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INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL OF WISCONSIN
QUARTERLY MEETING AUGUST 12-13, 2008
INDEPENDENT LIVING RESOURCES, LA CROSSE

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Members Present

Kathie Knoble-Iverson, Chair	Bruce Huseboe, Vice Chair
Benjamin Barrett	Lewis "Tobie" Tyler
Ronald Jansen	Charlene Dwyer, DVR (left early)
Dan Johnson, DHS (via phone)	Evelyn Buckles, Secretary (via phone)

Members Absent

Chuck Benner	Joy Combs
Patricia Lerch, Sec. 121	

Others Present

Mike Bachhuber, ILCW Exec. Dir.	William Parke-Sutherland, ILCW Admin. Asst.
Molly Cisco (8/11/08)	Shirley Barrett
Terry ?	Gene Hughes

Call to Order

Kathie Knoble-Iverson called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

Public comment

No one offered any public comments.

Elections

Elections for Exec. Committee members at large: Members nominated Tobie Tyler and Ben Barrett. Tobie Tyler and Ben Barrett were both elected without opposition.

Treasurer: *Ben Barrett moved to table the nomination and election of Treasurer, Teddy Pyke seconded.* Motion carried

President: Kathie Knoble-Iverson nominated herself as president; there were no other nominations. Kathie was elected without opposition.

Executive director's report

Mike Bachhuber summarized his written report and detailed some of his meetings and some events and objectives.

Independent living resources

Michelle Olson, Assistant Director of Independent Living Resources, addressed the council and provided information about the Independent Living Center.

State Report, DHS

Dan Johnson gave the DHS report via phone.

State Report, DVR

Charlene Dwyer gave an update about DVR's activities.

Executive Committee report

Executive Director Review: Kathie briefly explained Mike's annual review and read his review letter to the Council. Kathie recommended that next year the entire executive committee should participate in the ED review.

Membership committee report

Evelyn updated council members concerning membership committee activities.

Training Opportunities

NCIL: William and Mike gave a brief report about the NCIL 08 conference.

Upcoming Opportunities: Evelyn outlined some of the upcoming opportunities: All council members are encouraged to participate in these activities and should let staff know as soon as possible.

Distinction between Council and Corporation

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Gene Hughes
John Nousaine

Tim Sheehan

Secretary's Report

Evelyn Buckles presented to the Council for review the minutes from QM 3 FY 2008. *Evelyn moved to approve the minutes from QM3 FY 2008; Teddie seconded. Motion carried.*

Finance Committee Report

On behalf of the Finance Committee, Mike presented financial statements ending June 30, 2008. *Ben Barrett moved to accept the financial statements, Ron Jansen seconded. Motion carried.*

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WCILC Guests Present

Bruce Nelsen	John Nousaine	Karen Olufs
Kay Somerfeld	Dee Truhn	Gloria Hikilla-Johson
Maureen Ryan	Kitty Barry	Tim Sheehan
Kathie Knoble-Iverson	Michelle Olson	Jenny Fasula
Lee Schulz	Karen Avery	

Tim Sheehan and Kathie Knoble-Iverson chaired the joint portion of the meeting.

Peer Power

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Estimated cost of 5K-6K of the reception for about 120 people. Maureen asked for 1k per ILC to help with the costs of attending the training. Lee Schulz said IndependenceFirst would allow ILCW to use that 1k for help with the reception.

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Members will read the SPIL to bring priorities for ILC objectives attached to the potential money offered.

Meeting Schedule

Ron Jansen moved to approve the schedule for FFY 2009 February – Madison; May – Green Bay; August – Superior, November 2010 – Menomonie, meeting details are to be determined. Tobie Tyler seconded, Motion carried without objection.

Other Business

Mike made one announcement.

There being no other business, the Chairperson adjourned the meeting. 14:23

Submitted by,

William Parke-Sutherland

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Unofficial Meeting Notes

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Elections

See above minutes.

Executive Director's Report

Mike Bachhuber summarized his written report detailing his meetings and some events and objectives.

Voter's Guide: Mike explained the Voter's Guide, its process and execution. We are waiting to hear back from recipients.

Peer Power: Cheryl Schiltz started August 11, 2008. She will address the Council and WCILC at the meeting tomorrow. Kathie and Mike briefly explained the Peer Power program, which was piloted at two ILCs previous.

Mental Health Council: Mike has been the Chair of the Council for a year. He summarized the main duties, concerns, accomplishments of the WCMH.

GCPD: Mike attends GCPD regularly; they focus mainly on two programs: High school HighTech and the Youth Leadership Forum.

WRC: Mike and William attended the last meeting of the WRC and had the opportunity to introduce ourselves and give a brief presentation about ILCW's recent activities. Charlene Dwyer addressed that WRC has a liaison position for a member of ILCW. Charlene and Mike briefly explained the WRC composition.

