

Kentucky Statewide Independent Living Council

Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, July 18, 2018 HDI Coldstream Training Room, Lexington

Members Present: In person: Chair Amy Dougherty, Member-At-Large Bobby Begley, Jan Day, Robin Bush, Dusty Columbia-Embury, Gay Pannell, Jennifer Dudinskie
Via Zoom Videoconference: Brad Schneider, Vice Chair Joe Cowan, Member-At-Large Kelvin Fugate

DAIL Staff: Scott Sisco, Tonya Antle

Guests: Willis Deitz & Megan Coleman, Independence Place; Samara Heavrin, Kentucky Treasurer's Office (STABLE Accounts); Rob Festenstein, Center for Independent Living Options; Nicole Maher, Commonwealth Council on Developmental Disabilities; Lisa Fort, Kentucky Client Assistance Program.

Chair Amy Dougherty called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m. The Council members and guests introduced themselves and described one issue they were dealing with professionally and one personal issue. Also during introductions, Samara Heavrin provided information on the STABLE Kentucky Accounts to the Council and Lisa Fort shared information about the Kentucky Client Assistance Program.

Jan Day moved for approval of the Consent Agenda, seconded by Joe Cowan, motion carried.

During the Public Comment section, Jan Day asked about the merger of the Office of the Blind and Office of Vocational Rehab. Gay Pannell said staff have been working toward the merger, which is scheduled for October 1.

Chair Amy Dougherty reminded members of the committee assignments. The Nominating Committee, chaired by Bobby Begley, met the week before the SILC meeting. The Public Awareness Committee, chaired by Robin Bush, and the Bylaws Committee, chaired by Jan Day, will set up meetings in the near future. The SPIL Committee will meet August 22 to continue working on the new SPIL due June 30, 2019. Chair Dougherty would like to set up timelines for deliverables and start the plan to share with the rest of the Council.

SPIL Review and Planning Update – SILC Coordinator Scott Sisco sent the SPIL Tracking document to the Council prior to the meeting. Mr. Sisco informed the Council he has reached out to the co-chairs of the Interim Joint Committee on Health, Welfare, and Family

to ask for a time to present to the committee on the SILC and the SPIL. Last year, he received no response. This is one of the tasks outlined in the SPIL.

Mr. Sisco presented the Financial Report, including a new report showing what items were reimbursed with Part B funding. Mr. Sisco stated he will look into NCIL membership when asked. Jan Day moved for approval of the Financial Report as presented, seconded by Kelvin Fugate. Motion carried.

For her Chair Report, Chair Amy Dougherty informed the Council she has an open door, phone, and email policy and welcomes ideas to improve the work of the Council.

Unfinished Business:

Recruitment of New Members – Nominating Committee Chair Bobby Begley reported from the committee's meeting on July 17. The Committee will be focusing on outreach statewide to recruit applicants to send to the Governor's office. In a previous appointment on the Council, Mr. Begley had a flyer he utilized to recruit members. He will provide that information to Mr. Sisco to recreate to utilize with outreach groups, disability offices at universities across the state, and to send with Hart-Supported Living Coordinators as they make visits in their regions. Mr. Sisco is still in contact with the Governor's office regarding the need to appoint members. There are two applications now awaiting action by the Governor. Mr. Begley met with one of the applicants and he was very impressed with the candidate.

Updates to SILC Bylaws – Chair Amy Dougherty asked Bylaws Committee Chair Jan Day to have an updated draft for the next quarterly meeting on October 24.

Updates to SILC Policy & Procedures – SILC Coordinator Scott Sisco developed some changes to the Policy and Procedures for the SILC. He suggested the Executive Committee review these and to see if additional changes were needed.

Monitoring of Part B Centers – Mr. Sisco reported that minor contract issues were identified with Independence Place and the Center for Accessible Living, but those were addressed quickly and resolved. There was one issue with the Center for Accessible Living in Northern Kentucky where all 5 Core Services were not being provided. CAL developed procedures to cover this, utilizing staff from the Louisville office if staff in Northern Kentucky was not available.

New Business:

Distribution of Additional Part B Funds for FY2018 – Jan Day and Willis Deitz met to develop a plan to distribute additional Part B funds granted by the Congressional spending plan for FY2018. Kelvin Fugate moved for acceptance of the plan, seconded by Bobby Begley. Motion passed with Jan Day abstaining from the vote. During discussion of the motion, Jan Day informed the Council she is still trying to get out of a lease in Northern Kentucky that the Center cannot afford after losing state funding. If CAL cannot get out of the lease, they may have to discontinue services in the area.

Funds from OVR for Operation of the SILC – Mr. Sisco informed the Council that, along with Jennifer Dudinskie, a meeting with the Interim Executive Director of the Office for Vocational Rehabilitation a few months ago regarding funding for the SILC from federal Innovation and Expansion funds. While not aware of the commitment, she assured Mr. Sisco and Mrs. Dudinskie she would follow-up. After several emails from Mrs. Dudinskie over the past few months, no response was received. Mr. Sisco asked the Council for ideas on next steps. Chair Dougherty volunteered to contact OVR, and asked Mr. Sisco to provide talking points. Jan Day and Willis Deitz offered to reach out through their contacts.

CIL Updates:

Center for Accessible Living – Jan Day reported CAL has been assisting with the transfer of the Hart-Supported Living program back to the Department for Aging and Independent Living. CAL is researching Fee for Service programs to add revenue for the Center. They continue to expand the Interpreter Service. CAL staff is working with Independence Place on a conference on parenting with a disability. They are transitioning some staff members who worked with the HSL Program into new roles.

Independence Place – Willis Deitz reported IP is again hosting the Kentucky Congress on Spinal Cord Injury September 21 at Northeast Christian Church in Lexington. The conference is free for attendees, but IP is looking for sponsors and exhibitors to cover the costs. They have a goal of \$18,000 and are about halfway toward meeting their goal. Health and Wellness is the theme and one of the speakers is Susan Harkema, who was Christopher Reeve's physician.

Independence Place received a Christopher Reeve Foundation grant to expand their supported employment program.

disABILITY Resource Center – Kelvin Fugate reported the center in Hazard continues to grow, increasing the number of people they serve each quarter. The Bell County satellite office has been put on hold for now by the Board of Directors.

For the Good of the Council – Jan Day reported CAL has had issues with Medicaid concerning transferring people out of nursing homes and into housing of their choosing.

Nicole Maher, Commonwealth Council on Developmental Disabilities, reported that Donna Fox, from CAL, will present on youth advocacy at the next CCDD meeting. Ms. Maher states she is always looking for opportunities to collaborate with other agencies.

Chair Dougherty adjourned the meeting at 1:40 p.m.