

State Independent Living Council

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 25, 2017

Clarion Hotel – North

Lexington, KY

Members Present: Gay Pannell, Jennifer Dudinskie, Jan Day, Tony Carmack, Joe Cowen, David Thompson, Amy Dougherty, and Jennifer Johnson (via Zoom videoconferencing)

Members Absent: Danny Perry

Guests: Willis Dietz, Megan Coleman, Cynthia Elliott, Valerie Cowan

DAIL Staff: Tonya Antle and Scott Sisco

Chair Jan Day called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m., and determined a quorum was established.

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

Public Comment- Cynthia Elliott, Consumer Ombudsman with Kentucky Client Assistance Program, introduced herself and offered her assistance to the SILC. She began her position August 15.

SPIL Review: Scott Sisco presented a spreadsheet he created to track the progress on achieving the goals of the SPIL. Several items need to be updated and Chair Jan Day asked the members and guests to send Scott any information that could help fill in the blanks.

Financial Report: Scott Sisco presented the financial report on the Part B funding to the CILS. More information will be added once more information is available. Scott and Jennifer Dudinskie have been working with DAIL financial staff to capture all of the income and expenses. David Thompson moved to approve the report regarding the information available to date, second by Joe Cowen. Motion carried.

Chair Report: Chair Jan Day reported that she has been talking with potential members of the SILC and will be stressing the availability of Zoom to make attendance at meetings easier.

NCIL has put together a letter opposing The ADA Education and Reform Act (HR 620) and is asking other organizations to sign the letter. Joe Cowen moved that the SILC sign onto the letter, second by Amy Dougherty. Motion Carried.

The SILC Congress is coming up in February 2018 and Jan suggested that it would be a good opportunity for Scott Sisco to interact with some of the federal people and other SILCs. Funding would come from the SILC appropriation. Joe Cowan moved that Scott Sisco attend the SILC Congress, second by David Thompson. Motion carried.

Jan led the group in wishing David Thompson a Happy Birthday as he recently turned 21.

David Thompson moved to approve the Chair Report, second by Jennifer Johnson. Motion carried.

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. She approached Amy Dougherty in regards to the vacant At Large member to serve on the Executive Committee. Tony Carmack moved that Amy be elected as At Large member by acclamation, second by Jennifer Johnson. Motion Carried.

NCIL Membership: At the August meeting, Jan brought up NCIL Membership for the SILC. Organizational Membership is \$150 a year. Jennifer Johnson made a motion to approved Organizational Membership in NCIL for the SILC, second by Amy Dougherty. Motion Carried.

New Business:

Member Recruitment: Chair Jan Day encouraged everyone to get nominees to fill out the application and send to Scott Sisco by Nov. 10. The Nominating Committee will meet to review the candidates after that.

Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation Training: Scott Sisco presented this training, required by DAAL for all organizations who conduct business with the Department.

Advocacy 101 Training: Scott Sisco presented Legislative Advocacy 101 Training as required in the SPIL.

Updates to SILC Bylaws: Chair Jan Day will appoint an Ad Hoc Committee to review the bylaws and recommend changes. Willis Dietz volunteered and other interested members should let Scott Sisco know as soon as possible.

CIL Updates:

Independence Place: Willis Dietz reported that Independence Place is partnering with HDI to screen the documentary Bottom Dollars in the Lyric Theater in Lexington. The documentary is a look at how those with disabilities are paid sub-minimum wage and the impact this has on their lives.

Independence Place moved to a new, more accessible location at 2358 Nicholasville Rd., Suite 180 in Lexington.

Center for Accessible Living: Jan Day reported that Keith Hosey has resigned to take a position with the VA. The Center has some other positions that they are working to fill as well.

Staff is preparing for the upcoming legislative session and David Allgood has been working on the parking placard bill and searching for a new sponsor. This is a budget year, and state general funds could be at risk.

The Center is up for a couple of grants that would help to expand services.

Melanie Potts, who was with disABILITY Resource Center, has been hired to work out of the Bowling Green office.

Jennifer Dudinskie informed the Council that the Department has been instructed to look at all programs in regards to potential budget cuts and what detrimental effects would result if budgets were cut. In DAIL, those programs include Hart Supported Living, Personal Care Attendant Program, Traumatic Brain Injury, Ky Caregiver and Homecare. The Department has been able to make cuts previously without cutting services, but that won't be possible with cuts this time. Jennifer sent an email out to stakeholders in those programs to inform them that no new participants will be added, even if someone drops off a program, until further notice.

For the Good of the Council

David Thompson reported he is working with several school districts in Northern Kentucky to present on the SILC to special education leaders in the districts.

Amy Dougherty requested more time be spent going over the SPIL Tracking. After a review of several of the items, Chair Jan Day requested everyone get information on presentations and other items that may have been completed to Scott Sisco so he can update the document and a more thorough review can be completed at the January meeting. An Ad Hoc committee may be needed to discuss revisions to the SPIL.

Meeting Dates 2018:

Scott Sisco reported that the next two meetings will be at the Clarion and begin at 10 a.m. They will be January 17 and April 18. Executive Committee will meet prior to the meetings via teleconference or Zoom video conference.

Meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.