Housing for All Advisory Committee: Mike explained the composition of the HAAC. Their main focus has been on coming up with some guidelines for visit ability and universal design. Molly Cisco pointed out that mental health is one group not well represented. Ben Barrett suggested that Emergency workers could partner with HAAC to push for visitability.

QM Procedures and Expectations of Local ILC: Mike explained the process for creating this procedure and asked for input from members. Mike asked whether or not it would be helpful for ILCW members if local ILCs included discussion of their planning process and how it relates to the SPIL.

Independent Living Resources

Michelle Olson addressed the council and explained ILR. There are seven IL staff and opened over 391 CSRs. ILR served people with CSRs in every county in their service area. Almost half of the people served by ILR are for mental/emotional disability. ILR has two fully functioning ADRCs and CMOs, so they have spent a long time discussing the redesign of LTC for people with disabilities and elderly. ILR is going to do some disability sensitivity training for some ADRCs in their service area.

Michelle and council members discussed the fear that ILCs might be looked at as duplicating services offered by ADRCs and might jeopardize IL funding for ILCs.

Mental Health Drop-In Center: Drop in center for people with mental illness staffed by people living with mental illness. Many recovery oriented activities are scheduled and everyone provides peer support.

Benefits counseling

Assistive Tech, funding and select appropriate technologies.

Community Accessibility surveys on a fee-for-service basis.

Personal and supported home care program: 85 Personal care workers

CCS: Skills training for people living with mental illness in La Crosse County

Case Management for Homeless People w/ Mental Illness: Provide case management for people who are homeless and have a diagnosed mental illness. Provide housing and basic needs assistance, trying to end the cycle of homelessness.

ILR has worked closely with SILC over the years. This past year they have developed their outreach plan to target outreach to specific groups or populations of underserved people.

Act Now: 65 people involved in Act Now, provide some technical assistance and support for other centers to startup Act now groups at other ILCs.

State Report, DHS

Dan Johnson gave the DHS report via phone.

Family Care expansion: Added two more counties as of July. RFP for Southwest part of the state has been completed. The SW Family Care alliance is being evaluated and certification is underway. Kathie pointed out some concerns people have about the Family Care system; Dan will pass them along to Sinnikka Santala.

ADRCs: Currently there are 28 ADRCs in Wisconsin operating in 34 counties. Dan explained further the expansion of ADRCs. He mentioned the statewide ADRC conference in Appleton, WI in October.

IRIS (Include, Respect, I Self-Direct): Available as alternative to Family Care in FC counties as of July 2008. DHS has line and website (dhs.wisconsin.gov/bdds/sds). Stakeholder group meets to advise DHS and others on the waiver.

Regional LTC Adv. Comtes: The charge to these committees is to evaluate the performance of the long term care system in their area and make recommendations for changes as appropriate. Additional consumer advocates may be added, but cannot exceed 25 people. Dan outlined the responsibilities of the committees in his written report.

Children's Long Term Support Waivers: Dan briefly explained this system and explained how many children the waiver serves. Bruce asked about the future of children in this program as they grow into adulthood. Dan explained that as FC rolls out they can be rolled into MCOs.

ICTC: The committee will release its report in the fall.

SSDI: In March 2009 the SSA will begin testing a change in the way it treats the employment earnings of people entitled to SSDI. Wisconsin is one of the ten test sites. The demonstration will permit a gradual reduction of disability cash benefits as employment earnings rise. Charlene Dwyer explained the reduction in greater detail pointing out the advantages to this test model. She asked how many of the 8,000 randomly selected Wisconsin residents would get the benefits. Dan said that was one of his questions as well and everyone will find out when SSA begins training for the test program.

Managed Care and Employment Taskforce: Dan briefly explained the group, and their report is available. Their goal is for integrated employment options for people with disabilities. Dan pointed out that the Taskforce report is available online (dhs.wisconsin.gov/WIpathways/index.htm)

State Report, DVR

Charlene Dwyer gave a consumer service update. 22,116 individuals are in the DVR system. Her handout further broke down the individuals into categories to better understand how many people DVR serves. The DVR waitlist is over 5,000 right now and it is climbing due to lack of funds because each plan of service must be funded before a DVR employee begins the plan. Charlene explained their waitlist and how they categorize and prioritize individuals. The Order of Selection is broken down into three categories: Category 1 – Most significant dis = no wait; Category 2 – Significant dis = 8 month wait; Category 3 – other dis = indeterminate wait for the foreseeable future. Members asked questions about the order of selection, general expectations, and finances. Charlene explained the reason why DVR's waitlist has increased; purchase of services has increased far more than DVR's annual CPI increase.

