

# State Independent Living Council

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 30, 2018

Clarion Hotel – North

Lexington, KY

Members Present in person: Gay Pannell, Jan Day, Joe Cowen, and Amy Dougherty

Members Present via Zoom Teleconference: David Thompson and Danny Perry

Members Absent: Jennifer Dudinskie, Tony Carmack, and Jennifer Johnson

Guests: Willis Dietz, Megan Coleman, Valerie Cowan, Amanda Brock, Peggy Tucker, Amanda Hardcorn, Jason Jones, Melissa Hastings, Heather Trick, Allison Weedman

DAIL Staff: Tonya Antle and Scott Sisco

Chair Jan Day called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m., and determined a quorum was established.

**Consent Agenda** – Joe Cowan moved to approve the consent agenda as presented, second by David Thompson. Motion carried.

**Public Comment**- None.

**SPIL Review:** The Executive Committee discussed adjusting the current SPIL to make some of the goals and tasks more achievable, but with a new SPIL due in the next year, the Committee recommended that the focus be on developing a new SPIL and doing the best we can with the current SPIL. Scott Sisco asked the SILC members and guests to begin thinking about serving on a committee to draft the next SPIL, which is due September 2019, and thinking of representatives of other groups that should be involved in developing the SPIL. Willis Deitz and Jason Jones both noted that the SPIL should be a strategic plan that goes beyond the three-year time period in the SPIL, but builds toward strategic goals that should be more long-term.

**Financial Report:** Due to some internal discussions and education, the financial report was delayed for this meeting. After a meeting with Federal staff, DAIL staff has a much better understanding of the Part B funding process and should have an updated report at a later date.

**Chair Report:** Chair Jan Day reported that the Executive Committee met via Zoom in December and recommended that future SILC meetings be held via Zoom, with an option to attend in Frankfort for those who can come to the CHR building. The hope is that this will open up the SILC to potential members who have trouble traveling. She noted that she spoke to the executive director of the Georgia SILC, who utilize videoconferencing for their meetings, and they have had success.

We are still taking applications for SILC members, and Jan encouraged all members to recruit potential members and ask them to contact Scott for the application, which is also on the SILC website.

**Unfinished Business:**

**New Committees and Appointments:** Chair Jan Day reported that with several vacancies on the Council, it has been difficult to fill the committees. The Executive Committee has been completing the duties of the other committees as we await new members to be appointed.

**Member Recruitment:** Scott Sisco has been in contact with the Governor's Office and names were submitted after the Executive Committee vetted the applications at the December 2018 Meeting. Due to some outside circumstances, some meetings with the Governor to discuss the applications were cancelled, but the staff person working on these appointments expected to take them to him in early February. We will need more nominations to replace Danny Perry and Tony Carmack, who will roll off in May 2018.

It was mentioned that SILC Vice-Chair, Tony Carmack, has been sick and in the hospital this month. He has been moved to a nursing facility and is getting better, according to Jason Jones.

**Updates to Bylaws:** Tony Carmack has been reviewing. Scott Sisco will follow-up with Tony once he is better.

**New Business:**

**704 Report:** Scott Sisco reported that the Federal 704 Report was submitted on December 22. He thanked Willis Dietz, Jan Day, and Gay Pannell for submitting information to assist in completing the report.

APRIL Dues: APRIL sent a dues notice to Jennifer Dudinskie for \$100 for this year. APRIL focuses on rural independent living issues and works closely with NCIL. Danny Perry moved that the SILC pay the \$100 dues to be a member of APRIL, second my Amy Dougherty. Motion carried.

#### **CIL Updates:**

**Center for Accessible Living:** Executive Director, Jan Day, reported that change has been the theme for CAL in the past quarter. In addition to Keith Hosey leaving, there have been two retirements and another resignation at CAL. The center is now fully staffed and is still evaluating what to do about the Associate Director position. CAL did receive a sizable donation from Starbucks, thanks to a connection with the COO who worked for CAL in the past. There are four OT students from Spaulding University completing work at CAL this semester, including three who attended the meeting. They also will have a BSW student completing work at CAL this year.

**Independence Place:** Executive Director, Willis Dietz, reported that building code changes the Mayor's ADA Taskforce advocated for will be included in changes sent to the state. Independence Place staff and board members worked on the changes. IP's service area includes 17 counties and they increased coverage of those counties from 9-13 last year. They had a successful Spinal Cord Conference in November that included 80 consumers and caregivers. IP will be looking to increase its coverage area into unserved areas in Western Kentucky around the Owensboro/Henderson area. Some fee-for-service programs could begin in the next 6-9 months.

**disABILITY Resource Center:** Amanda Brock, Community Specialist, reported that the center had an automatic door opener installed in December. They are working with Buckhorn Children's Center to transition 16-18 of their children. They have hired a new office assistant and increased the number of consumers assisted from 11 to 16 in the first quarter of the year.

**Center for Independent Living Options:** Peggy Tucker, Kentucky Programs Manager, and Amanda Hardcorn, PCAP Program Coordinator, represented CILO at the SILC meeting. CILO is headquartered in Cincinnati, but they have several programs in Northern Kentucky, including the PCAP program. Peggy reported that two major events have occurred at CILO recently: They celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup>

Anniversary last year, with events spilling into 2018 as well; and longtime Executive Director, Lin Laing, retired. Rob Festenstein began as the new Executive Director in December.

### **For the Good of the Council**

Scott Sisco reminded the group that the April 2018 meeting will include an election for Chair and Vice Chair. The Executive Committee will discuss candidates at the March meeting and bring a slate to the April meeting. One At-Large Member slot also will be open with Danny Perry rolling off the board.

Scott Sisco also reported that the 874K Rally will be on January 31, 2018 at the Capitol. He has participated in the planning process and will attend. He encouraged all members of the SILC to participate.

SILC Congress will be February 20-23, 2018 in Orlando, FL. Scott Sisco will be attending and will bring a report back to the SILC.

Scott Sisco forwarded an email from ACL to the group earlier this week that included new Indicators and Assurances for SILCs and the DSE. The SILC Indicators are effective January 31, 2018 and the Assurances are effective October 1, 2018. Scott encouraged the group to review and let him know if questions arrive. ACL scheduled a webinar for January 31, 2018 and will post it afterward for download.

David Thompson asked about how meeting notification was handled. Scott Sisco reported that the meeting is on the SILC website, the SILC Facebook page, and emailed to the SILC members and CILs and said he is happy to send the meeting notice to other groups if they are identified. Scott Sisco will work on developing a list of contacts with other organizations to include.

Meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m.