



PA STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL
Quarterly Meeting Minutes
September 19 & 20, 2007

Call to Order The meeting was called to order by Chair Milton Henderson at 9:00 am.

Secretary Juanita Benson was in attendance and called the roll.

Roll Call The following councilors were in attendance:

Amy Beck	Hillary Hasson	Angela Lundy
Juanita Benson	Milton Henderson	Jamie Ray
Linda Costal	Barbara Houghtaling	Susan Tomasic
Steve Dorsey	Kathleen Kleinmann	Robert Treptow
Thomas Earle	Vivian Lacamera	Donald Zeigler
Timothy Finegan	Daniel Loftus	

Excused The following councilors were excused:
Paul Fogle Stanley Holbrook

Ex-Officio The following ex-officio councilors were present:
David Golin Roberta Schwalm

The following ex-officio councilor was not present:
Ivonne Bucher William Gannon

A quorum was established.

Minutes: The minutes from the April 19 & 20, 2007 meeting and the June 20, 2007 meeting were approved.

MOTION was made and passed to approve the minutes for the April 19 – 20, 2007 meeting.

MOTION was made and passed to approve the minutes for the June 20, 2007 meeting with one correction.

Correction - Stan Holbrook was in attendance of that meeting.

A letter from Executive Director, Corey Rowley in regards to her health was read to the council by Milton Henderson, Chair.

Hillary Hasson, Kathleen Kleinmann and Barbara Houghtaling were welcomed as new members of the council.

Finance Committee Report

Dan Loftus, Co-Chair

The income statement through August 31, 2007 was presented. A budget amendment was required. Reasons for the amendment resulted from higher costs associated with health insurance and salary adjustments.

MOTION was made and passed to accept the finance committee report.

Membership Committee Report

Susan Tomasic, Chair

Reappointments were issued by the Governor for Amy Beck, Tim Finegan, Dan Loftus and Don Zeigler. Appointments were issued by the Governor for CIL Directors Kathleen Kleinmann and Hillary Hasson. The appointment for consumer Barbara Houghtaling was also issued.

SILC chair accepted Dan Loftus's request to be removed as the chair of the membership committee. Susan Tomasic was appointed as the new chair.

Following the resignation of Bob Mecca and the expiration of Ann Cope's second term, there are 2 CIL Director openings.

A motion was made and passed to recommend Jerry Wright to the Governor to replace Bob Mecca.

A motion was made and passed to recommend Chris Lloyd to replace Ann Cope.

Due to the resignation of Bob Mecca, 1st Vice Chair, Don Zeigler 2nd Vice Chair moves to the 1st Vice Chair according to the SILC By-laws. Board chair asked for nominations for 2nd vice chair. Nominations were received for Vivian Lacamera and Linda Costal. Vivian Lacamera was voted in as 2nd Vice Chair.

HCBS Committee Report

Tom Earle, Chair

Highlights:

- Ongoing concern with the OLTL and the practice of enhanced case review
- Service Enhanced housing – housing that is provided for low income persons with disabilities – if we are finding a counter trend it should be brought to SILCs attention. This was brought up and stated by Mike Hall in a meeting
- Commonwealth Cash and Counseling program for persons over 60 years of age
- Concern that Department of Aging is not allowing spouses to work as care givers

- Assistive living Act passed and became legislation. We need to be vigilant and make sure the the workgroup puts together the regulations

Motion was made and passed to submit a letter requesting spouses to be allowed to work as pdas under the PDA waiver.

ACTION STEP: Tom Earle and Kevin Hensil will draft the letter.

Amy Beck joined the meeting at 9:45.