Ticket to Work Partnership: Charlene explained the Ticket to Work partnership program including Employment Networks (EN) and the logistics of individuals' tickets and their options to purchase services from Ens. Waitlisted consumers will be given a list of Ens in their area to consider purchasing necessary services. Charlene pointed out that everyone needs to be aware that they have a ticket and the purchasing power that they have with the ticket. Members asked specific questions about the Ticket to Work program.

SSDI Demonstration Act: Charlene Dwyer explained the Social Security Disability Insurance Demonstration Authority Act of 2008. The bill has been referred to subcommittee. It would allow for reduction of benefits based on earnings, and earned income cost share with no benefit offset, and early intervention of diversion programs. DVR does not expect that it will be ready for full vote in this session, but Charlene asked that, in the future, the SILC voice its support for the bill. Members asked questions about the specifics and Charlene informed the Council that no matter what the demonstration would be understood under a do no harm mindset. The demonstration was known as "Making Work Pay."

Charlene briefly explained the Interagency Agreement between DPI, DHS, and DVR to more adequately address the needs of students in transition. More information is available on the DVR website.

Executive Committee Report

Executive Director Review: Kathie briefly explained Mike's annual review and read his review letter to the Council. Kathie recommended that next year the entire executive committee should participate in the ED review.

Membership committee report

Evelyn updated council members concerning membership committee activities.

Appointments Process: ILCW staff and Evelyn met with new appointments Director,

Libby Gertz. The meeting was productive and promising. Members discussed certain demographics of who to target to develop options.

Officer Job Descriptions: The membership committee will meet to revise old job descriptions to more clearly define the functions of officers.

Council Manual: The council manual was explained and William asked for anyone's input as to what might be added to improve the manual. He also urged Council members to bring their manuals to every quarterly meeting.

Training Opportunities

NCIL: William and Mike gave a brief report about the NCIL 08 conference, and summarized some of the workshops they attended.

Training Opportunities: Evelyn outlined some of the upcoming opportunities: APRIL 08, SILC Congress 09, Smooth as SILC, Operationalizing effective SILCs, and Mini-Conference on Transition and Housing. All council members are encouraged to participate in these activities and should let staff know as soon as possible.

Distinction Between Council and Corporation

Mike explained the difference between the Council and the Corporation. He described the difference between quasi-governmental corporation and a private non-profit corporation, and how each scenario would alter or influence our day-to-day operations. Meeting attendees asked numerous questions concerning both broad and specific issues.

Ben Barrett moved to authorize the Executive Director to file documents to change the corporate name to "Independent Living Corporation of Wisconsin" if that name is available and to authorize [Staff/council and corporate committees] to review governing documents and propose changes necessary to adopt the private scenario. Tobie Tyler seconded.

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The main areas of the plan are: IL Statewide Policy Development, Leadership, Long Term Care, Housing, Transportation, Employment, Disaster Preparedness, Assistive Technology, Outreach, Network of Centers for Independent Living

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State Report, DOT

Bobbie Beson-Crone gave updated the Council on activities and programs that serve or could serve persons with disabilities throughout the state. There is an increase in multi-county coordinated planning from 2006 to 2008 calendar years. Hopefully all regional plans will be in by Sept 15. The DOT encourages multi-county plans so that regions can pool larger amount of money together to accomplish more.

STRAP Program: 2Million/year 8 years total to increase public transit in rural areas. First year we had 11 planning grants and this year the number has increased to

New Freedom: Use money to look at projects for mobility managers (19 throughout the state). DoT is looking into developing a mobility manager training, which has been a success. Mobility managers are functioning as program managers, pulling in stakeholders. The biggest challenge to New Freedom is limited funds.

ICTC: Bobbie briefly explained the Interagency Council on Transportation Coordination including summarizing its inception, purpose, and effectiveness. ICTC hired national consultant to assess 8 counties and 2 mini-regions to represent a good cross-section of the state. The consultant compared Wisconsin with other similar states and created a Coordination Strategy Handbook. ICTC also formed a stakeholder advisory committee December 2007. ICTC is working on a Governor's report to present in October 2008. DoT is going to recommend that ICTC be formed by Executive Order to solidify the Council and Stakeholders' Advisory Committee. Bobbie urged people to attend their counties coordination meetings and give input. Ron Jansen asked how people could help, Bobbie will send info on the Stakeholders Advisory Comte to ILCW members.

Volunteer Insurance: Bobbie explained volunteer insurance and provided a list of companies that have committed to doing Volunteer Insurance.

Bobbie and other members discussed that one of the biggest obstacles to transportation coordination is a lack of communication.

Bobbie mentioned the possibility that United We Ride might send out a third round of grants.

John Nousaine asked whether or not the ICTC, Stakeholders Advisory Committee, meetings are open and urged members to attend the meetings. Both are public and open for public to observe although she explained that the SAC meetings would be the best to attend.

