL), as a satellite center. Dave Wickstrom’s guest, Sean Cochran, spoke regarding the Pikeville region. Discussion was held by the council on this request. Benita Lind deferred this topic to the SPIL Ad Hoc Committee to discuss. Marilyn Mitchell made a motion to defer this topic to the SPIL Ad Hoc Committee and Executive Committee. Elsie Speed, second. No oppositions or abstentions. Motion carried unanimously.

**Employment Conference:** Mike Freholm directed the council’s attention to the meeting booklet. He reported that the conference, held at the Embassy Suites in Lexington, KY, was designed to inform employers about hiring people with disabilities. Mr. Freholm informed the council about the apprenticeship program. Stephanie moved to accept the report. Bobby Begley, second. No oppositions or abstentions. Motion carried unanimously.

**Centers on Independent Living Reports (17:00)**

**Center for Accessible Living:** Jan Day began by stating that the report is in the booklet. She noted that CAL was involved with the Asset Development Summit held in May 2015. She reported that CAL is affiliated with the SatefyNet Alliance and Project Safe. Ms. Day informed the council that CAL is focusing on systems advocacy, I & R’s, but numbers are still low. David Allgood discussed advocacy efforts which include the Connect Board Health Exchange for KY, Supported Living, and the Parking Placard Bill.

**Independence Place:** Dave Wickstrom gave the report during the IP Request earlier in the agenda.

**Disability Resource Initiatives:** Marilyn Mitchell reported that since funding was not restored until March, the report doesn’t reflect the work they have done. Ms. Mitchell stated that the IL Specialist continues with training by working on own time by working with a certified benefits analysis. She implored SILC to help get the IL Specialist CWICK certified. Discussion was held regarding certification. Marilyn explained about their work on maintaining an updated resource book and large database.

**Southeast Kentucky:** Jo Ellen Hale gave the verbal report for Southeast Kentucky. She stated that they have been super busy working on such projects as holding an ADA Celebration in each county and that during the Polk Salad Festival they received 84 information and referrals. She reported they are working with the fire department concerning oxygen/bed ridden notices and tips to deal with different disabilities. Ms. Hale also talked about their participation in an ADA Celebration and a Pride Meeting.

Elsie Speed moved to accept all CIL reports at this time. Jeff Merrill, second. No oppositions or abstentions. Motion carried unanimously.

**Standing Staff Reports**

**SILC Staff:** Germaine O’Connell noted that along with her normal job duties listed in the meeting booklet, she spent a lot of time setting up the 4th Asset Development Summit in Covington, noting that the goal in the SPIL has been met a year early. She was pleased to announce her presentation to Dave Matheis’s staff on IL/SILC and how they fit together. Ms. O’Connell made note of the two-day ARC Conference she attended. She explained her participation during the draft and research of the Mentoring Policies and Procedure. She also attended a two-day FEMA training.

**DSU/OVR:** Dave Matheis stated that his report is located in the meeting booklet, noting the Part B Contract Expenditure will be spent by the end of the contract. He updated the council on the Car IDA project, noting that three cars have now been purchased. He thanked Benita for moderating the Asset Development Summit. Mr. Matheis updated the council on the Hear Now Program. He informed the council that KATS is working on expanding KARAT. He also reported on the SGA Project and the hiring of three Kentucky Work Incentive Coordinators, to provide enhanced services for 500 individuals. Dave concluded by stating that Corinna Styles will be coming to Kentucky in July and would like to meet with the SILC.

Marilyn Mitchell made a motion to accept the reports. Bobby Begley, second. No oppositions or abstentions. Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Comment:** Benita Lind called for any public comment. Elsie Speed made a motion that as representative to SILC Congress to Region (IV) I, current council member of KY SILC, Elsie Speed, would, [am] requesting consideration form KY SILC council to attend as (2nd) [second person] the 2016 SILC Congress, to be held in Phoenix, Arizona, Sheraton Phoenix Downtown Hotel, Room block 1/15-1/19, 2016. No second. Elsie Speed noted that Carl D. Perkins Vocational Training Center has a graduation ceremony on June 12, 2015 1pm. Benita Lind thanked the council for their faith in her and felt honored to be in the position of chair. Marilyn Mitchell noted that all of the surveys and such that Elsie Speed mentioned earlier are on the Resources4Independence.org website.

**Future SILC Meeting Dates:**

Sept. 1, 2015

Dec 8, 2015

March 8, 2016

**Wrap Up/Adjourn:** Benita Lind motioned to adjourn.