Governor's Office of People with Disabilities

Ed Butler, Executive Director

Highlights:

- outlined his responsibilities and named the cabinet members
- first meeting will be held on August 1
- Overview of the order
- Employment and housing initiatives
- An electronic monthly newsletter will be established from his office. Alternative format will be available upon request. There will be a 800 number and a TTY line
- 142 applicants interested in serving on committee.
- Not a DPW initiative.
- Have started reviewing the apps and have made recommendations. Cross disability, gender, ethnic backgrounds were all considered.
- Next cabinet meeting will be 9/25. Meetings will be open to the public under the sunshine law
- If interested in serving – forward resume to Mr. Butlers office at edbutler@state.pa.us

OVR UPDATE

Tom Washic, Executive Deputy Director of OVR

Highlights:

- Bill Gannon is preparing for their state board meeting.
- Introduced David DeNotaris, new Director of Blind and Visual Services.
- Jamie Ray - Employment committee chair asked for participation of the committee and welcomed Mr. DeNotaris to serve as an adhoc member.
- Successful VR closing as we come close to year end
- COLA should occur
- Flat funding for 4 years will have an impact on services provided by OVR
- Many VR staff retired in June – disincentive to stay
- Randy Loss – Ray walker replacement on a temporary basis.
- 5 year project called Commonwealth work force development system

Governor's Budget

Mary Soderberg, Executive Deputy Secretary of the Budget

Highlights:

- Used a PowerPoint presentation with highlights of the Governor's budget
- Complicated issues in the budget that was passed, i.e., significant transportation legislation
- Significant investment this year was in education, welfare, corrections and probation and parole - details are available in the transcript of Ms. Soderberg's presentation on www.pasilc.org
- Initiative to continue working on "call all Pennsylvanians" to provide low cost health insurance for small business and uninsured Pennsylvanians.

Ticket to Work Update

Lisa Herman

Highlights:

- Handouts to explain the social security program to help people with disabilities go back to work
- Employment networks connect with beneficiaries and negotiate an individual work plan
- Explained the application process
- Training available on website – www.yourtickettowork.com

RSA Monitoring of the SILC Discussion

Kathleen Kleinmann lead a discussion about the RSA Monitoring report following the On-site visit in PA.

For a copy of the full report, go to

<http://www.ed.gov/rschstat/eval/rehab/107-reports/2007/pa.pdf>

2008 Quarterly Meeting Dates

Bonnie Mountz

January 9 – 10, 2008

May 8 – 9, 2008

July 9 – 10, 2008

October 1 – 2, 2008

IL Conference Dates April 2 – 5, 2009

Transportation Report

Eileen Ogan, Penn DOT

Highlights:

- Updated PwD transportation program that has 49 counties statewide
- 14 counties have joined in the past fiscal year
- 16 remaining counties expected to apply this year
- Governor pushed this on the agenda which lead to Act 44 passing and giving us the remaining money under statewide significance to fully fund the Pwd transportation program
- Providers have been asked to mirror the current shared ride programs that they offer to senior citizens

Employment Committee Report

Jamie Ray, Chair

Highlights:

- Committee continues to work closely with the disabilities network
- CAP and other partners on the career link assess built survey
- Committee members had a resource table at the transition form in State College
- Asked board members to participate on the employment committee

Housing Committee Report

Milton Henderson, Co-Chair

Highlights:

- Robert Treptow will be the new housing committee chair
- Committee summarized activities related to the state plan
- Developed strong relationships with HUD, PHFA and various housing partners
- Partnered with builders associations and organizers to secure passage of the visibility tax credit
- Distributed analysis of statewide housing survey
- Have been collecting websites and information to put on the SILC website
- Seeking a grant from the Christopher Reeves foundation for visitability

Office of LT Living and the Office of Aging

Mike Hall, Deputy Secretary

Highlights:

- Transcript of Mr. Hall's presentation on www.pasilc.org website

Executive Director/Staff Report

Bonnie Mountz, Staff

Highlights:

