

MINUTES

Louisiana Statewide Independent Living Council
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
July 10, 2014

Council Members Present:

Mitch Granger, Chair
Rocky Fuselier, Treasurer
Jay Cochran
Gale Dean, Vice-Chair
Peter Lambousy
Sharon Geddes
Keith Menville

Members Absent

Wayne Blackwell, Secretary
Mallery Callahan
Paige Kelly
Butch Ritter
Tara LaShea Warner
Walker Estes
Jeff Pellegrin
Amanda Vinson

SILC Staff Present:

Sara Spencer, Administrative Assistant

Call to Order

Mitch Granger called the first quarter meeting of Fiscal Year 2014 to order at 10:15 am, followed by the pledge of allegiance and prayer. A quorum was not present per Section 705 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

Introductions

New member Sharon Geddes

Approval of the Minutes

Review of the April 10, 2014 SILC meeting minutes held since a quorum not present; there were no comments.

Corrections to the April Minutes

- Page 2 CIL's – make note that Gale Dean was in attendance
- Remove "RSA site visit coming soon"

Old Business

Gale went over each objective for the SPIL to see what requirements we have met or are meeting. Gale also mentioned the actions that need to be completed.

To Do's:

- Emailing target populations, crating mass mailing
- Creating packets for legislative session
- Sending press releases to media outlets
- Investigating the potential addition of youth member to the Council
- Consumers assume a more active role in community outreach
- Orienting new members of the SILC to resources and services of each council member
- Inviting elected officials/legislators to SILC meetings
- Encouraging consumers to represent Centers and other stakeholders at events in the community
- Hosting activities that encourage peer mentoring
- Holding a retreat for the staff of the four centers and the SILC members
- Attending meetings of other councils and reporting back to the SILC
- Reschedule Robbie Gray to speak at Q2 meeting

Partners Updates

- A. GODA Interim Executive Director, Ellis Roussel, gave a report
 - Ellis:
 - Mentioned the updates on emergency management with the disabled community
 - A training/meeting will be set up to communicate what actions to take if a natural disaster were to happen.
 - Shared some information about the management of long term care
 - GOLD Awards are coming up this fall
 - GODA Newsletter will be coming out at the end of the summer
 - Email Sara or Jamar if you have anything you want mentioned in the newsletter
 - Email Sara if you want any type of information to be sent out to the Disability Affairs distribution list
- B. LRS (Louisiana Rehabilitation Services) Director, Mark Martin, reported.
 - Shared some information on the transition budget and the RSA
 - "We are a work program, we want to maintain our identity with regard to the budget and the types of people we hire, employ and involve. This is not a simple process."
- C. CILs
 - a. Gale Dean, Executive Director of NHILC, gave updates on New Horizons including the following:
 - Website and Facebook information

Membership Search Update

Sara Spencer provided SILC membership update. Sharon Geddes is a new member. We are waiting to hear from Boards and Commissions about Kandy Baker and Rosemary Morales.

Upcoming Events

- May 2nd SLIC event in Lake Charles
- August 9th – NHILC Roundup Fundraiser in Shreveport

Upcoming SILC Meetings

Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Meetings:

- a. Q2 – Thursday, October 9th, 2014 – Metairie
- b. Member Orientation – Wednesday, January 14th, 2015 – Baton Rouge
- c. Q3 – Thursday, January 15th, 2015 – Baton Rouge
- d. Q4 – Thursday-Friday, April 9th-10th, 2015 - Shreveport

Meeting Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned with no objections at 12:15 pm.

Webinar

Members stayed until 2:00pm to complete Webinar.

- Webinar: "FY 2014 Part C Continuations: Required CIL Actions"
 - Provided information, guidance and technical assistance on the completion of ED Form 524 online
 - Provided guidance on other tasks that CILS must complete before receiving their FY 2014 Part C continuations
 - Hosted by the Independent Living Research Utilization (ILRU) program

The webinar started at 2:00pm and ended at 3:00pm.