

SILC Quarterly Meeting  
June 21, 2012

Attendees: Janet Shaw - Chair  
Nancy Trzcinski - Secretary  
Jim Clark – SILC Director  
Mike Kennedy-Nominations chair  
Paul Spooner-PIE chair and special events chair  
Jackie Higgins-MOD  
Ann Shore-DSU rep (MRC)  
Becka Gutman-SCIU 1199  
Judi Rodger-member  
Betty J King-member  
Lisa Franklin -member  
Nanette Goodwin-Member  
Carol Hilbinger-member  
Hang Lee-nominee  
Mary Dennesen –nominee  
Bonnie Jones-member  
Joe Bellil – Vice Chair  
Anita Amy Ashdon -member  
Merle Ferber -member  
Courtland Townes III member  
Martina Carroll nominee  
Rachel Tanenhaus -DPH  
Filomena Tripp-treasurer

James Clark, the new SILC Coordinator, was introduced to the membership and welcomed.

Martina made motion to accept minutes as amended. Judi seconded. Motion carries.

Chair's report-Janet Shaw

Janet has attended committee meetings. Was unable to attend either the 3 agency consumer conference or NCIL but Nancy attended both.

Nancy made motion to accept report. Judi seconded. Motion carries

PIE committee report-Paul Spooner

The education day event was held at the State House in early April. It was well attended. A campaign has been being held to increase funding for ILC's by 1.1 Million. After negotiations and combined house and senate budgets and governor's signature it looks as though the IL budget may increase by \$300,000. Efforts to try for an increase in the coming year will continue. Other efforts have been trying to follow the "duals project" which is a demonstration program which involves those between ages 21-65 who are eligible for both Medicare and MassHealth. The aim is to combine funding in order to deliver care in a more efficient manner. There are also other services which are involved which may assist people to continue to live in the community. ILC's are involved in this project which is different from other health care efforts. There will be

“Independent Living Long term support coordinators”. ILC’s need to be involved in the creation of the agency model for the project so as to insure that the IL philosophy is carried out. The issue of CORI checks for PCA’s has come up again. Other programs are requiring CORI’s (AVI waiver for example). The issue of a CORI for PCA’s is concerning because there is time involved in getting the check completed. It takes a couple of days for the check to complete and oftentimes a PCA needs to be hired immediately. So the issue is concerning. ILC’s need to be at the table on this discussion because it has a serious impact on PCA consumers. A short discussion of Money Follows the Person occurred. Data is being collected but the program is not in full swing as of the date of this meeting. The issue of PCA hours being cut was raised. The appeal process for both initial and re-evaluation was explained.

Merle made motion to accept PIE committee report. Betty seconded. Motion carries.

Finance Committee report- FILOMENA TRIPP

Finance Committee meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 3 PM. Committee needs to meet with the DSU to ensure funding for FY ’13. Budget highlights through April SILC has spent \$67,167 for its current budget.

The months of June, July, and September are traditionally the most expensive months for the SILC with the NCIL conference, ADA Day, and State IL Conference. The remaining budget for the Fiscal Year is \$107,667. The IL conference has been confirmed and MRC has committed to \$25,000 toward the conference. Additional funding will be coming from ILC’s as part of the State contract. Other funding sources will be pursued.

Bonnie made motion to accept. Judi seconded. Motion carries.

Nominations and Development report-Mike Kennedy

Mike will follow up with the Governor’s office to ensure that current nominees are moved along. Mike and Jim will review current and pending members in order to ensure that a current list of members is compiled.

There is still a need for new members.

Betty made motion to accept. Judi seconded. Motion carries.

SPIL Committee report-Janet Shaw reading for Mary Margaret Moore.

Nancy Trzcinski will be SPIL co-chair. Language for current SPIL needs to be updated on the SILC webpage. Hearings need to be planned for the upcoming SPIL. The current consumer satisfaction survey will not be changed at this time and will be reviewed when the new outcomes project is in place and the data collection system is up and running. MM and Nancy will do a review of current goals and objectives and their status prior to the next quarterly meeting.

Betty made motion to accept. Judi seconded. Motion carries.

SILC Coordinator’s Report-James Clark

Work has been done on quarterly meetings, planning for the ADA day at Dunn Pond State Park on 7/26, and will begin planning for the IL conference. Jim attended the NCIL conference in Washington DC. A discussion occurred about a meeting at NCIL concerning the National Hotel

Association's opposition to the ADA requirement that pools must have lifts in order to ensure that Pools are accessible.

Amy Ashdon made motion to accept. Betty seconded. Motion carries.

Other business:

ADA day is on July 26 at Dunn Pond state Park in Gardner. The IL conference will be held on Sept. 12, 13, and 14 at the Best Western Hotel and Conference Center in Marlboro, MA. Plans are going forward with the conference. Requests for proposals for workshops have gone out. The theme of the conference is how ILC's can help to enhance employment and the changing role of ILC's in health care. The quarterly SILC meeting will be directly after the conference on Sept. 14.

Becka Gutman discussed ratification of the PCA contract and the opportunity for PCA's to vote. Becka explained what the issues in the contract are.

Ann Shore discussed MRC's applying for Section 811 vouchers which is housing subsidy vouchers for accessible, affordable housing, and it would be linked with services.

Next meeting: September 14, 2012