

Welcome to the SILC Quarterly Meeting

Thursday, March 15th, 2007.

11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Location: Morse Institute Library in Natick, Massachusetts

Attendees:

Nancy Rumbolt-Trczynski

Steve Higgins

Filomena Tripp

Bernard Bonsra

Connie Gallant

Tony Williams

Becka Gutman

Eileen Brewster

John Chappell

Betty J. King

Sybil Feldman

Mary Margaret Moore

Shawn McDuff

Dwight Woodworth

Anita Amy Ashton

Karen Bureau

Naomi Goldberg

Jonathan O'Dell

CART Providers: Stefanie Farrell and Tracy Ukura

>>NANCY RUMBOLT-TRCZYZNKI: Good morning, everyone. I would like to welcome everybody, and on this great, kind of yucky day, and we'll try -- I'll try to keep my coughing down to a dull roar.

>>NANCY RUMBOLT-TRCZYZNKI: All right. Thanks, everyone. And next on the agenda is the approval of the 12/13/06 minutes. Can I hear a motion to accept the minutes?

Okay. can I hear a vote to accept the minutes with corrections?
All in favor?

ALL: Aye.

>>NANCY RUMBOLT-TRCZYZNKI: Opposed?

Sustained?

Okay. So the motion passes with those corrections, Steve.

We need a motion to accept my report.

>>MERLE FERBER: So moved.

>>NANCY RUMBOLT-TRCZYZNKI: All in favor?

Opposed?

Abstained?

Okay. Thanks, everybody.

And next it is the State Plan Committee. Mary Margaret, you are on --

>>MARY MARGARET MOORE:

Hi! Let me give you a backdrop on the State Plan.

>>MARY MARGARET MOORE: The State Plan, again, I'll just tell you why we do it and what it is. We are required, as a Commonwealth, and the SILC is required as part of its charter, its charter? Its mandate in title seven to have a plan for how the Independent Living dollars that come to us under title seven are used. And the State Plan is developed because of the Department of Education Rehabilitation Services Administration down in Washington for their acceptance. If they accept our plan for three year, then the Federal Independent Living dollars, what we call Part B and Part C, in addition under -- there is also Title II, which is the money that goes for the elder blind services. It is not my language. I would call it for people who are blind and are seers. That is my label. They call it something else. How that money then comes into the Commonwealth through those two designated state units. And our plan defines how it is dispersed. And the SILC oversees that with MRC and MCB.

>>NANCY RUMBOLT-TRCZYZNKI: Okay. Motion to accept Mary Margaret's report.

>>SYBIL FELDMAN: Aye.

>>NANCY RUMBOLT-TRCZYZNKI: Sybil, thank you.

Second?

>>MIKE KENNEDY: I'll second.

>>STEVE HIGGINS: Second Mike Kennedy.

>>NANCY RUMBOLT-TRCZYZNKI: Okay. No more discussion other than stomachs growling. All in favor?

Opposed?

Abstained?

Okay. Food!

And we have 45 minutes?

NANCY RUMBOLT-TRZCINSKI: Okay, everybody, we're going to get started. Are you ready? Okay. Before we get back to the agenda, we have one order of business that we need to take care of. In our last SILC meeting, the minutes for the September meeting were tabled, because of the technical problems or computer glitch. Those minutes were mailed out, but I'm not sure if people had a chance to review them. So we have a couple of options. We can either approve those minutes as written, or we can table it again until the next meeting. Can I hear a discussion?

NANCY RUMBOLT-TRZCINSKI: Thanks, Mary Margaret. Does everybody agree with that. So we'll address the September meeting minutes at our next SILC meeting in June.

NANCY RUMBOLT-TRZCINSKI: We'll get all of that taken care of.

Okay, so the next report we have is Filomena and the treasury report.

STEVE HIGGINS: I have these to pass out, Filomena. Let me run around and pass them out first. Actually, Chris, would you mind?

>>NANCY RUMBOLT-TRCZYZNKI: Anyway, anymore discussion before we ask for a vote?

>>STEVE HIGGINS: Motion.

>>NANCY RUMBOLT-TRCZYZNKI: A motion to accept Filomena's report?

