

MINUTES

Louisiana Statewide Independent Living Council
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
April 10, 2014

Council Members Present:

Mitch Granger, Chair
Rocky Fuselier, Treasurer
Jay Cochran
Gale Dean, Vice-Chair
Tara Warner, Member at Large
Paige Kelly
Butch Ritter
Peter Lambousy
Rev. Mallery Callahan
Keith Menville

Members Absent

Wayne Blackwell, Secretary
Walker Estes
Jeff Pellegrin
Amanda Vinson

SILC Staff Present:

Laura Meaux, Program Coordinator

Call to Order

Mitch Granger called the fourth quarter meeting of Fiscal Year 2014 to order at 10:05 am, followed by the pledge of allegiance and prayer. A quorum was present per Section 705 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

Introductions

New members Jay Cochran and Butch Ritter

Approval of the Minutes

Mitch called a motion to review minutes. Rocky motioned to accept the minutes and Peter seconded with no objections.

Paige discussed the membership update from prior meeting minutes. She will continue attending meetings since she assists the SILC in SPIL writing and other required duties and works with the SILC Program Coordinator regarding federal reporting as the DSU within LRS.

Old Business

Paige reported on consumer satisfaction surveys for IL Centers, SLIC and NHILC. Paige has scheduled the yearly site reviews for both SLIC and NHILC this May 2014.

Partners Updates

- A. GODA Interim Executive Director, Ellis Roussel, not present – Laura Meaux presented report on his behalf
 - Two questions for Ellis:
 - Paige – does Ellis collaborate with John Schweitzer on the transportation proposal? If not, Paige would like you to contact him.
 - Mitch – is the SILC Chair required to serve on GACDA?
- B. LRS (Louisiana Rehabilitation Services) Director, Mark Martin, not present. Paige presented report on his behalf.
 - No proposed cuts to IL budget dollars for FY 2014-2015
 - Appears that LRS will not be moving to DHH and will remain under LWC
 - This issue is separate from NCIL's push to have RSA moved under DHH
 - Mitch requested that Mark communicate big issues such as bills in the future and ask for SILC's support
- C. CILs
 - a. Gale Dean, Executive Director of NHILC, gave updates on New Horizons including the following:
 - Center has moved locations and will have more room, may be able to offer more programs and arrange IL services more efficiently space-wise
 - 3 staff members attended NCIL/ILRU Conference in Austin, TX (Jay Cochran, SILC Member, included)
 - RSA site visit coming soon
 - b. Mitch Granger, Executive Director of SLIC, gave updates on SLIC including the following:
 - Received RSA's site review report this year from last year's site review visit, contained no findings
 - On standby with plans to expand building, have blueprints, due to concerns of healthcare (Obamacare, etc.)
 - Hired new IT employee working on social media
 - Please go and 'like' SLIC on facebook
 - May 2nd event coming up
 - Participated in Special Olympics in Lafayette

Break

The Council broke at 11:10 am, with no objections, and resumed at 11:25 am.

Consumer Testimony

Mitch announced Supportive Employment Supervisor at SLIC, Greta Manuel. Greta announced Michael Oxley, consumer, employed at Cracker Barrel. Michael presented his consumer testimony.

Budget Quarterly Update

Rocky Fuselier, Treasurer, presented the 3rd quarter 2013-2014 budget with expenditures made in January and February 2014 as March 2014 was not yet available. Peter motioned to accept the budget report and Paige seconded with no objections.

Any Council members available to attend NCIL Conference this July in Washington, D.C. please contact SILC Program Coordinator.

Membership Search Update

Program Coordinator provided SILC membership update. All Council members, per request of SILC Executive Committee, please provide two (2) individuals' name and contact information for nomination and consideration as a SILC member.

Break

The Council broke at 12:10 pm for lunch, with no objections, and resumed at 12:55 pm.

Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budget Planning

SILC Members discussed proposed 2014-2015 budget for presentation to Rosemary Yesso and Mark Martin at LRS.

- Trainings
 - SILC Program Coordinator, /or designee, to attend four (4) webinars, one (1) per quarter and report on training at following SILC meeting – Gale motioned to accept and Tara seconded with no objections
- Name tags
 - Magnet name tags to be purchased for SILC members – Peter motioned to approve and Butch seconded with no objections
- Social media
 - Peter motioned to accept \$15,000 media budget, or \$3,000 per five (5) metropolitan areas, and Butch seconded with no objections
 - This budget is via facebook SILC page promoting IL centers at a cost of \$3,000 per metropolitan area
- In-state travel
 - Three (3) one-day SILC meetings and one (1) one-and-a-half day SILC meeting, in Shreveport, in FY 2014-2015 – Butch motioned to accept and Peter seconded with no objections
 - Member Orientation in Baton Rouge January 2015 – Tara motioned to accept and Rocky seconded with no objections
 - # of SILC Members: estimate six (6) additional members pushing up membership to 17 total by the end of FY 2014-2015 – Peter motioned to accept and Butch seconded with no objections
- Out-of-state travel
 - NCIL Conference in Washington, D.C. July 2015 plan for three (3) SILC members to attend – Peter motioned to accept and Butch seconded with no objections
 - Council tabled NY SILC Director presentation at future SILC meeting by Mitch with no objections
- Other
 - Tabled SILC retreat to next Fiscal Year for further research and discussion by Gale with no objections
 - Print materials budget of \$2,000 – motion made by Peter seconded by Rocky with no objections

2014-2016 SPIL (State Plan for Independent Living)

SILC members left the meeting early. Since the quorum was lost, this agenda item was tabled to the beginning of next quarter's SILC meeting.

New Business

- SPIL Amendments brought to the table by Mitch.
 - Additional funds – tabled until insight given by Kimball Gray, RSA
 - If a CIL is shut down for any reason, funds will remain in LA – tabled until insight given by Kimball Gray, RSA regarding language
- Revised Bylaws
 - Add specific language from RSA's Circular regarding membership – Keith motioned to accept and seconded by Tara with no objections
 - Placement paragraph – tabled for next Quarterly meeting, no quorum

- Legislation
 - Mitch brought to the table advocating on behalf of LRS Monday, April 14th at the Baton Rouge Capital during Appropriations
 - Paige and SILC Program Coordinator to circulate LRC (Louisiana Rehabilitation Council) email providing further details on this

Upcoming Events

- May 2nd SLIC event in Lake Charles
- August 9th – NHILC Roundup Fundraiser in Shreveport

Upcoming SILC Meetings

Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Meetings:

- a. Q1 – Thursday, July 10th, 2014 – Baton Rouge
- b. Q2 – Thursday, October 9th, 2014 – Metairie
- c. Member Orientation – Wednesday, January 14th, 2015 – Baton Rouge
- d. Q3 – Thursday, January 15th, 2015 – Baton Rouge
- e. Q4 – Thursday-Friday, April 9th-10th, 2015 - Shreveport

Meeting Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned with no objections at 3:15 pm.