**The Kentucky Statewide Independent Living Council**

Executive Committee Minutes

April 29, 2014

Embassy Suites

Lexington, KY

**Members Present:** Benita Lind, Danny Perry, and Elsie Speed,

**Members Absent:** Mike Freholm

**Guests:** Lonnie Cowan, Jan Day, Pamela Roark-Glisson, Paul McKee, Marilyn Mitchell, Sandi Radford, and Gay Pannell

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

The meeting was called to order at 11:00am

A quorum was recognized.

Benita Lind made a motion to accept the agenda. Danny Perry, second. No oppositions or abstentions. Motion carried unanimously.

**Minutes Review and Approval:** SILC Coordinator, Germaine O’Connell, noted that since there wasn’t a quorum at the previous meeting that they couldn’t accept the November minutes. Benita Lind made a motion to accept the draft of the November meeting minutes. Danny Perry, second. No oppositions or abstentions. Motion carried.

**Part C Funds:** Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) Liaison, Dave Matheis, briefly explained that Corrina Styles of the Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) contacted OVR in early March about the formula change of the Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) which means an additional $5,000 for Part C Centers starting in October 2014. He stated that the RSA interpreted Section 3.2 of the State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL) to say that monies under $50,000 will be split between Center for Accessible and Pathfinders. SILC Chair, Elsie Speed, confirmed this interpretation. Dave Matheis noted that Part B funding has also been recalculated by changing formulas and has been reduced by about $15,000. Dave stated that OVR Executive Director, Dr. David Beach, did commit to honoring the established contracts for the term of the SPIL, but it may be a factor in determining money in the next SPIL. Next, Dave reported that RSA conducted a monitoring visit to Pathfinders in Harlan on March 26-28, 2014. He mentioned that SILC and SILC Staff were invited to join in the visit and noted that SILC Member, Benita Lind, attended. Dave informed the council that due to the findings of that review, Pathfinders was sent a letter by RSA that they are moving to terminate the contract with the Center within 90 days unless Pathfinders provides a corrective action plan. Dave stated that the funding is not ending in the immediate future, but there is a possibility that the contract can be terminated which would result in the RSA reissuing a competitive process to get that grant in that area. Dave read the letter regarding the conclusion of the review of Pathfinders and the RSA’s finding. SILC Member, Paul McKee, requested to know if the document is public. Dave Matheis concluded, along with Patrick Shirley, that the letter is public and can be included in the next full SILC meeting. Discussion was held regarding the 4 Core Services of the Centers for Independent Living. Germaine O’Connell recommended the letter be included in the June Meeting Booklet and have it on the agenda; Elsie Speed approved the request.

**Travel Request:** Elsie Speed called everyone’s attention to the Travel Voucher and called for everyone to pay attention to the highlighted portions of the voucher. Germaine O’Connell noted that this matter needs to be brought up at the full meeting.

Elsie Speed recognized Executive Director, Jan Day of the Center for Accessible Living. Jan Day reported to the committee that they have moved to 501 S. 2nd St., Suite 200, Louisville, KY 40202 and that the phone number is 502-589-6620.

**National Advisory Council Nomination:**  Germaine O’Connell noted that Bentia Lind sent the Council the letter from the National Advisory Council nominating Benita Lind for FEMA.

**SCVR & OFB Representatives:** Dave Matheis reported that for the Office for the Blind (OFB), Elsie nominated herself as the SILC Representative with Benita Lind and Paul McKee as the alternates. Dave also stated that for the Statewide Council for Vocational Rehabilitation (SCVR), Elsie Speed volunteered as the SILC Representative with Benita Lind as alternate.

**Member Attendance:** Germaine O’Connell noted that this is a tabled item from previous meetings regarding a letter regarding attendance. Germaine requested time to discuss the letter with Elsie Speed.

**Transportation Ad Hoc Appointments:** Germaine O’Connell noted that at the March SILC meeting, OVR Program Coordinator, Sarah Richardson, talked about the CAR IDA program and that it was recommended that SILC participate on the advisory council. Discussion was held regarding those currently on the SILC that would be interested in remaining on the Transportation Ad Hoc Committee: Benita Lind and Sandi Radford. Germaine stated that a survey will be sent out to find any additional members interested in serving on this committee and it will be discussed at the June Meeting.

**NCIL Conference Representative:** Germaine O’Connell informed the committee that the by-laws state that it is the chair that goes to the conference which will be held on July 28-31 in Washington DC. Elsie Speed replied that she will check her calendar and get back to the committee.

**New Members: Orientation and Committee Appointments:** Germaine O’Connell reminded the committee that New Member Orientation and Committee Appointments will depend on the appointments by the governor and this topic will be discussed at the June Meeting.

**OVR Update:** Dave Matheis informed the committee that regarding the Car IDA, all 8 participants (four in Murray and four in Ashland) have an Independent Living Goal that includes the Car IDA and that OVR is still looking for additional participants. Dave informed the committee that the next Regional Asset Development Summit, which SILC is a co-sponsor, will be held Bowling Green on May 15th, located in the Community Action of Southern Kentucky’s conference room. He noted that Disability Resourse Initiative’s Executive Director and SILC Member, Marilyn Mitchell will be on one of the panels along with a board member and consumer. Dave mentioned that according to the SPIL, two more will need to be held and the full SILC should discuss at the June Meeting. Dave reported that the Expenditures of the Part B contract, noted that of the ninety thousand: Disabilities Resource Initiative has thirty-four thousand plus left to spend, Independence Place has twenty-seven thousand plus left to spend, Independence Place of Eastern Kentucky has almost twenty-four thousand left to spend, Center for Accessible Living (CAL) for Northern Kentucky has twenty-six thousand plus to spend. Dave informed the committee that OVR is partnered with HDI and CATS Network for an Assistive Technology Conference to be held at Clarion on June 17th and 18th, he will be sending something out information soon to the council.

Elsie Speed read a letter from the Commission for Citizens with Disabilities. Benita Lind requested letter be in the June Meeting Booklet.

**CART Usage at Meetings:** Germaine O’Connell stated that it has been recommended that the council use CART at the full SILC meeting, which is a real time captioning. Dave Matheis noted that a fringe benefit is a transcript of all meetings.

**Dates for Future Executive and SILC Meetings:** The next SILC Meeting is in June. The third quarter meeting will be held on September 9th for full meeting, and September 8th for the Committee meetings. The Executive Committee meeting will be held on August 11th, 10am at Germaine’s office. The fourth quarter meeting will be December 9th for the full meeting, and December 8th for the Committee meetings. The Executive Committee meeting will be held on October 27th, 10am at Germaine’s office.

**Agenda for June SILC Meeting:**

Committee Reports, Center Reports, FAN Report, Letter to Pathfinders, Letter to LFUCG, Staff Reports, and Transportation Committee appointments.

Benita Lind motioned to adjourn. Danny Perry, second. No oppositions or abstentions. Motion carried.