

Minutes of the SILC Meeting (Approved August 16, 2011)
Casper, WY
May 11-12, 2011

Call to Order: SILC Secretary/Treasurer, Ken Hoff at 1:00 PM.

Attending for the SILC were: Ken Hoff, Lee Beidleman, Jim McIntosh, John and Diane Culhane, Stephanie Jensen, Corey McGregor, Teresa Aris, Kendall Corbett, Vicci Colgen, and Dawn Lacko
Absent: Nora Sullivan, and Teresa Page. There was no real time captionist.

Introductions were completed. Corey is representing WSIL, Tera and Vicci are newly appointed by the Governor, and Kendall is in the process of being appointed to the council.

Jim McIntosh, attended the meeting for approximately one-half hour, at which time there was discussion about Reauthorization of the Rehab Act, the HELP Committee in Congress, on which Senator Enzi is the ranking Republican. There is an issue with consumers who have developmental disabilities getting services from DD providers, and never leaving those services, with no movement towards living independently through IL services. VR may get involved as the reauthorization may include transition of youth from primary school to employment and higher education. Jim believes that the President's proposal to combine Part C and Part B federal IL funds may be realized. Jim indicated that the Department of Employment and the Department of Workforce Services were now combined, with Joan Evans as Director. DVR has lost 5 positions in the Cheyenne central office and must replace Area Managers in Casper and Sheridan. Jim indicated he would support a proposal for IL funding from the SILC based on today's IL Funding Formula Report.

August 17 & 18 are tentative dates for the joint SILC/SRC meeting in Powel or Cody. Corey recommended Cody.

There was discussion on the "Think College" process. Jim and Lee are both participating in the strategic planning process. WIND has surveys on their website which are being tabulated as part of the strategic planning.

Minutes: February 9, 2011 minutes were reviewed. Ken moved, Vicci second, that the minutes be approved as written. Motion passed.

Budget Report: Stephanie presented the budget report for the year. Ken moved, Vicci second, that the budget report be approved as written. Motion passed.

Old Business: Stephanie will coordinate new SILC member training at the August SILC meeting. Training will include the ILRU disc on IL philosophy and history, a presentation by WILR, and a presentation by WSIL on services provided.

Wyoming IL Funding Formula Report: Patricia Yeager, of Patricia Yeager and Associates, was present to provide and discuss the State of Wyoming Funding Formula for Centers for Independent Living Regions: Adapted from Indiana's Funding allocation Model Formula. Patricia provided copies of the report to all members of the Council. In the review of the report, there was a question of where the \$1000 figure came from in the formula. Patricia indicated that this was the weak factor of the formula. The person in Indiana who did the first formula is not available to get a definitive answer on this figure. It is assumed that is the dollar figure determined to be necessary to provide IL services to a consumer in Indiana when the original study was completed. Patricia indicated she would see if she could get any additional info. Patricia indicated that the SILC could also get demographic information on consumers with disabilities from the National Disabilities Statistics Center. Patricia asked that WILR and WSIL provide locations of existing branch offices for both CILs.

Patricia indicated she would place today's date on the report. She also indicated that after maps were completed, she would forward the final report to Ken on disc for the SILC's use. She suggested the report be placed on the SILC web-site.

Vicci moved that the SILC approve a recommendation to the Department of Workforce Services, through the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, to seek state funding for development of the CIL network based on the State of Wyoming Funding Formula for Centers for Independent Living Regions Report prepared by Yeager and Associates, dated May 11, 2011. Teresa second. Approved.

Vicci moved that the CILs submit a combined plan for use of the additional funding which is identified in the State of Wyoming Funding Formula for Centers for Independent Living Regions Report prepared by Yeager and Associates, dated May 11, 2011; by July 1, 2011 to Stephanie Jensen at DVR. Teresa second. Approved.

Diane asked that the SILC provide a real time captioner for SILC meetings. That will be looked into for future meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 5:07 PM. Vicci and Kendall indicated they would not be able to attend the next day when we reconvene.

The SILC reconvened on May 12, 2011 @ 8:00 AM.

Attending for the SILC were: Ken Hoff, Lee Beidleman, John and Diane Culhane, Stephanie Jensen, Corey McGregor, Teresa Aris, and Dawn Lacko.

Quarterly Reports:

WSIL: Corey reported that services have been expanding in Fremont and Park counties in the last quarter. WSIL has one vacancy, the IL/CDC staff person in Fremont County. Steve Juergens is the new Executive Director as of today. There is a new Project OUT Coordinator in Rock Springs.

WILR: Ken provided hi-lights from the Quarterly Report in the packet. Outcome Survey data for the first two quarters was provided.

Program Updates:

BIA-W: Dawn provided a written quarterly report to the Council. They are in the process of changing their name to Brain Injury Alliance of Wyoming. Project Brain, the DVR grant, ends on September 30, 2011. BIAW is seeking funding to replace that grant. They are trying to create an endowment/foundation. It will probably be a foundation with fund raising and funds being used as raised. Jason Wasserman was hired on April 1 as the Resource Director. They now have a receptionist via Experience Works. Dawn is still working 30 hours per week. They intend to hire a new Executive Director by June, no later than September.

P & A: Lee reported that he had closed 5 CAP cases in the last quarter. He currently has three active CAP cases. Lee is working on a new CAP/IL brochure. He has spoken to Ken about the Appeals process in the brochure, which is confusing to consumers because of the difference for Part C and Part b funds. He is attempting to simplify the language. Lee asked to make sure anyone handing out P & A brochures are using the new brochures with the Stockman Street address.

DVR: Jim had given the report.

Committee Reports:

Marketing:

Legislative: Most news is about the reauthorization of the Rehab Act and different funding which may occur at the federal level. The II funding formula report with a request to DVR may result in the SILC advocating for funding from the legislature.

Training: Training of new SILC members will be initiated at the August meeting.

Nominations/Memberships: The Council still needs to fill five positions.

Sharon Guerney was appointed by the Governor but may not be able to make the meetings.

Kendall is applying via Stephanie. Ken moved that Kendall's application be forwarded to the Governor for consideration. Second Stephanie. Approved.

Bill Marsh, Torrington, is applying. Bil has been very active with AARP. Stephanie moved, Ken second, that Bill's application be forwarded to Governor Mead. Stephanie needs to check on the status of new members to ensure the SILC is in compliance with 51% of more members with disabilities.

John and Dianne's terms will end in January 2012.

Elections: Both Vicci Colgen and Teresa Aris indicated they would be willing to serve as Chair or Vice Chair. Ken moved to elect Teresa as Chair and Vicci as Vice Chair. Second by Corey. Approved.

Teresa took over as Chair.

Consumer Outcome Surveys: Stephanie discussed the surveys which were randomly chosen (1 in 10) for review by the SILC. Teresa requested that at the next meeting, a synopsis be completed by Stephanie rather covering the surveys one by one.

Bios are needed for the SILC web site. The form is in the packet. Please sign and provide the forms to Stephanie. Stephanie will send electronically to the SILC members.

Next meeting: Teresa suggested the Holiday Inn in Cody.

Letterhead for the SILC: Stephanie can email what she has. Dawn may have something on file that she can forward to Stephanie.

Corey handed out brochures and provided information on the WY Disabled Hunter Program. He indicated that the program is expanding and has made a real difference in those cosnuers lives who have participated. The info needs to be placed on everyone's web sites.

Corey moved to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 AM

Submitted by Ken Hoff/SILC Secretary/Treasurer.