

SILC Quarterly Meeting
Tuesday, June 11, 2013

Present:

James Clark, Janet Shaw, Steve Higgins, Rachel Tanenhaus, Paul Spooner, Susan Lavin, Courtland Townes, III, Jessica Santos, Martina Carroll, Anne Shor, Hang Lee, Merle Ferber, Bonnie Jones, Betty J. King, Judi Rodger, Mary Dennesen, Lisa Franklin, Kristin Britton, Sharon Harrison, Carol Hilbinger, Coreen Brinckerhoff, Nancy Trzcinski, Mike Kennedy, Anita Amy Ashdon, Commissioner Carr

Changed agenda to have SPIL Committee report go first. SILC then reviewed the draft of the 2014-2016 State Plan for Independent Living.

Motion made by Bonnie Jones to approve the 2014 - 2016 SPIL with edits. Michael Kennedy seconded. Motion accepted.
(2014 - 2016 SPIL can be found on the MASILC webpage)

Motion made by Betty J. King to accept minutes of last quarterly meeting. Judi Rodgers Seconded. Motion accepted.

PIE Committee Report: As of right now the only thing that is going on is that the efforts to get increased funding for the centers did succeed in the Senate budget. It is in the Senate budget. And the increase for \$1.1 million is in the Senate budget. Now it is in Conference Committee which is where the Senate and House bring together the two budgets and try to

deal with the differences. There is always the opportunity for all of you to thank your Representatives and Senators for supporting the increased budget for independent living and that is important to do even particularly in this late day. Let them know that you appreciate their support, ask them to support a good conference, and I think we have the best chance in five years to see a substantial increase in IL funding. So that's a result of all the hard work you guys have done and others. So hopefully that will succeed if it comes out of conference it will be off from the House and Senate and then off to the Governor. So we'll know in a couple weeks.

A couple other quick things. There is a hearing coming up next week under Healthcare Finance to look at a Senate bill that was filed this year for -- to provide for a PCA Orientation Program

and that was introduced by Senator Kennedy from the Brockton area. The bill includes consumer control, meaning individual PCA consumers will make decisions about whether their PCAs go to a training at a larger group or that they, themselves, provide the training. So that's up for a hearing next week. And I'll be going to that and testifying in favor of that. As myself at Metrowest, not taking the SILC -- the SILC hasn't taken a position on that.

Janet stressed the need to thank the Legislators that helped us with this, and the need not forget to get out there and vote next week!

Hang lee's paperwork has been submitted to the Governor's office and will be representing the Multicultural Independent Living Center. The nominations committee, along with the SILC Coordinator, we want to develop concrete plan of action to recruit more consumer representatives to the SILC Board. Our goal is to have all 44 positions filled.

Motion made by Judi Rodger to accept the PIE Committee's report. Betty J King seconded. Motion accepted.

The report shows a list of the expenses through March, which amounts to roughly \$70,000 of our projected budget with a remainder of roughly \$150,000. Even though there is a significant amount of the budget remaining, there are still a lot of expenses coming up. June, July, and September are typically our most expensive months with the NCI Conference, ADA Day, as well as the II Conference. From a historic perspective, we are spending the same amount of money as we usually do this time of year.

Motion made by Anita Amy Ashdon to accept the Treasurer's report. Judi Rodger seconded. Motion accepted.

Nominations & Development Report:

Members of the Nominations committee participated and marketed the SILC at the Statewide Commission on Disability Conference in Marlborough, in hopes of recruiting members of area Disability Commissions. Our next marketing action will be MRC Consumer Conference.

Motion made by Betty J King to accept the Nomination and Development report. Judi Rodger seconded. Motion accepted.

Coordinator's Report

ADA Day will take place on August 2, 2013 and the State IL Conference will take place September 17 -19, 2013.

Motion made by Betty J King to accept the Coordinator's report. Judi Rodger seconded. Motion accepted.

Announcements

Ann Shor: Just a quick announcement, MRC is working with the

Boston Home and Karen Langley at EHS on a grant from the Shapiro Foundation to establish a pilot project in the Boston area to develop a Durable Medical Equipment re-use project so at the consumer conference on Thursday afternoon, if anybody is going to be there, we are setting up a sort of informal focus group to get feedback from an input from people to help us develop this pilot, and then also down the road probably in

Next meeting will be held at the Natick Library on December 11, 2013.

October we'll be organizing a larger forum to get input, but if anybody's going on Thursday, we would love to, we will make an announcement but we'd love to have you stop by the table and give us your input.

Steve Higgins: I want to let folks know and extend the

invitation on July 12th, we are doing, we started an outreach a couple months ago down in IA and it's an art gallery called Haitian, right now it's the IBA gallery, Independence Associates and Brockton Arts and Advocacy and we've been running a show in conjunction with Mass. port and the museum of fine arts called Haitian color and transit. We're having a party July 12th which is a Friday afternoon from sounded like 5:00 to 10:00 at night and certainly anybody is welcome to stop by. It's an open invitation. Amy was there for our opening, we had close to 300 people and it was kind of, blew our minds away. If you want to think about ways you can do interesting outreach we received our first INRs from Jacmel Haiti so it gives you ways of thinking outside the box. It's an open invitation and people want to stop down and not only see the art, but we'll be doing some other stuff later this year.