

SILC Quarterly Meeting
March 21, 2012

Present: Nancy Trzcinski, RACHEL TANENHAUS, Paul Spooner, Jackie Higgins, David Correia, Mike Kennedy, ASHLEY McANESPA, Betty King, Judy Roger, Lisa Franklin, MARY DENNESEN, Merle Ferber, Anita Amy Ashton, Angelina Sepis, FILOMENA TRIPP, MARTINA CARROLL, Ann Shore, Joe Bellil, Bonnie Jones, Janet Shaw, Steve Higgins.

Motion to accept minutes of last quarterly minutes made by Merle, Second by Judy Roger.

Minutes of last quarterly meeting accepted with corrections.

Chair's report: Janet discussed search for new SILC coordinator. The search committee interviewed 3 candidates and selected James Clark as the new coordinator. James will start on April 2, 2012. Janet has attended most committee meetings. Announced appointment of Filomena Tripp as chair of finance committee. Nancy Trzcinski will assume the chair of the SPIL committee.

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

Treasurer's Report: At September, 2011's meeting, a budget was approved in the amount of \$155,731. There also was a rollover of \$19,103.95. MRC has committed to \$25,000 to go toward an Independent Living conference. Total budget for Federal FY 2012 is \$199,834.95. From October 2011-January 31, 2012 \$35,269.60 was spent. Projected costs from February 1, 2012-June 30, 2012 are \$65,608.32. Projected costs from July 1, 2012-September 30, 2012 are \$85,196.66. The process of the way the funding happens was explained. Total projected expenses for federal FY 2012 Are \$186,074.58. A [projected rollover from FY 2012 to FY 2013 is \$13,760.37.

Merle Ferber made motion to accept treasurer's report. Bonnie Jones Seconded. Motion accepted.

Public Information and Education Committee report. State House Education day taking place on April 4. People were encouraged by Paul to make their appointments with legislators on that day. II Centers are asking for a \$1.1 Million increase in the budget. This breaks down to \$100,000.00 per center to cover expenses of the core services and increased assistance for people

getting out of nursing homes. There was an explanation of the Dual eligibility grant program for those on Medicare and MassHealth. Also included in the project is an independent long term care coordinator not employed by the health system. The implementation date is January 1, 2013.

Amy Ashton made motion to accept P.I.E. committee report.
Judy Roger seconded. Motion passes.

Special Events Report: The annual ADA celebration will be on July 26, 2012. The event will be at Dunn Pond State Park in Gardner. The SILC conference will be 2 and a half days, beginning on September 12 at the Best Western Conference center in Marlboro. Resources from MRC have been put toward the conference, therefore a major focus for this year's conference will be employment. Other things that will be included in the conference are working with youth with disabilities and health care. The quarterly SILC meeting will be held on the afternoon of the last day of the conference-June 14.

Bonnie Jones made the motion to accept the Special events committee report.
Amy Ashton seconded. Motion passes.

Nominations and Development Report: Betty King has been officially reappointed to the SILC. Angelisa is in the process of being nominated to the SILC. David Correia will be the representative for Metro West CIL. Rachel Tanenhaus has been appointed by the governor from DPH. The only center that does not have representation at this point is the Multicultural Center. Bonnie Jones has volunteered to be the liaison between the SILC and the State Rehab Council. A reminder to SILC members that it is a requirement of the members to be on at least one committee of the SILC.

Amy Ashton made a motion to accept the Nominations and Development committee report.
Judy Roger seconded. Motion passes.

SPIL Committee Report: A revision was approved in order for part B funds to go to D. E. A. F. Inc. Consumer survey will be reviewed and compared to the upcoming outcomes project to ensure that all areas are covered. The halfway point for the current SPIL has come so it is time to think about the process for the next SPIL.

Joe Bellil made a motion to accept the SPIL committee report.
Judy Roger seconded. Motion passes.

SILC Coordinator's Report: Many people have filled in the absence of a coordinator. Thanks given to everyone who has helped to continue the operation of the SILC. Steve Higgins attended the National SILC congress in Houston. Focus at SILC congress was reauthorization of the Rehabilitation Act and discussion of the Independent Living Act. Also discussion of whether SILC congress should be every other year and strategies to work to make it more inclusive via a possible virtual conference. The new SILC coordinator, James Clark, will be starting on April 4. Mr. Clark is a young person who will have the opportunity to develop into a leader in the disability community.

Amy Ashton made a motion to accept Coordinator's report.
Judy Roger seconded. Motion passes.

Other business. Jackie Higgins reported that MOD is working on ensuring that goods and services are accessible due to the emphasis on Transition plans. Specifically working with Bridgewater State, Baystate Correctional Facility and Framingham State.

>>RACHEL TANENHAUS reported that a grant under the Office of Health Equity at the Department of Public Health is being written. This is a 3 year grant that will focus on broad system-wide issues that affect the health of people with disabilities.

Ann Shore announced that MRC will be moving to 600 Washington Street. The first day in the new office will be April 2. By the end of April MRC, MCB and MCDHH will all be at that location.

Joe Bellil announced that the consumer conference, sponsored by MRC, MCB, MCDHH and the SILC will be held on June 19-20 in Norwood.

Mike Kennedy made a motion to adjourn.
Judy Roger seconded. Motion passes.

Next quarterly meeting to be held at the Natick library on June 21, 2012.