**MINUTES**

Louisiana Statewide Independent Living Council

Shreveport, Louisiana

July 9, 2015

**Council Members Present**

Cochran, Jay

Dean, Gale (Secretary)

Geddes, Sharon (Member at Large)

Lambousy, Peter (Chair)

Morales, Rosemary

Ritter, Lawrence

Simpson, Germaine

Viltz, Roszella

Warner, Tara

**Members Absent**

Baker, Kandy (Treasurer)

Callahan, Reverend Mallery

Granger, Mitch (Vice Chair)

**SILC Staff Present**

Sara Spencer, Program Coordinator

Abby Hays, Administrative Assistant

**Guests Present**

Rosemary Yesso (LRS)

Paige Kelly

Yavonka Archaga (RIL)

**Call to Order**

Peter Lambousy called the first quarterly meeting of Fiscal Year 2015-2016 to order at 9:15 am. A quorum was present per Section 705 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

**Introductions**

There were introductions

**Old Business**

a. Approval of prior meeting minutes

b. Membership

* As of April 2015:
  + One application provided to Boards and Commissions at this time
    - Rashad Bristo
  + Open seats—8
    - Advocate of and for individual with disability (6)
    - Representative from private business (2)
* Council Members—please provide two (2) individual’s name and contact information for nomination and consideration as a SILC member
* Executive Committee Nominations & Vote for FY 2015-2016
  + Peter was nominated and voted in as Chair
  + Mitch was nominated and voted in as Vice Chair
  + Gale was nominated and voted in as Secretary
  + Kandy Baker was nominated and voted in as Treasurer
  + Sharon was nominated and voted in as Member at Large

**Partner Updates**

1. GODA – Ellis Roussel, Executive Director
   * 2 bills that passed through the legislature (ACT 411 and ACT 111)
2. LRS- Rosemary Yesso
   * LRS added pre-employment transition services and vendors are going out into the schools to make those contacts to start providing those services in August and September
   * In the new WIOA they have really focused on transition services – It’s making those contacts and educating the school
   * LRS has to provide those services and you have the option of how to provide them through counselors and vendors

c. CILS (Centers for Independent Living) -

* Gale Dean, NHICL Director (New Horizons Independent Living Center)
  1. The annual fundraiser (Round Up) will be held 8/22/2015
  2. NHIL renewed by a Part C grant
  3. The MIS system will automatically transfer over to HHS
* Germaine Simpson and Butch Ritter (SLIC)
  + The new building is getting worked on
  + SLIC is getting prepared for supportive employment

**New Business**

1. Quarterly Budget update

* Packet shows the requested total budget for FY 15-16 as $120,993
* Rosemary gave some suggestions of how to organize line by line items
* LRS has checked out the budget and they agreed on the new budget amount
* SILC voted on the budget and now Mark has to approve it

1. Membership Search Update
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2. 2017-2019 State Plan
   1. Sara will use survey monkey to build a survey to send out to help overall awareness of the CILs
   2. Get contacts to Sara who would be beneficial to send the survey out to
   3. The SILC brochures were passed around to help finish the final draft
   4. If anyone in the SILC has ideas of what could be used as a press release, please send it to Sara or Peter
   5. Sara will be in touch with colleges promoting youth membership
   6. Emails to elected officials are being sent out to invite legislatures to our meetings
   7. We do not have a budget for a retreat at this time

**Upcoming Events**

* Roundup 2015: Game On
* 2015 Annual Conference on Independent Living

**Upcoming SILC Meetings**

* January, Baton Rouge, Claiborne Building
  + Orientation and Meeting
* April, Lake Charles, SLIC

**Meeting Adjourned**

The meeting was adjourned with no objections at on July 9, 2015.