

SILC Quarterly Meeting Minutes
Friday, September 14, 2012

Present: Janet Shaw (chair), James Clark (SILC Coordinator), Rachel Tanenhaus (DPH), Bridget Landers (guest), Paul Spooner (PIE and Special events chair), Martina Carroll (Nominee), Judi Rodger (Member), Betty J. King (member), Mary Dennesen (Nominee), Steve Higgins (member), Ann Shore (MRC DSU rep), Nanette Goodwin (Member), Coreen Brinckerhoff (CORD E.D. and member), Tara O'Connor (CLW), Lisa Franklin (Member), Joe Bellil (Vice Chair), David Correia (Metro West nominee), Anita Amy Ashdon (Member), Mike Kennedy (Nominations Chair), Angie Cephas (Nominee), Merle Ferber (Member), Bonnie Jones (Member), Mary Margaret Moore (ILCNCSA), Sybil Feldman (member), Filomena Tripp (Treasurer).

Minutes from June meeting were reviewed. Sybil made motion to accept. Judi seconded. Motion carries.

SPIL report-Mary Margaret Moore. The responsibility of the SILC to develop and monitor the State Plan for Independent Living was explained. At the time of the meeting we are in year 2 of the current SPIL. Year 3 begins Oct. 1, 2012. A new SPIL needs to be developed, approved by the SILC, MRC and MCB. Following this it is sent to Washington (RSA). The status of the current SPIL's goals and objectives was reviewed and put up on the SILC website. After review of the current SPIL it was found that approximately 45% of the current goals were met. There needs to be fewer goals in the new SPIL in order to become more successful, given both financial and human resource constraints. There will be 2 hearings for input, one in Western Massachusetts and 1 following the March SILC quarterly meeting.

Amy made motion to accept the SPIL committee report. Sybil seconded. Motion carries.

SIL Chair report-Janet Shaw.

Janet attended most of the conference calls for the various SPIL committees. She's worked with Jim on the conference and other matters regarding operation of the SILC.

Merle made motion to accept the Chair's report. Sybil seconded. Motion Carries.

Public Information and Education Committee report-Paul Spooner

There was an increase in the 4000 account for independent living in the State budget. These funds were allocated to programs that, over the past couple of years, were cut. Primarily this involved funding for youth transitioning from Mass Hospital School into the community. As a result there was no increase for independent living centers this year. It is hoped that a plan for increasing the IL center budget will be in the FY '14 budget. A discussion of the PCA orientation legislation that was proposed occurred. This legislation failed as a result of advocacy efforts. A task force has been proposed to look at funding sources and strategies to develop orientation for PCA's. It is hoped that the PCA workforce council and the union can make this happen in order to preserve consumer control. SILC members were encouraged to pay attention to ballot issues this election.

Sybil made motion to accept the PIE committee report. Amy seconded. Motion carries.

Treasurer's Report- FILOMENA TRIPP

Budget for both State and Federal years looks identical at the time of meeting. Projected amounts for rollover were not available at time of meeting. Any changes in the budget will be presented at the December SILC meeting.

Steve made a motion to approve the FY '13 budget as presented. Sybil seconded. Motion carries.

Nominations and development Committee Report-Mike Kennedy

Elections were held for slate of officers for the SILC FY '13 year. A motion was made by Amy and seconded by Judi to cast one ballot for the proposed slate of officers. Motion carries. Newly elected officers are: Janet Shaw-

chair, Joe Bellil, vice chair, Filomena Tripp-treasurer, and COREEN BRINCKERHOFF-secretary.

SILC Coordinator's Report-James Clark

Jim was active in planning both ADA day and the SILC conference. Tasks that will be worked on will be updating the membership list, making sure contact information is up to date, Lisa requested that a copy of the membership list, when updated, be distributed to SILC members. Jim stated that he'd have it ready for the December meeting.

Sybil made a motion to accept the Coordinator's report. Mike Seconded. Motion Carries.

Other Business

Rachel reported that the DPH grant was approved and one of the things that will occur is a statewide needs assessment of public health issues effecting people with disabilities. Other things included in the grant are emergency preparedness, access to health care facilities, and health promotion programs for people with disabilities. Concerns were raised that assessments/surveys/studies have been done in the past but healthcare for people with disabilities is still not adequate. This feedback will be relayed to DPH.

Martina brought up the issue of durable medical equipment repair and the fact that the ability to obtain DME in a timely manner has gotten worse. Paul suggested that any information regarding the issue be sent to Jim for distribution to the ILC's.

Betty made motion to adjourn. Judi seconded. Motion Carries.

Next quarterly meeting will be Dec. 6, 2012