**MINUTES**

Louisiana Statewide Independent Living Council

Metarie, Louisiana

October 8, 2015

**Council Members Present**

Baker, Kandy (Treasurer)

Cochran, Jay

Callahan, Reverend Mallery

Dean, Gale (Secretary)

Geddes, Sharon (Member at Large)

Granger, Mitch (Vice Chair)

Lambousy, Peter (Chair)

Morales, Rosemary

Ritter, Lawrence

Viltz, Roszella

**Members Absent**

Warner, Tara

Vinson, Mandi

**SILC Staff Present**

Sara Spencer, Program Coordinator

**Guests Present**

Rosemary Yesso (LRS)

Paige Kelly

Yavonka Archaga (RIL)

Kenneth Kirkland

Mark Martin

**Call to Order**

Peter Lambousy called the first quarterly meeting of Fiscal Year 2015-2016 to order at 8:30 am. A quorum was present per Section 705 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

**Introductions**

There were introductions

**Old Business**

a. Approval of prior meeting minutes

b. Membership

* As of April 2015:
  + One application provided to Boards and Commissions at this time
    - Rashad Bristo
  + Open seats—8
    - Advocate of and for individual with disability (6)
    - Representative from private business (2)
    - We need members who are individuals with disabilities in order to be in compliance with Federal regulations
    - Need members from North East part of state
* Council Members—please provide two (2) individual’s name and contact information for nomination and consideration as a SILC member

**Partner Updates**

1. LRS- Mark Martin
   * LRS has been working on pre-employment transition services
   * Vocation rehabilitation services for individuals with disabilities is a part of WIOA – Especially for transition students
   * We are about putting individuals with disabilities into gainful employment

c. CILS (Centers for Independent Living) -

* Gale Dean, NHILC Director (New Horizons Independent Living Center)
  1. Jay is in charge of the GREEN Program
* Mitch Granger (SLIC)
  + 1. Changed the name to @SLIC
    2. 350 employees that are DSWs – you have to be an employee for a year to qualify what we have to offer
    3. Hired a number of new staff for 24 hour services

1. Michelle (Guest from Amerigroup) mARIOCCO
   * LTSS services in New York and New Jersey, but is now in Louisiana
   * Explained a billing process

**New Business**

1. Quarterly Budget update

* Packet shows the requested total budget for FY 15-16 as $120,993
* Kandy gave the up to date numbers and copies of the budget were passed out

1. Transition of the New Administration Discussion
   * Sara passed out a packet going over House Bills and Resolutions that could potentially affect the Independent Living Council. In the packet you can find the due date for the resolution studies and you can contact the agency listed for each resolution

* NCIL Conference Reports
  + Sara and Kandy took a few moments to discuss the workshops that they attended
  + Tara Warner attended a march up The Hill and brought legislation packet to Congressman Graves and Senator Cassidy’s offices.

1. 2017-2019 State Plan
   1. A draft of the survey is complete – now contacts need to be sent to Sara so the survey can be sent out
   2. The SILC brochures were passed around to help finish the final draft
   3. A public forum needs to be set up ASAP
   4. The SPIL needs to start going through drafting ASAP
   5. A SPIL team was created

**Upcoming SILC Meetings**

* January, Baton Rouge, Claiborne Building
  + Orientation and Meeting
* April, Lake Charles, SLIC

**Meeting Adjourned**

The meeting was adjourned with no objections at on October 8, 2015.

Motion to approve with final changes