

INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL OF WISCONSIN

SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING

MINUTES

FEBRUARY 9-10, 2009 ◊ MADISON, WISCONSIN

February 9, 2009

Members Present

Bruce Huseboe
Pat Lerch
Ben Barrett
Teddy Pyke
Ron Jansen

Karen Foxgrover
Molly Cisco
Tobie Tyler
Kathie Knoble-Iverson

Members Absent

Chuck Benner
Mary Frances Troudt
Sinikka Santala

Bobbie Beson-Crone
Charlene Dwyer

Others Present

William Parke-Sutherland, ILCW Staff
Lance Walter

James Nell

Call to Order and Introductions

Kathie Knoble-Iverson called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM. The Council welcomed Molly Cisco to her first meeting as a Council member.

Executive Committee Report

ILCW staff presented a summary of motions made by the Executive Committee.

The Council moved to convene in closed session. The motion carried by unanimous vote. – 2:15 PM

The Council reconvened in open session – 3:00 PM

Secretary's Report

Karen Foxgrover presented the minutes from the November quarterly meeting in Racine. *Ron Jansen moved to approve the minutes. Tobie Tyler seconded. **Motion Carried.***

Accessibility of Society's Assets Inc.

Council members expressed concerns about the lack of accessibility at Society's Assets in Racine, specifically the men's restroom. *Tobie Tyler moved that the Council send a letter to Society's Assets complaining about their lack of accessibility and explaining that the Council will no longer meet at SAI until they address these issues. Karen Foxgrover seconded. **Motion Carried.*** Kathie Knoble-Iverson will draft the letter and members will review it before it's sent.

The Chairperson recessed the meeting until 9:00 AM February 10, 2009.

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Jeff Fox
Kathleen Enders, DVR
Tim Sheehan, WCILC-Chair
Tracy Thomas, IndependenceFirst

William Parke-Sutherland, ILCW Staff
Maureen Ryan, WCILC
Lisa Feldmeir, Ritz Holman

Call to Order

Kathie Knoble-Iverson called the meeting to order at 9:10

Elections

*Molly Moved to nominate Ron Jansen for member at large for the Executive Committee. Karen seconded. **Motion carried.***

Public Records Access

The Council discussed the public records policy.

*Ben Barrett moved to approve Public Records Access policy as a compliance document with a more user friendly summary to follow in the next 4-6 weeks. Tobie Tyler seconded. **Motion carried.***

Membership Committee Report

*Bruce Huseboe moved to recommend the Governor appoint Christine Honkavaara, August Krieser, and Tamara Jandrowski, as members to the Independent Living Council of Wisconsin. Ron Jansen seconded. **Motion carried.***

The Council discussed the issue of lack of membership diversity and how that might affect the recommendation of new applicants.

Having no further business the Chair adjourned the meeting. 4:15 PM

Respectfully submitted by,

William Parke-Sutherland

Accepted May 13, 2009

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Unofficial Notes

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Development and Training Opportunities

Conference Reports

Karen Foxgrover gave a report about SILC Congress '09 in Las Vegas. She reviewed the agenda and elaborated on some specific activities.

Upcoming Opportunities

Staff and members summarized the following upcoming conferences and other trainings: ADAPT, Washington DC; Smooth as SILC, Online course; NCIL '09, Washington DC; GEP – Conference for mental health consumers, Wis Dells.

Finance Committee Report

Ben Barrett presented the financial statements to the Council. Members had some specific questions regarding the balance sheet. Council will address these questions tomorrow with Tracy Thomas.

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DVR Update

Charlene Dwyer gave an update about the Division of Voc Rehab program to the Council, giving specific attention to the Order of Selection and waitlist. People with most significant disabilities still have no waiting period after they are accepted. Kathie questioned Charlene about if/how DVR could better serve the needs of people with mental illness, e.g. training for VR counselors. Charlene shared the DVR Annual Report, which highlighted that people with Mental Illness were the largest group served by DVR. Members asked several questions about DVR's services.

DVR will have public hearing about their new State Plan for VR on April 1, 2009 in Madison and at the RFW conference. They also have a website and toll-free call-in number where people can give input. DVR will also meet with each disability council to gather input and do comprehensive needs assessment in preparation for the development of the new State Plan.

Kathie asked what roll DVR will/should play in the roll-out of managed care throughout the state. Charlene explained that DVR doesn't really have much power over managed care, but the inter-agency agreement (Memorandum of Understanding) between DPI, DVR, and DHS may lead to some systems change regarding transition.

