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Independent Living Council of Wisconsin Inc.  
Quarterly Meeting Minutes  
November 7 2006  
Holiday Manor Inn, Menomonie, WI.

Present:

Leonila Vega: Chair; Audrey Nelson, vice-chair; Charles Benner, Treasurer; Roxanne Perez, Secretary; Dianne Ryan, Mary Francis Troudt, Dept. of Commerce Representative; Bruce Huseboe, Lynne Wichmann, Teddy Pyke, Pat Lerch, Kathie Knoble Iverson

Absent: Louise Lewis, Marena Pamanet, Evelyn Saylor, Bobbie Beson Crone-WISDOT, Charlene Dwyer DVR, Sinikka Santala, DHFS

Staff Present

Jennifer Boyle, Executive Director, Bekele H Tomas, Program Assistant

The meeting is called to order at 9AM.

Preliminaries:

- The chair introduces two new council members: Lynne Wichmann and Teddy Pyke.
- The chair introduces a new staff member: Bekele H. Tomas.
- Concern is expressed over the consistent absence from meetings of two council members: Marena Pamanet and Louise Lewis. The Chair will draft a letter requesting a commitment or resignation.
- Concern is expressed over of state representatives' attendance at council meetings.

Agenda Item 1:

State Updates.

The Chair announces that state updates are being provided in written format.

Future Action:

To be distributed to the council members by the executive director when received.

Agenda Item 2:

Approval of minutes.

The Minutes of August 2, 2006:

Kathie moves that the minutes be approved with the following change: Information regarding Executive Director's review and compensation be removed and given to the director in a letter from the Chair.

Dianne Ryan seconds the Motion.

Unanimously approved

The Minutes of February 2006.

Roxanne moves that the minutes be approved.

Kathie seconds the motion.

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Unanimously approved.

The minutes of May 2006.

Roxanne moves that the minutes be approved.

Lynne seconds the motion.

Unanimously approved.

Agenda Item 3:

Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer underscores the amount of expenditures for attending conferences and calls upon the Council to review the three national conferences (NCIL, APRIL and SILC Congress) that it should send representatives and how many.

The treasurer also mentions that the Executive Director and the treasurer have come up with a tentative list of factors that may be used in choosing the members that will represent the council at conferences.

Lynne proposes that one consideration in the selection process should be an obligation to share experience or make a presentation to the council upon return from a conference.

Kathie proposes that the criteria of the finances committee be adopted for selection.

The chair underscores the importance to give to newer members the opportunity to go to the national conferences.

The chair also proposes that the executive director and the treasurer develop temporary guidelines which may be refined later on, considering, among other things, how other councils choose their representatives to the national conferences.

Consensus has been reached that no one should be canceled from among those who had given their names to go to the SILC conference.

It is agreed to postpone the deliberation for a later time, while the executive director and the treasurer discuss the matter further.

The treasurer reports that there is about eighty thousand dollars remaining in the FFY2006 allocation and indicates that the Council. This amount is reflected in the Ffy 2007 budget and will be used for additional projects and SPIL development.

The executive Director presents the draft budget for the fiscal year 2007 for approval.

Kathie moves that the budget be approved.

Dianne seconds the motion.

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Unanimously approved.

### Future Action:

The Executive Director will make a summary of the budget and will distribute it to the council members via E-mail.

The Council adjourns for a break at 10:20AM

The Council is called to order at 10:30AM.

### Agenda Item 4:

The 2006 Statewide Disability Summit.

The Executive Director briefs the Council about the 2006 Statewide Disability Summit, which is scheduled to take place on December 7 and 8 in Madison, Wisconsin. The Chair announces that Chuck Benner and Kathie Knoble Iverson, the Executive Director and the Chair will represent the Council at the Summit

### Agenda Item 5:

2007 SPIL Development:

The Executive Director presents a consumer input report, prepared on the basis of the information gathered by the Independent Living Centers. The report reflects the comments and thoughts of independent living service consumers on various areas of concern.

The areas of concern as expressed by consumers in are: long-term care reform, housing, employment, transportation, assistive technology, leadership development.

The Executive Director proposes a workgroup be identified in these areas and presents a timeline for plan development activities.

Each committee has to come up with an outline by December 5.

By Christmas a draft will be forward for each committee to review.

In January committee reviews must be completed.

End of January a draft plan should be ready for the February quarterly meeting.

(Note, the session was open for public comment at 11:30 AM. No one was present.)

Long-term care reform is identified as the highest priority. The issues discussed include:

- waiting list, money follows the person, reimbursement rights, consumer-directed care
- The need for a long-term care ombudsman
- The need to educate consumers of their rights
- The necessity to act as a watchdog to ensure that all federal funds to which the state is entitled are obtained
- Suggestions have been made that the council should make effort to get some concrete legislative authority over certain areas in order to have the capacity to effect change.
- The need to reach out to get input from other stakeholders is stressed.

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Housing, the importance of having a task force and an advocacy network is emphasized.

The meeting is adjourned for lunch at 12PM.  
The chair calls the meeting to order at 1PM.

The Council returns to its deliberation on how to select delegates to conferences.

Action:

Mary Francis, as chair of the policy and procedure committee commits to prepare a policy for the selection process.

Decision has to be made in the best interest of the Council.

The treasurer proposes to appropriate funds for each council member and to let each member decide which conference that he or she will attend.

Dianne moves that:

1: for the time being, members going to conferences be selected on the basis of the factors discussed;

2: Develop the policy or guidelines for the selection process to be considered at the next quarterly meeting.

Kathie seconds the motion.

Vote has been taken on the motion and has been adopted with six in favor, one abstention and one opposition.

The votes are as follows:

Audery Nelson, Yes.

Lynne Wichman, yes.

Pat Lerch, yes.

Teddy Pyke, Yes.

Bruce Husebo, Yes.

Kathie knoble, yes.

Dianne Ryan, Yes.

Charles Benner, abstain.

Roxanne Perez, No.

Action:

The Chair will notify the treasurer the names of those who will go to the SILC Congress in the light of the factors discussed.

Ten Minutes break at 1:30PM.

The Chair calls the Meeting to order at 1:40PM.

Return to Agenda Item 5:

The SPIL Development.

Housing, transportation, employment, assistive technology and leadership development have been identified as priority areas of concern that the SPIL should address. The issue of Public awareness is to be dealt with in each of the above areas, instead of being treated as a separate category in the SPIL.

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The need to maintain a balance between service and advocacy has been discussed. Concern is expressed over the fact that in many cases disability is not treated as one category of diversity. Efforts must be made to have the council represented on diversity forums.

### Action:

The members have committed themselves to work in the SPIL Development Workgroups to which they belong according to their interest:

- 1: Kathie Knoble Iverson – Chair, Leonila Vega: Long-term Care Reform
- 2: Audery Nelson – Chair, and Mary Francis: Housing
- 3: Bruce Huseboe – Chair: Transportation
- 4: Charles Benner and Teddy Pyke, Assistive Technology
- 5: Evelyn Saylor – Chair: Roxan Perez, Dianne Ryan and Lynn Wichmann: Leadership Development
- 6: Pat Lerch – Chair: Leonila Vega: Employment

The Chair has committed to sending via E-mail to the council members the areas on which they will be working and the corresponding timeline.

Meeting adjourns at 3PM.

Minutes recorder,  
Bekele H. Tomas