

Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC)
Executive Committee
Minutes of March 21, 2007

Committee Members Present

Donna Powers, Chair
Ed Myers, Vice Chair
Kim March Force, Vice Treasurer*
Randy Collins, Secretary
(*Teleconference)

Members Absent

Gene Heppard, Treasurer

Staff

Tony DiRienzi, Executive Director
Sharon Engelhardt, Executive Assistant

Guests

Judy Benshoof *
Darrel Christensen

Donna Powers, Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:10 PM in the SILC conference room at 2400 North Central Ave, #105, Phoenix, Arizona.

WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS: Introductions were made.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *Ed Myers motioned to approve the minutes of 02-14-07. Seconded by Randy Collins. A vote was taken and the motion unanimously approved.*

FINANCIALS:

- Financial statements were reviewed for the months of January and February. (See statements). Tony reported that SILC is in good shape through the end of this FY and all is on track. Recent activity included \$20,000 expended for programs related to the public policy committee. Those activities were the consumer legislative training and the Just Vote Coalition. Tony noted he will be meeting with the Accountant in May to review the balance sheet and other financials regarding formatting and content.
- There was a discussion on the long reimbursements delays from RSA. It was mentioned that hopefully with the new performance based contract starting in July the problems regarding reimbursement delays will cease to be an issue.

Randy Collins motioned to approve the financials for January and February 2007 as presented. Seconded by Ed Myers. A vote was taken and the motion unanimously approved.

CyberCil:

- Judy Benshoof and Darrell Christensen went over a proposed 3 year plan for CyberCIL which listed goals and objectives (see handout).
- It was suggested to add to the objectives of Goal #2 to research how to actually conduct internet trainings. Randy Collins noted he has information to share on courses he has taken online.
- It was also suggested to add a promotion and marketing goal.

- Judy and Darrell agreed to include suggestions and return updated proposal to SILC by next week for inclusion into the SPIL.

SPIL(State Plan of Independent Living):

- Tony DiRienzi sent out prior to the meeting a SPIL goals and objectives matrix and a corresponding budget. (See handouts).
- There was a discussion of the handouts. Regarding the budget, Tony stated he is asking for \$110,000 in part B monies for programming which is 10K more than previous years. Total proposed budget is \$330,266.
- Tony mentioned there are discussions ongoing that involve a possible one time funding of \$500,000 available from RSA for the expansion of CIL programs and services. Tony, RSA and the CILs are exploring how to distribute those funds among the CILs.
- Tony noted there will be a SPIL team meeting held tomorrow to continue drafting the SPIL. Latest copy to be sent to SILC for review and input next week. SPIL target dates include; a final draft of the document – April 9th. Public posting – April 10th and public meetings – May 11, May 15, May 22, and May 24. They are scheduled in Holbrook, Yuma, Tucson, and Phoenix respectively. The purpose of the public meetings is to provide the community to comment on the document before it is submitted to the Federal RSA office.

DES AUDIT UPDATE:

- SILC has not received an audit report from DES related to their January examinations of our financial records.

RSA DIRECTOR INTERVIEWS:

- Donna Powers reported she participated in the interview panel for the position.
- Katharine Levandowsky has been hired.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE:

- Work continues to find candidates to fill membership vacancies.
- Membership packets and applications have been sent out and should be coming back soon. Tony noted one candidate has a profile that includes rural, minority and cognitive disability attributes.
- A meeting has been requested with the Governor's Boards and Commissioners office to present the SILC candidate recommendations.

NOMINATIONS FOR COUNCIL OFFICERS:

- Donna Powers' term on the Council is coming up and new Chair will be needed. It was questioned if her starting date was within a 3 year period which would allow for another term. SILC will research the length of her terms on the council.
- Ed Myers noted he has accepted the responsibility of serving as the President of the ABIL board for another year.

- Slate of officers to be ready for the June Quarterly meeting.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- Tony DiRienzi reported he has nothing new to add to the Executive Director's report of activities that was sent out prior to meeting (See report).

NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING/AGENDA:

- April meeting will on the 18th. Randy Collins said he will not be able to attend.
- May meeting date was changed to May 23rd and will include the ED performance review and Nominations to the Council.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Kim March-Force reported she is no longer on the CyberCIL board.
- Randy Collins stated that the t-coil bills looks like it will pass and he thanked all for their support.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC: None

ADJOURNMENT: Kim March-Force motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Randy Collins. The meeting was adjourned at 4.26 PM

Prepared by: Sharon Engelhardt _____ SILC staff

Reviewed by: Donna Powers _____ SILC Chairperson