Fall NCIL Meeting and IL Net Training

Tim Sheehan introduced himself and explained the procedure for NCIL Board meetings and pointed out that NCIL will be in Milwaukee this coming October. He gave an outline of the training opportunity. "We want this to be the best attended IL training this year in this nation." Mike expressed his opinion that this training is a great opportunity for people to meet others in IL and learn valuable information.

Tim explained that he would like to see WCILC, ILCW and NCIL help plan an event for socialization and an opportunity to give a presentation showcasing IL in Wisconsin.

Partner for the joint reception. Tim invited questions from members, and Mike said that we could pick up the cost for some people, but if more would like to attend we could

figure something out. Tim asked for the support that would normally accompany an IL retreat to go for the IL Training in Milwaukee.

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Peer Power

Cheryl Schiltz introduced herself and briefly explained the potential strengths of the program and welcomed ideas suggestions and collaboration and cooperation. Mike gave a quick over view of the Peer Power program, explaining that it is heavily based on an IL model. Maureen asked some specifics about the program and starting up sites. It's possible that ILCs will not be the only Peer Power sites.

Grassroots Advocacy Networks

Tim briefly explained the network(s). Maureen explained that the program committee is trying to figure out how best to meet advocacy needs. Outcomes were discussed and a few working models were briefly discussed. The goal is to have at least one consumer per legislative district to respond to alerts and communicate with legislators. Ideally there would be a half time designated staff in each center, but that would not be fiscally feasible. The committee decided the centers needed a statewide coordinator for the network to provide training, support and generate the alerts so that consumers could respond. A dedicated coordinator on a statewide level would dramatically reduce the needs of staff in a particular center. It seemed like a vast majority of centers support the creation of a grassroots network, but a lot needs to be figured out to determine how best to create a grassroots network of advocates. Mike pointed out that ILCW cannot provide money for lobbying or action alerts about specific upcoming legislation, but explained that ILCW could provide monetary assistance for training, coordination, and other education related endeavors. John pointed out that consumers need to receive transportation money and other funds to facilitate their successful involvement in the network. Maureen expressed that one difficulty would be follow up and how to determine whether or not activities were successful. Attendees discussed more of the specifics of the grassroots network.

2009 SILS Program

Mike explained the proposed 2009 SILS Program budget. WCILC members talked about how centers could use the money to roll-up and fund a statewide initiative. Mike raised questions as to how we would report the money spent if the money were given to WCILC for one statewide objective. Kathie asked where do we go from here. Tim suggested that WCILC tell the Council to aggregate the available funds into one single project, and ask the Council to propose using those funds to address one of the areas of priority for WCILC: Grassroots Network, LTC, MH/MI, Nursing home transition. John expressed that the amount of funds might not be enough to begin an initiative. WCILC will take up the question as a coalition and get back to ILCW.

Disability Summit

Mike explained the planning for the disability summit and expressed his desire for ILCs to participate in the planning for the summit in order to brainstorm on ways that everyone can work together and increase collaboration amongst the partners. Kathie explained the "world café" process; she thinks it might work really well to identify needs and increase collaboration. Ron asked about the priorities of disability councils. Attendees explained that all the Councils work on their own issues and because they are all volunteers, without paid staff, asking them to do activities in addition to their mission, without understanding what IL can do for them, might not yield positive results. Tim suggested that WCILC gather information from disability networks and possibly add this collaboration to the next SPIL.

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Lee moved WCILC moves its October meeting to Milwaukee, Gloria seconded. The motion was tabled until WCILC meets separately for discussion.

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Kathie told ILCW that WCILC will want to know where the money is going to go and whether or not ILCW will help with the costs of the IL Net Training in October. Mike discussed the budget focusing on the ILCW carryover for the current fiscal year. Mike said ILCW should have a carryover of about 50K for this current fiscal year. Mike and Kathie discussed the logistics of providing financial support for the grassroots network and possible coordinator.

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Attendees discussed the amount of money given to WCILC and discussed future arrangements with WCILC highlighting possible objectives and expectations that might accompany those funds. They also discussed the logistics of a possible statewide grassroots network and/or coordinator.

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on their plates, but to split the aggregate amount between the centers for them to use for training, education, staff time, transportation, etc.

Following Maureen's comment, members discussed the funding possibilities. Members will read the SPIL and suggest objectives attached to the potential money offered.

Upcoming trainings and meetings: ILCW needs to know about who is interested in attending upcoming trainings.

Meeting Schedule

See above minutes.

Other Business

Mike announced that the DOJ has proposed new ADA regulations that reinterpret the meaning of the old ADA. The public comment period ends August 31, 2008. It's very important for people to provide public comments.

Meeting adjourned at 14:23