

Kentucky Statewide Independent Living Council

Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, April 18, 2018 Clarion Hotel – North, Lexington

Members Present: (In person) Chair Jan Day, Vice Chair Tony Carmack, Member-At-Large Amy Dougherty, Joe Cowan, Robin Bush, Dusty Columbia-Embury, Brad Schneider, Bobby Begley, Kelvin Fugate, Jennifer Dudinskie

(Via Zoom Videoconference) David Thompson, Gay Pannell, Member-At-Large Danny Perry

DAIL Staff: Scott Sisco, Tonya Antle, Darin Brown

Guests: Willis Deitz, Megan Coleman, Peggy Tucker, Amanda Hardcorn, Brenda Noble, Katie Bentley, Leela Raj

Meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Tony Carmack at 10:12 a.m. Members and guests recited the Pledge of Allegiance prior to introductions.

NEW MEMBER INSTALLATION: Chair Jan Day installed new members Robin Bush, Dusty Columbia-Embury, Brad Schneider, Bobby Begley, and Kelvin Fugate.

CONSENT AGENDA: Joe Cowan moved approval of the Consent Agenda, second by Tony Carmack. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: During the Public Comment time, Katie Bentley, Public Policy Coordinator for the Commonwealth Council on Developmental Disabilities (CCDD), presented a flyer advertising services to assist individuals with transportation services to attend the upcoming Kentucky Medicaid HCB Waiver Town Hall Meetings. Flyers were distributed to SILC members and guests.

SPIL REVIEW & PLANNING UPDATE: Jennifer Dudinskie described the recent meeting of the State Plan on Independent Living (SPIL) planning committee. Ms. Dudinskie explained the meeting mainly focused on the distribution of the Part B grant funds. Ms. Dudinskie also discussed the Federal allocation and the loss of state funds for the SFY 2019 with Executive Directors from Independence Place and Center for Accessible Living. Both Centers plan to serve the same areas indicated in the current SPIL with the federal grant funding for SFY 2019. The SILC needs to look at the Part B funding and determine where that money should be allocated in the next SPIL. No action was taken at this time. Scott Sisco included an updated tracking document in the packet for the members.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Scott Sisco presented the financial report for the Part B disbursements for the current fiscal year. Kelvin Fugate moved to approve the financial report as presented, seconded by Danny Perry. Motion passed with Bobby Begley and David Thompson abstaining.

CHAIR REPORT: Chair Jan Day reported she has been busy between quarterly meetings with committee meetings, including the Executive Committee and the SPIL committee. Ms. Day stated she has also has been dealing with the budget issues regarding her Centers with the loss of state funding. Ms. Day welcomed new members to the Council. David Thompson moved that the Chair's Report be accepted, seconded by Kelvin Fugate. Motion passed.

Unfinished Business:

SILC CONGRESS REPORT: Scott Sisco presented the report from SILC Congress held February 20-23 in Orlando, Florida. The top three topics from the sessions include:

1. Kentucky is in a good position compared to many SILCs around the country because the SILC, the CILs, and the DSE all get along and work well together. In many states, there are conflicts between the SILC and the DSE, or the SILC and one of the CILs in the state.
2. The Kentucky SILC is walking a fine line in regard to the requirement that 51 percent of members must have a disability. Anyone who works for a CIL or for the state do not count toward the 51 percent. As one peer explains it to members, working for the CIL or the state *"cancels out your disability"*.
3. Kentucky needs to start working on the next SPIL, as it will be due to ACL by June 30, 2019.

Overall, the trip was very beneficial for networking and learning more about how SILCs operate. Once the presentation materials are posted online, Mr. Sisco will share a link with council members.

RECRUITMENT OF NEW MEMBERS: As mentioned in the SILC Congress report, the SILC is still in need of new members, particularly members with a disability. Jennifer Johnson resigned her membership in March and three members roll off the council in May (Danny Perry, David Thompson, and Tony Carmack). All four of those individuals are members who have a disability. Scott Sisco has forwarded two applications to the Governor's Office, but has not received communication back. Mr. Sisco will follow-up. All members and guests were asked to encourage any peers who might be interested in serving to apply.

UPDATES TO SILC BYLAWS: Scott Sisco edited the by-laws by removing extra spacing and grammar issues. Mr. Sisco suggested changing Article VIII – Amendment, to allow the by-laws to be changed when needed. After some discussion, Amy Dougherty moved that Article VIII be changed to remove the specific months for amendments to be submitted and approved, seconded by Joe Cowan. Motion passed. Amy also moved that the Executive Committee review additional changes Mr. Sisco had proposed, as well as any other changes necessary, and bring those changes back to the full SILC for review, seconded by Kelvin Fugate. Motion passed.

UPDATES TO SILC POLICY & PROCEDURES: Scott Sisco compiled the SILC Policy & Procedures into a single document and revised them to bring the Kentucky SILC into compliance with the Indicators released by ACL in January. Mr. Sisco reviewed all changes with the Council. Kelvin Fugate moved that the changes be accepted, seconded by Joe Cowan. Motion passed.

New Business:

ELECTION OF CHAIR, VICE CHAIR, MEMBER-AT-LARGE: Through paper ballots, Amy Dougherty was elected Chair, Joe Cowan was elected Vice Chair, and Bobby Begley was elected Member-At-Large for the coming year. All three assume their positions upon adjournment of the meeting. Since Amy Dougherty was the second Member-At-Large, Kelvin Fugate was nominated and subsequently elected to fill the final year of her term.

MONITORING OF PART B CENTERS: Scott Sisco reported that DAIL has completed contract and SPIL monitoring of Independence Place and the Center for Accessible Living's Northern Kentucky and Bowling Green Centers. The monitoring letters are in process now, and will be shared with the SILC at the July meeting.

CIL Updates

CENTER FOR ACCESSIBLE LIVING: Jan Day reported she has been invited to work with ACL on a project to revise the annual report for CILs and SILCs.

INDEPENDENCE PLACE: Willis Deitz reported he and his staff have been working to find solutions to the loss of state funding for the upcoming fiscal year, including applying for several grants and other sources. Independence Place will be hosting a fundraiser on April 28th in Lexington.

disABILITY RESOURCE CENTER: Brenda Noble, the new Project Manager for the Center, reported that she is learning quickly. The Center has increased its caseload from 16-61 over

the last few months and will be opening a satellite center in Middlesboro soon.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE COUNCIL: After discussion with incoming Chair Amy Dougherty, the following quarterly meeting dates were established for the coming year:

July 18, 2018; October 24, 2018; January 30, 2019; and April 24, 2019.

Outgoing members David Thompson and Danny Perry thanked the council and DAIL staff for a great experience.

Joe Cowan moved to adjourn, seconded by Bobby Begley. Motion passed.