

Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC)
Executive Committee
Minutes of November 20, 2009

Committee Members Present

Edward Myers, Chair
Gene Heppard, Treasurer
Rudy Buchanan, Secretary

Members Absent:

Randy Collins, Vice Chair
E. Mari Herrera-Daniels, Vice Treasurer

Staff

Tony DiRienzi – Executive Director
Linda Jane Austen – Executive Assistant

Edward Myers Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:10 PM in the SILC conference room at 5025 East Washington #214, Phoenix, Arizona.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Gene Heppard moved to approve the minutes of October 16, 2009 and November 6, 2009. Rudy Buchanan seconded and motion carried.

FINANCIALS:

- Gene Heppard reviewed the Comprehensive Year-to-Date, Balance Sheet and Monthly Financial Statements and clarified that there are no ARRA monies reflected in the budget; these monies go directly from OSERS to the CILs and will not pass through any other entity. Tony DiRienzi pointed out that the FY10 budget for contributions may need revisited due to incoming pledges for Just Vote. Outstanding solicitations and pledges for additional funds could potentially add up to as much as \$50,000; this financial picture should be more accurately reflected by the March Quarterly meeting. **Rudy Buchanan moved to approve the Financial Report; Gene Heppard seconded and motion carried.**
- Audit: Mike Magnan has completed SILC's third party audit indicating there are no findings to report and the management letter is clean. Mike will be scheduled to make a presentation at the December 17, 2009 Quarterly Meeting; if there are questions, concerns or comments, staff should be advised so Mike can attend well prepared.
- ARRA: Tony reiterated that both the parameters for these funds and the application process seem to be very fluid. The original date of September 30 has been postponed to December 31 and therefore,

ARRA monies are not arriving yet. He also reminded the Executive Committee that these funds go directly to the CIL's.

- Employee Related Expenses: Following discussions with AmCheck and the auditor, it has been determined that reimbursing Tony for his Medicare premiums is not appropriate policy. In order to offset this expense in accordance with SILC policies, **Rudy Buchanan moved to increase Tony DiRienzi's net salary to compensate him for his out of pocket Medicare insurance premiums; Gene Heppard seconded and motion carried.**

CSAVR: Tony reported that he was disappointed with the outcome of the recent CSAVR Conference. Although the event was well attended from around the country, he found it to be inaccessible and the content was unsatisfactory. Kathy Levandowsky will be invited to the December 17, 2009 Quarterly Meeting to report on her experience with the conference.

Flagstaff CIL: Tony reminded the Executive Committee that creating a sixth independent CIL in Flagstaff would dilute the funds available for Arizona's 5 other centers. He reported that he is currently researching strategies with New Horizon for opening a branch office in the Flagstaff area.

State Vendor's list: Due to Randy Collins' absence, discussion of the State Vendor's list will be deferred until the January meeting.

Executive Director Report:

- Tony reported on his participation at the FEMA conference in October. Although the conference was organized by disability groups, there were few organizations or people with disabilities present, and he found that the sensibility of state officials is still lacking and much work remains to be done on emergency preparedness. Adjunct to this, Tony was present during a fire drill at Arizona's state offices recently and discovered a state of poor preparedness locally as well. He is now working with the state on improvements. Additionally, Tony and Linda are preparing a proposal related to emergency preparedness for the Kennedy Center's National Leadership Exchange in Arts and Disability conference to take place in August 2010.
- The draft of the 704 Report has been completed and is at RSA for review and editing. Tony expects return of the document in time for

distribution to the Council a week prior to the Quarterly Meeting on December 17, 2009.

- The SPIL Amendment is in process at OSERS.

Next Meeting Agenda (December 17, 2009): Items for the next meeting agenda will include the auditor's presentation, demonstration of the new Just Vote web-site/listserv, CSAVR report, ALTCS Member Satisfaction Survey result and UCEDD presentation.

Announcements:

- Gene questioned Vocational Rehab opening the waiting list for first priority. Tony responded that they are considering changing the number of categories for people waiting for services. Currently about 60% are classified in Category One and 35% in Category Two and RSA is looking at expanding the number of categories.
- Tony announced that Michael Blatchford, Tuba City CIL Director, has been placed on life support. Ed Myers requested that a basket of fruit be sent to him.

Adjournment: Gene Heppard moved to adjourn the meeting; Rudy seconded. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 2:05pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Linda Jane Austen