**MINUTES**

Louisiana Statewide Independent Living Council

Shreveport, Louisiana

April 9-10, 2015

**Council Members Present**

Baker, Kandy (Treasurer)

Callahan, Reverend Mallery

Cochran, Jay

Dean, Gale (Secretary)

Geddes, Sharon (Member at Large)

Granger, Mitch (Vice Chair)

Lambousy, Peter (Chair)

Viltz, Roszella

Warner, Tara

**Members Absent**

Simpson, Germaine

**SILC Staff Present**

Sara Spencer, Administrative Assistant

Laura Meaux, Program Coordinator

**Guests Present**

Mark Martin (LRS)

Rosemary Yesso (LRS)

Jo Smith

Bill Spickerman (ADA coordinator for city of Shreveport Covet Transportation)

Scott Wells

**Call to Order**

Peter Lambousy called the fourth quarterly meeting of Fiscal Year 2014-2015 to order at 9:15 am. A quorum was present per Section 705 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

**Introductions**

There were no introductions

**Old Business**

a. Approval of prior meeting minutes

b. Membership

* As of January 2015:
  + Two (2) individuals appointed to the Council
    - Roszella Vitz—Advocate of and for individual with disability
    - Germaine Simpson—Representative from CIL
  + No applications provided to Boards and Commissions at this time
  + Open seats—8
    - Advocate of and for individual with disability (6)
    - Representative from private business (2)
* Council Members—please provide two (2) individual’s name and contact information for nomination and consideration as a SILC member

**Partner Updates**

a. GODA – Ellis Roussel, Executive Director

b. LRS- Mark Martin, Director

* Our primary focus now will be students and youth with disabilities
  + Pre-employment transitions for youth (PET)
* The goal is to provide more services than we are now to give children a better chance to obtain meaningful, and gainful employment
  + One of our Federal indicators (main goals) is the number of people we put to work
* There is an absolute refocusing of attention and scope of services with regard to person with disabilities and veterans
* One question we had was how are things going to change in terms of reporting
  + We are going to have to learn the new reporting categories
  + Through SILC we will work collaboratively
* Since LRS has been part of the federal performance improvement program, it had never met all performance indicators within a single year.
  + Last year we hit all of our federal performance indicators
  + We are on target to hit all of them again this year

c. CILS (Centers for Independent Living)

1. Gale Dean, NHICL Director (New Horizons Independent Living Center)
   1. The annual fundraiser (Round Up) will be held 8/22/2015
2. Mitch Granger, SILC Director

**New Business**

a. Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Meeting Dates and Locations

* July, Baton Rouge, Claiborne Building
* October, Metairie, Amerii-group
* January, Baton Rouge, Claiborne Building
* April, Lake Charles, SLIC
* Discussion raised about potential for joint meeting with LRC

b. Quarterly Budget update

* Packet shows the total operating budget with $105,999
* There are two parts
  + Total personal services amount
  + In state travel , out of state travel and interagency charges
* The Council decided to have Sara Spencer, Tara Warner, and Kandy Baker attend the NCIL at the end of July

c. Fiscally Year 2015-2016 SILC Budget- Draft

* Participation from the SILC is vital and having Sara in traveling representing the SILC in different areas.
* Rosemary Yesso shared that this budget is based on last year, and the projected budget needs to have the updated amount of members. There may be enough money in the budget to take the extra travel. The numbers can't be the same. It may need to be increased.
* Rosemary Morales mentioned how Council members who work for state agencies get their travel paid for by their agencies.
* There has been a letter exempting The Council from having members rent a car when traveling more than 99 miles. It's not the Council's decision; you have to follow the state travel regulations, unless you have an exemption from that.
* Gale asks about the brochures for SILC and the CILS. Peter Lambousy says that we can edit the brochures and have a layout and content vote at the next meeting. The aim is to get the general information down. Peter mentions that print is not as effective, so his suggestion is to make it into an electronic document. At most, we could print out 500 to 1,000 at least. We could actually print these at our own offices so we don't have to take money out of the budget. These can be taken to booths and we can print them as we need them.
* Rosemary Morales recommended getting the SILC website on different agencies resource pages. Not only governmental agencies, but Families Helping Families, etc. Along with that, putting these agencies on SILCs resource list.

**Guest Speaker**

a. NHILC Consumer Testimonies

1. Scott Wells shared his story with the Council

**SPIL (State Plan)**

* Gale explains how the CILS relate to the SPIL. What the Centers have done to fulfill the SPIL. The next State Plan will need to be done by October of 2016. Gale goes through the items that have been complete through the State Plan with the CILs.
* The SPIL was broken down to see what needs to be done.
  + Survey Committee and Survey
  + SILC/CILs brochures
  + Press Releases
  + Youth Members to the Council
  + Invite elected officials/legislators to the SILC Meetings
  + Retreat (funds did not allow)

**Meeting Adjourned**

The meeting was adjourned with no objections at 11:30 am on April 10, 2015.