

## SILC Quarterly Meeting

March 15, 2013

Present: Steve Higgins IA, Courtland Townes III BCIL, Martina Carroll Stavros, Bonnie Jones Pittsfield, Merle Ferber, Filomena Tripp SCIL, Mitch Sanborn MCB, Ann Shor MRC, Joe Bellil Easter Seals, Paul Spooner, Joe Tringali, Mary Dennesen, Lisa Franklin, Nancy Trzcinski, Ashley McAnespie DD Council, Betty J King, Norman Blane, Dave Correia, Mike Kennedy, Lois Brown, Rachel Tanenhaus DPH, James Clark, Janet Shaw

### Chair's Report

Acknowledgment of Sybil Feldman's passing (followed by a moment of silence).

There has been a change on the SPIL Committee Mary Margaret Moore has resigned her position as committee chair. Nancy Trzcinski will now be taking the lead on the SPIL committee.

Motion made by Nancy Trzcinski to accept the chair's report. Judy Roger seconded. Motion accepted.

### Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report: At September 2012's meeting, a budget was approved in the amount of \$155,731. The rollover has not been determined, the Finance Committee recommended allocation of \$20k to IL Conference, \$5k to SILC Travel, the remainder to Special Events (IL Education Day, ADA Day, etc). MRC has committed to \$25,000 to go toward an Independent Living conference.

Motion to accept Merle Ferber Second Betty j King Motion carried.

Ann Shor, Joe Tringali, Norman Blaine, Lois Brown – introduced a program committee, that established minimum guidelines and set up arrangements with construction monitors who could check at the end of a project to see if the work outlined in the bid was completed. Parties involved felt that additional representation was needed. Ideally, someone who understands the program and has the consumer in mind; the goal is to keep people and families in their homes. Joe Beillil, Made a recommendation that David Correia and Mike Kennedy be the designees, with David being the Primary designee. Joe Tringali pointed out it is important that whatever come out of the meetings that it get reported out to the centers.

Joe Bellil made motion of David Correia with alternate of Mike Kennedy, Second Merle Ferber

Motion carried

PIE Committee Report Paul Spooner

There was discussion about budget cuts within the 4000 account, by the governor. There has been some move to talk about increases in the 4000 account. The centers did not receive any funding. There was talk of a supplemental budget request with the governor's office. There is some conversations happening but with the 9c cuts and the way revenues are going it does not look promising.

We are on the road now to the new FY14 budget. The centers are meeting with our lobbyist and will be attending a hearing with EOHHS beginning Monday at the statehouse there is also a hearing in western ma on Dec 13. These are all opportunities for us to address senior staff at eohhs and express our interest. WE will be there on Monday and assume STAVROS will be at the one on the 13<sup>th</sup>.

There was a description of the PCA bill from the last legislative session, which passed in the House, but never came up in the Senate. As a result the PCA workforce council has created a task force to see what a bill of this type will look like. They will be proposing a recommendation for a modest PCA orientation program that is not mandatory and not training but providing PCAS with information about Independent living Fraud Abuse and other. It is consistent in what is being seen across the country. The federal govt has concerns in many other states where there are considerable issues with fraud and mismanagement.

The workforce council is consumer controlled. They can make a recommendation to the administration but it does not mean it will happen especially with 9c cuts coming.

Motion. to Accept Bonnie, Second Betty King MOTION Carried.

Nominations & Development Committee Mike Kennedy

Nominations and development committee has been working on a working list of membership, those wanting to know their term end date are encouraged to contact the SILC office. Merle Ferber asked for the list by next meeting.

New nominee Tracy Olsen from the Raynham area, may be attending in March

Those interested in serving on the SILC, contact Jim or Mike.

Motion Merle second Betty Motion carried

SPIIL Committee report Nancy Trzcinski

Thanked Mary Margaret for all of her service in the past in writing the plans including her help and time devoted. The committee met Nov 27 via teleconference. During the fall meeting the current state plan status was reviewed 50% of current goals are accomplished.

The current plan is rather large in the upcoming plan we will be focusing on the responsibilities of the silc which is to maintain the network of centers the plan will stay within the parameters of only what the SILC is responsible to do. Much of this is due to lack on man power.

Committee is looking at the network of centers and wondering if we need to expand or stay the same. Will also be looking at the Part B program and how it is administered. Part of the SPIIL Committee job is also looking at the Consumer satisfaction survey, questions what tool will be used IDMS vs. WILD.

Paul mentioned that the consumer survey is the requirement that feds require all centers to demonstrate they have some measure of satisfaction. The current one was developed over 10 years ago with input from the SILC and DSU. By doing the survey it enables all of us to check off on our reports that we have met that compliance indicator.

At the same time the new database was being developed there was a project where outcomes measured for ILCs in MA were being developed. The ideas of what the Outcomes measures will become need to go to the SPIIL committee for acceptance. At this point the current survey will be used this year but the outcome measures may be used in the year following we do not know yet whether the new outcomes will be used each year following that.

Nancy and Jim will be attending SILC Congress and being trained on the SPIIL

After the regular March SILC meeting there will be a hearing held here in Natick there will also be a meeting held at the Chicopee public Library this year.

Bonnie asked can we just cut the objective way down and Nancy respond that is what we are planning on doing.

Motion Bonnie second Merle MOTION carried

SILC Coordinators report James Clark

Jim reported that the Next SPIL Committee Meeting Dec 28 11:00 am via teleconference

Next SILC Quarterly Meeting March 15 immediately following the meeting will be a SILC hearing.

All members and nominees should expect a member list detailing their status with the Governors' office by the next meeting. Calendars will also be distributed.

Motion Betty Kine Second Merel MOTION carried

New Business

Paul Spooner, wanted to make sure the SILC and MWCIL will be hosting their annual open house December 14 from 1:00 to 4:00 at MWCIL

Legislative Advocacy day at state house on March 21 more information to follow from Jim this is a bit earlier this year 11:00 to 1:00 followed by visits to legislators Usually held in conjunction with the State Rehab Council at MRC.

STAVROS, SCIL & BCIL will also be holding events on December 14

Lisa Frankiln asked everyone to spread the word on the community theatre on January 19 a production of Annie will be held that is Autism Friendly.

Motion to Adjourn Joe Bellil Second Bonnie Motion Passed

Meeting closed at 2:14 PM