

SILC Meeting.
Thursday, June 21st, 2007.
Moore Institute Library, Natick MA

Meeting opened at 10:30 a.m.

Attendance

Appointees:

Nancy Rumbolt-Trczynski, Chair, Bernard Bonsra, Lorraine Teehan, Joe Tringali, John Chappell, Karen Langley, Filomena Tripp, Sara Coracero, Shawn McDuff, Judi Rodger, Karen Bureau, Betty J. King, Eileen Brewster, Patricia Astrella, Dawn Clark, Anita Albright, Mike Kennedy, Joe Bellil, Becka Gutman

Nominees:

Merle Ferber, Keith Jones

Guest:

Steve Higgins, SILC Coordinator, Connie Gallant, Susan Landy, Bob Bass, Paul Spooner, Naomi Goldberg, Commissioner Elmer C. Bartels

Meeting opened at 10:30 am by Chairperson Nancy Trzcinski with welcomes and housekeeping.

Commissioner Bartels from MRC joined us for the meeting and shared a few words the SILC. He will be leaving MRC on July 30, 2007 after 30 years of service. He spoke about the success that has been had, it is what can happen if we put our ideas together,

and build a constituency, go to Beacon Hill, and bring home some bacon. It can be done. Because it has been done. He encouraged us in our role as members of the State Independent Living Council, we should take that as your responsibility to try and expand the resources, expand the service delivery on behalf of people who will never be in this room, or who might be your successors when you leave the State IL Council, and to grow.

NANCY TRCZYZNIKI Thanked Commissioner, Bartels, and noted that we wish him well on his future endeavors. She also noted that she was we haven't heard the last of him, to which Commissioner Bartels responded I hope not.

NANCY TRCZYZNIKI: Next on the agenda is the approval of the minutes for the past two meetings.

Following Discussion JOE BELLIL: made a motion we accept the minutes from the March meeting. SARA CORACERO: Second. Motion carried.

Before moving on STEVE HIGGINS noted: The other thing we need to approve is the set of minutes from September 13th that were tabled at our last SILC meeting due to technical glitches.

After discussion DAWN CLARK: made a motion to approve. SHAWN MCDUFF: second. Motion Carried

NANCY TRCZYZKI: Gave the Chairs Report. She reported that she has been attending all of the meetings of the SILC that time allows, and that is most of them. The majority of time, most of it has been taken up by finalizing the State Plan. So that has been a big focus of what we have been doing lately. She also reported she looking forward to attending NICL in a couple of weeks and that she would be on the road for two weeks because she would be attending the American Council of the Blind Convention prior to that.

Next on the agenda Approval of the State Plan for Independent Living Committee report and approval. Steve Higgins gave the report in place of Committee Chairperson Mary Margaret Moore who was unable to attend the meeting.

A complete copy of the CART Transcript of the SPIL presentation & approval is available at the SILC office.

Prior to approval JOE BELLIL: made a motion that the SILC insert the wording from our previous SPIL concerning options 1, 2 and 3 under Part B into the current draft of this SPIL. Second JUDI RODGER:, Motion Carried

After discussion MIKE KENNEDY: made a motion to accept the SPIL.
Second JUDI RODGER: Motion Carried

Next Filomena Tripp presented the Treasurers Report. She reported that the Finance Committee has been meeting regularly since the last SILC meeting. Committee meetings happened via telephone conference on the first Tuesday of every month from 3:00 to

4:00. Through June first, the SILC has expended \$109,020 of its 2007 budget. She reported that we have heard back from MRC in regards to the funding of the 2007 State Independent Living Conference scheduled for September. A deposit of \$1,000 has been made to secure the space. As part of each of the 11 IL Centers, contracts for the new Fiscal Year, \$5,000 was set aside for training which will come to the SILC to cover the cost of the conference. This gives us a budget of approximately \$56,000 for this year's conference, not including donations and registrations charged to vendors for the event.

The Finance Committee has directed the SILC Coordinator to check with the DSU to see if the SILC will face any cuts in its current contract, and to see if there is any idea of potential future cuts to the SILC. The SILC could face due to the current situation at MRC.

In the proposed new SPIL, the SILC is looking at the potential of adding four new consultant positions to deal with issues of statewide systemic change. It was suggested that the Finance Committee be the ones to look at the potential cost to fund the positions and report back to the SILC with its findings.

Copies of the SILC budget worksheet are available by contacting the SILC office for review, or by contacting Steve Higgins, and he will send one out to you.

After discussion JOE BELLIL: made a motion to accept the Treasurers Report. Second
MIKE KENNEDY: Motion Carried

Paul Spooner presented the Advocacy Committee Report verbally.

After discussion MIKE KENNEDY: made a motion to accept his report. Second JOE TRINGALI: Motion Carried

Nomination & Development Committee Report MIKE KENNEDY:

First, earlier this year, the Statewide Independent Living Council sent out several packets, seven to re-appointees, four to nominees, requesting their background checks for the Governor's Office. As of our latest conversations with the Governor's Office on June 19th, they are still being processed and will be sent to the Governor's Office for -- Governor for signatures in the near future.

Packets were sent to the following: Pat Astrella, Amy Ashdon, Karen Bureau, Pam Burkley, Mike Kennedy, myself, Sharon Liberty, Nancy Trzcinski, Connie Gallant, Merle Ferber, Keith Jones, and Tony Williams. And we also received one from Jim Tierney, and from Brian Smith who will represent Independence Associates. And two nominations since our last quarterly meeting, which these two people had to pass through the Executive Committee, and now I have their paperwork processed at the Governor's Office. And they are Robert Barker from Pittsfield, and Carol Hilbinger from Haverhill.

Anita Albright, Director of the Office of Healthy Aging and the Office of Health and Disability at the Department of Public Health, joined the SILC as the new DPH Designee. We are really excited about this because we haven't had any input from the Department of Public Health for over a year. Mike welcome aboard, Anita.

After Discussion JOE BELLIL: made a motion to accept the report. Second BETTY KING, Motion Carried

The SILC Consultants report was given verbally by Steve Higgins.

After discussion BETTY KING: motioned to accept the report. Second EILEEN

BREWSTER: Motion Carried

Old Business:

None to discuss

New Business:

JOE BELLIL: made a motion that the SILC present outgoing Commissioners Bartels & Govostes with plaques of recognition & thanks at the 2007 ADA Day celebration.

Second MIKE KENNEDY: Motion Carried

Motion to Adjourn: 3:45 by JOE BELLIL: Motion Carried