

Statewide Independent Living Council
Quarterly Meeting
March 30, 2006

- Meeting called to order at 11:05 am.
- Attendance:

Members: Amy Ashdon, Joe Bellil, Bernard Bonsra, Eileen Brewster, Karen Bureau, Sybil Feldman, Mike Kennedy, Betty J. King, Sharon Liberty, Nancy Trzcinski, Filomena Tripp.

Nominees: Merle Ferber, Tony Williams.

Ex-Officio Members; Paul Antonellis, Karen Langley, Jonathan O'Dell, Wayne Perry, Lorraine Teehan.

Guest: Bill Allan, John Chappell, Naomi Goldberg, Susan Landy, Mary Margaret Moore, Brian Smith, Paul Spooner, Margaret Chow-Menzer, Steve Higgins Coordinator.

- Meeting chaired by Nancy Rumbolt-Trzcinski due to chair's absence
- Minutes approved from last meeting
- Chair's report (given by Steve Higgins)
Congratulations on a very successful event at the State

House. Over 140 people participated, making it a success.

- **State Plan Committee Report: Modifications to the State Plan** were proposed, pending possible increase in State funding. In the current State Plan, any increases are to go to cost of Living increases. The proposal is that new funds be divided equally across all centers. There would be hearings held across the State in order to address these changes in Early May. All centers worked together to agree that new funds would be divided equally. This would bring all centers up to base funding and give some of the larger centers a much needed increase. Rationale for distribution of funding was discussed. If funding is approved, MRC will work with centers to come to agreement on where funding is used. A major focus is nursing home transition. Motion made and accepted to accept State Plan Committee report and to proceed with modifications of the State Plan.
- **Membership Task Force Report:** A discussion of a possible stipend for members of the SILC who are not representatives from agencies. Need to look into whether stipends can be paid due to possibly being considered “special State Employees” when appointed to government commissions or councils. Committee will look further into details of this and possible need to change bilaws. Committee report accepted.

- Treasurer's Report: Final Rollover \$17,642.50. \$10,300.00 allocated to special events. SILC conference budget currently is at \$47,342.40. K. Langley is working on obtaining transfer of MCB funds. Report accepted.

- A presentation was given by the Bridges Project. The presentation was given by Margaret Chow-Menzer and Jackie Dunaway. This project was funded by the CMS change grants. The project focused on looking at strategies for nursing home to community transition.

- Advocacy Report: Advocacy Day at the State House was a success. Everyone was encouraged to call House Ways and Means chair to advocate for the \$1.6 million increase in funding. Possible CORI bill coming out and info will be distributed if this occurs. There will be an event at the State House on May 12. This is a "mini conference" to educate legislative staff on Olmstead long term community supports. Report accepted.

- Nominations and Development Report: Discussion of current nominees and appointments. Report accepted.

- SILC consultant Report: People needing reasonable accommodation are encouraged to contact SILC office prior to events. SILC members (Steve, Mike.) are extending an invitation to all ILC's to visit and speak

about what the SILC does in order to possibly obtain members from boards and consumers. Nancy, Steve and Mary Margaret will be attending the National Council on Independent Living conference in Washington, DC from May 21-26. We will also be represented at the SILC congress in January. ADA day will be on July 26. Annual IL Conference set for Sept. 11, 12, and 13 in Marlboro. Report accepted.

- MRC RC Council Report: Mary Margaret is rep to the RC. A strategic plan is being done for the RC. Also, RC participated in Advocacy Day at the State House. Report Accepted.

- Meeting Adjourned at 3:30 pm.