- SPIL for FY0810 was submitted to RSA for approval
- Worked with OVR on revisions requested by RSA and was resubmitted on 8/15/07
- Submitted the budget and workplan for FY0708 – 1st year of the 3 year grant
- Budget revision was submitted and approved by OVR
- Corey was appointed to the AAPD Board of Directors
- Corey received the Frank Harkin Memorial award at the NCIL conference
- Staff was involved in the congressional office visits in DC at the NCIL conference
- SILC received an augmentation grant for a Data Collection project. We are in the process of finalizing a contract with a consultant.
- Amy Selders, SILC staff served as a Co-Chair for the ADA Unity day held in 07/07
- Matt Seeley resigned as Policy Coordinator
- Hired Jeff Iseman as a Public Policy Analyst to work with HCBS and Housing issues
- A second Policy position will be filled to work with Employment and Transportation issues

Public Comment

No public comment

Council went into Private Executive Session

Minutes available to board members only

Recess

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PCIL Report

Barbara Orstein, Executive Director

Highlights:

- Work with SILC to have legislative breakfast and work on CIL funding

- Priorities:
- ensure CIL funding being fully there on the budget
- Areas that are underserved and the addition of 2 CILs in the areas of Westmoreland County and the northeast area
- meeting next week with secretary Schmerin about legislative issues
- working jointly with area assoc on aging
- veterans returning home – TBI issues
- new model for enrollments for hcbs
- next board meeting on October 1
- Housing issues – Lisa Case jointly on housing tracker – summary of the results was provided as a handout – there is not enough affordable accessible housing or there are barriers to them i.e. long waiting lists

Housing Survey Update

Joan Martin, UCP of Pennsylvania

Highlights:

- Survey strategic plan – participated with an adhoc group
- another survey = the housing group - P4A services
- High level of detail available upon request from Joan
- Next step roundtable meeting October 10 for executive directors
- Need regional training, build a tool kit to do systems work
- An initiative to have more accessible housing for MFP and transitioning out of nursing homes – PHFA and ITL have convened to do a 10 year study to address this

Report from the Chair

Milton Henderson

Highlights:

- SPIL – June 20 quarterly meeting
- RSA on-site monitoring
- OVR board meeting – passage of the SPIL

- NCIL Conference in July met with Senator Casey and Specter
- Corey will be going on STD effective today
- Two temporary interim director positions will be discussed with Corey
- Executive Committee will meet between now and the next meeting

Committee member updates:

- Kathleen Kleinmann, Tim Finegan and Susan Tomasic volunteered to Chair the personnel committee. Kathleen will be the new chair
- Susan Tomasic was added to the Finance committee and was given check signing authority
- Linda Costal volunteered for the Finance committee
- Hillary Hasson volunteered for HCBS committee
- Barbara Houghtaling volunteered for the HCBS committee
- Amy Beck volunteered for the Employment committee
- Susan Tomasic and Juanita Benson volunteered for the Youth Initiative

Youth Initiative Report

Amy Selders

A CD is in the board packet labeled grant and program funding opportunities. There are 4 folders on the cd, one includes introduction to resource collection, another is an applications folder. Another includes the foundation chart and then there's another folder marked other resources. CIL directors found the CD to be a great resource.

Highlights of preparations for the youth leadership training:

- Interactive environment in a college setting
- Building relationships and problem solving
- Peer counseling or peer mentoring
- Camp is scheduled for Fall 2008
- Target age is between the ages of 15 and 19
- Need several work groups - logistics, marketing and recruiting , and program

DVC Report

Amy Selders

Highlights:

- DVC is funded by the DD Council with a two year grant.
- Biggest focus is to establish regional host across the state
- Website is in the process of completion
- Goal is to train and educate 600 people on disabilities with voting rights

Communications Update

Kevin Hensil

Highlights:

- the media is starting to call our office with questions about disability issues
- We have been able to have the ED interviewed on issues
- Making strides with the legislature
- Legislative breakfast with PCIL was a success
- Map showing the CIL service areas has been a great tool
- Asked for suggestions about legislative updates and daily news clips to make it better
- Continue to improve www.pasilc.org

Public Comment

No public comment

Adjourn

Meeting is adjourned until January 9 – 10, 2008