>>MIKE KENNEDY: So moved.

>>STEVE HIGGINS: Mike Kennedy. Second, Sybil.

>>SYBIL FELDMAN: Yeah.

>>NANCY RUMBOLT-TRCZYZNKI: Anymore discussion?

All in favor?

>>ALL: Aye.

>>NANCY RUMBOLT-TRCZYZNKI: Opposed?

Abstained?

Okay. Paul is not here to give the Advocacy Report, and he has asked Steve to do that for him. So turning it over to Steve.

And so we do have a lot of stuff happening. advocacy event coming up at the State House, and that event is happening on May 11th I believe is the date off the top of my head. I have to grab my palm pilot -- the State House

>>NANCY RUMBOLT-TRCZYZNKI: All righty. Do I hear a motion to accept Steve's report?

>>STEVE HIGGINS: Motion by Shawn McDuff.

>>NANCY RUMBOLT-TRCZYZNKI: A second?

>>ANITA ASHDON: I second.

>>STEVE HIGGINS: Second, Amy Ashton.

>>NANCY RUMBOLT-TRCZYZNKI: No more discussion?

>>SYBIL FELDMAN: No.

>>NANCY RUMBOLT-TRCZYZNKI: Thanks, Sybil.

(Laughter.)

>>SYBIL FELDMAN: You're welcome.

(Laughter.)

>>JOHN CHAPPELL: That's the way it is.

>>SYBIL FELDMAN: Yep.

>>NANCY RUMBOLT-TRCZYZNKI: All righty, then.

All in favor?

>>ALL: Aye.

>>NANCY RUMBOLT-TRCZYZNKI: Opposed?

Abstained?

Okay. Next is Mike Kennedy's report for development and nominations.

>>MIKE KENNEDY: All righty. Thank you, Nancy. What I'm going to do is I'm going to read from the notes from our March 13th meeting. And then I'm going to hand the mic over to Steve

STEVE HIGGINS: As many of you know, working at the speed of government takes months sometimes, if not years, and we're able to accomplish -- we may be accomplishing something in less than two to three months of an administration that, we weren't able to accomplish in how many years of the last?

So we do have a lot going on. The Governor's office of Appointments, we have a good relationship in working with them. We'll continue to establish that relationship as we work with Khalil and Rafi Goldberg in the Governor's office to see if we cannot get these things happening. So they are feeling that the SILC is a priority. They really believe in what the SILC does for work, so that's kind of where we are.

NANCY RUMBOLT-TRCZYZNKI: Thanks, Steve. Motion to accept Mike's report?

ANITA ASHDON: Motion.

STEVE HIGGINS: Amy Ashdon motions.

SYBIL FELDMAN: Second.

STEVE HIGGINS: Seconded by Sybil.

NANCY RUMBOLT-TRZCINSKI: Hearing no more discussion, all in favor? Opposed? Abstained? Okay, and like you haven't heard enough of him today, I get to turn this over to Steve for his report.

SYBIL FELDMAN: Yay!

STEVE HIGGINS:

The NCIL conference is coming, and myself and Nancy actually will be heading down this year, and you know, it's kind of unique that we're one of the few SILCs in the United States that has one of our regional reps for the SILCs for NCIL, comes to the SILC meetings. Mary Margaret Moore is our region one rep. for NCIL at the national council, so you know, you wonder where Mary Margaret gets all of this information on the national level, well, she's down in D.C., fighting in the halls, doing whatever has to happen down there. She'll be with us down in D.C. again this year as we do that.

>>NANCY RUMBOLT-TRCZYZNKI: All righty, we are running a little late, and have mercy on your chair who won't be home until 6:30 tonight.

Make a motion to accept Steve's?

All in favor?

Opposed?

Abstained?

Okay. Next on the agenda is other. Have we covered all other?

>>STEVE HIGGINS: Yes, we have.

>>NANCY RUMBOLT-TRCZYZNKI: Okay. Motion to adjourn.

>>JOE BELLIL: Motion to adjourn.

>>NANCY RUMBOLT-TRCZYZNKI: Second. All in favor?

Yeah. Okay. We are done.

(Meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.)

See everyone in June at various Committee meetings.