Sect. 121, Native American VR

Pat Lerch gave an introduction and synopsis of the Sect. 121 programs. She highlighted the ways in which Native American Voc. Rehab differs from DVR – including taking into account the culture background of the tribes, no state plan necessary, and no Order of Selection. Maureen asked what the ILCs should do if they would like to collaborate better with sect. 121 programs. Pat said that local

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ILCs could be invited to staff meetings to discuss what the ILCs have to offer. Maureen offered that sect. 121 staff could meet at the local center in order to help with costs and give Native American Voc. Rehab a better idea what the centers do.

Next Triennial State IL Plan

The council established a preliminary meeting of the SPIL Input Committee (March 16 @ 1:00 PM by Teleconference). They also discussed issues of the current SPIL and how we could gather more input from a more diverse group of people.

Note: This meeting was rescheduled to Friday April 3, 2009.

Discussion of Economic Stimulus Impact

The Council discussed the possibilities of funding because of the economic stimulus package. The discussion focused mainly on timeframes, likelihood of IL funding, and whether or not a state match would be required. Charlene said that as long as any plan/contract complies with the SPIL and any instructions the bill might have, DVR is likely to approve the contract.

Brain-storm of possible uses for ARRA Funds

- Grassroots network
 - WCILC Leadership Academy (in Strategic Plan)
- Needs Assessment/Statistical Analysis
 - Identification of under-served and un-served
- Integrated Employment – expanding options beyond sheltered workshop
- Transition Services
 - Youth Transition
 - Nursing Facility Transition
- Employment related (integrated) activities to work with folks on wait list (un-served populations)
 - VFP (Vocational Futures Planning)
 - Mental illness
 - Job Clubs

Finance Update

Audit

The Council discussed the progress of the FY 2008 Audit with Ritz Holmann. A few items are as of yet outstanding, however our firm filed the extension Form 990. We will have one management item, that the Bank deposit weren't reviewed on a semi-monthly basis. Items missing are as follows: schedule of functional expenses; six monthly sub-grantee invoices; assessment of internal control effectiveness; and bank confirmation for checking account. After receiving all outstanding items, the audit should be finalized within a week.

Monthly Financials

Tracy Thomas answered questions about the 3300 account (unrestricted reserve). She specifically addressed why it was a negative number.

Peer Power

Cheryl Schiltz talked about the Peer Power program and explained that the RFP is in the development stage. Council members asked specific questions as to who is eligible to participate in Peer Power groups and which organizations can become Peer Power sites. Organizations do not need to be consumer controlled to be eligible.

Council Collaboration

Wis. Rehab Council

Ron Jansen gave an update about the WRC. He focused primarily on council functions and summarized the January meeting agenda. He spoke about the impartial hearings procedure. Members asked questions about the hearing procedures, Charlene answered questions regarding the impartial hearings procedure for DVR. Kathie Knoble-Iverson appointed Ron Jansen as the WRC rep.

DHS

Sinikka Santala gave the council an update about DHS activities. She explained that the state budget has been pushed back so that the Governor will have more time given the federal stimulus package.

Family Care expansion

Milwaukee Dept of Aging and Community Care have received a letter of intent to contract for managed care (family care) services from DHS. DHS sent letters of intent to contract for partnership services to Community Care and I-Care. Enrollment for Family Care is scheduled to start in November. The ADRCs are scheduled to start in August. For the 11 counties in the Northwest, enrollment for Family care has been pushed back by two months, so they can start enrollment in May. ADRCs are working on opening their doors currently. As of February 1, 30 ADRCs are operational serving 47 counties. Sinikka also spoke about options for the Tribes in order to obtain services from ADRCs.

Molly Cisco asked what Family Care is doing to serve people with mental illness? Sinikka Santala said that people are working on these issues, but it is not something that will be resolved any time soon.

IRIS

Still receive 40-50 referrals for IRIS per month. As of November, 60 people have been enrolled in IRIS. Maureen said that as of January 84 individuals have been enrolled in IRIS.

LTC

Discussion about long term care services for people with mental illness. Members expressed the belief that investment in good mental health services is a good investment and might result in cheaper long term care services overall.

WCILC Update

The Council, WCILC ED, and WCILC Chair discussed the economic stimulus package.

Tim also discussed the upcoming IL Legislative Days (2/11). He encouraged SILC members to attend. WCILC then discussed their position papers and the legislative priorities for tomorrow. Maureen stressed the importance of making yourself available as a resource, an expert on disability related matters. Tim said that everyone should invite their legislator to their local center.

Discussion of Assisted Suicide

The Council discussed an upcoming teleconference on assisted suicide, but came to no decision about whether or not to participate.

Compiled by William Parke-Sutherland