**The Kentucky Statewide Independent Living Council**

Executive Committee Minutes

October 27, 2014

Human Development Institute (HDI)

Lexington, KY

**Members Present:** Bobby Begley, Tony Carmack, Mike Freholm, Danny Perry, Benita Lind, Elsie Speed

**Members Absent:** N/A

**Guests Present:** Bess Douthitt

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

The meeting was called to order at 10:07am.

A quorum was recognized.

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

**Minutes Review and Approval:** Elsie Speed allowed the committee to time to review the minutes from the September Executive Committee meeting. Danny Perry motioned to accept the minutes. Tony Carmack, second. Mike Freholm questioned the wording of Page 2 paragraph 1, “SILC By-Laws state that the SCVR and OFB representatives must be the chair of SILC”. Elsie Speed noted that this was quote from the By-Laws. No additional questions were noted. No oppositions or abstentions. Motioned carried unanimously.

**By-Laws Issue with SVR and OFB:** Germaine O’Connell directed the committee’s attention to page 4 of the current By-Laws, Article 4 Officers, Section A. The Chair. She read bullet point #2, “The Chair or designee, shall serve on the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation and the Office for the Blind Council as liaison for the SILC.” Elsie Speed recommended that pursuant to the most revised edition of the By-Laws as of December 2013, this matter is resolved. Mike Freholm motioned to accept the fact that the laws have been changed and no further action is required by the committee. Benita Lind, second. No oppositions or abstentions. Motion carries unanimously.

**Joint December Meeting:** Elsie Speed deferred to Dave Matheis concerning the Joint December Meeting. Mr. Matheis stated that the meeting will take place at the Marriot Griffin Gate. Mr. Matheis noted that possible agenda topics include: Robert’s Rules refresher, KY APSE, Debbie Anderson Commissioner Department of Aging and Independent Living, Sarah Richardson CAR IDA, and Panel on Legislation of the General Session in the upcoming year. Discussion was held regarding sending information to Congressman Andy Barr. Danny Perry motioned to accept the draft date of December 8th for the Joint Meeting. Tony Carmack, second. Danny Perry made a friendly amendment to include, “and tentative agenda” to the motion. Tony Carmack, second. No oppositions or abstentions. Motion carried unanimously.

**SPIL:** Germaine O’Connell discussed the new format for reporting that matches the SPIL. Ms. O’Connell then presented the 704 Report, a form completed by Dave Matheis for the federal government, to prioritize training and gathering data**.** Germaine noted which items corresponded with the SPIL which included: 704 Reports; Financial Grant Management: Federal Regulations

Financial Resource Development: Diversification of Funding Base; Marketing and Public Relations: Presentation Workshop skills and Community Awareness; Network Strategies: Community Partners; Program Planning: IL Skills Modules; Outreach to Unserved/Underserved Population: Minorities; SILC Role and Relationships: Implementation, Monitoring, & Review of the SPIL and Collaboration With In-State Stakeholders; and possibly including CIL Board of Directors: Roles and Responsibilities. Germaine requested the committee choose ten of the subcategories to focus on. Benita Lind motioned to have a conference call in a week, so that there is time to muddle over these and then come together on a conference call after a week to make the decision. Mike Freholm, second. Benita Lind revised the motion: motioned to take a week to look over the topics, to choose what are the most important issues to address then come together a week after that so they can be approved it put into the book. Mike Freholm, second. No oppositions or abstentions. Motion carried unanimously. Discussion was held on the dates and times for the conference call, and decided that the committee get information to Germaine by November 3rd and then have a Conference call on November 17th at 10am. Benita Lind amended the motion to include the time and date of the conference call. Mike Freholm, second. No oppositions or abstentions. Motion carried unanimously.

**Resource Development :** Dave Matheis spoke on the topic of Resource Development, noted that according to the new Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act that SILC can add Resource Development to its duties. Mr. Matheis suggested that this topic to be put into the next SPIL. Dave will add it to his report for the full council meeting.

**Asset Development Summit:** Dave Matheis informed the committee that the Asset Development Summit in Ashland is on November 29th. Mr. Matheis stated that registration is at 67, which includes people from the local Vocational Rehabilitation offices and the Carl D. Perkins Vocational Training Center. Dave noted that this is the third Summit of the four in the SPIL and that the fourth summit will be held in Northern KY.

**Mentoring Program:** Germaine O’Connell discussed mentoring new council members, which is an item in the SPIL. Elsie Speed requested Ms. O’Connell present models that are already out there to the next Executive Committee before presenting to the full council. Benita Lind motioned regarding the Mentoring Program, to ask Germaine O’Connell to bring some models from other groups to the SILC Executive Committee at the next meeting so that a decision can be made at that time. Mike Freholm, second. No oppositions or abstentions. Motioned carried unanimously.

**Committee Updates**

**Nominating Committee:** Bobby Begley requested Germaine O’Connell to give the report. Ms. O’Connell stated that there will be a report for the full council meeting in December and an action item for the full council. She noted that the committee is working on editing the Three Question application format to include a fourth question: “Do you identify yourself as a person with a disability?” Mr. Begley included that the reasoning behind this is to meet the federal guidelines in the SPIL.

**Public Awareness:** Tony Carmack reported the Public Awareness Committee has a scheduled meeting on December 8th at 10am but that might be changed.

**Transportation:** Germaine O’Connell informed the committee that there has been a group formed to be the advisory council to the CAR IDA and has requested time during the full council meeting in December for the committee to give a report.

Danny Perry motioned to include the Committee Update Reports on the agenda for the December meeting. Benita Lind, second. No oppositions or abstentions. Motioned carried unanimously.

**OVR Update:** Dave Matheis reported that all monies for the Part B contracts have been spent and that three new contracts began as of October 1st. Mr. Matheis noted that Disabilities Resource Initiative (DRI) has not resolved the issue with their 501c3 status, but that Executive Director, Marilyn Mitchell, has stated that they are working on it. Dave stated that the State Department of Finance will not let OVR contract with DRI until the situation is resolved. Discussion was held on Part B Funds reallocation if the situation is not resolved; the committee noted that there is nothing stated in the SPIL regarding reallocation of Part B Funds. Mr. Matheis reported that Southeast Kentucky Center for Independent Living was awarded the grant for the Part C funds; JoEllen Hale is the Director and same counties will be served. Dave mentioned that under WIOA, Independent Living (IL) is moving to Health and Human Services and that IL for Older Blind will remain in RSA meaning that SILC will have no connection with the Older Blind. He stated that a small portion of the Part B Funds, $25k, are allocated to the IL for Older Blind and he is unsure of whether that will go with Older Blind or stay with SILC. He informed the committee that the Car IDA has ten people and continues to do well. Dave concluded his report by saying they are conducting the annual review of the CIL contracts. He also noted that KATS is working to start a hearing aid recycling program and that the CIL’s are involved.

Benita Lind discussed Disabilities Empowerment Conference held in Covington, KY (The Point). Ms. Lind stated that the Keynote speaker was Marcellus Mays from Louisville. Benita reported that while representing SILC, she signed up 5 people to send applications to.

**Agenda for December SILC Meeting:** Germaine noted that agenda for the December full council meeting will include everything mentioned during the meeting and the standard items.

**Next Meeting:** February 9th, 10am.

Benita Lind motioned to adjourn.