**MINUTES**

Louisiana Statewide Independent Living Council

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

July 11, 2013

**Council Members Present:**

Wayne Blackwell, Secretary

Gale Dean, Vice-Chair

Rocky Fuselier, Treasurer

Mitch Granger, Chair

Paige Kelly

Jeff Pellegrin

Tara Warner, Member at large

**Members Absent**

Rev. Mallery Callahan

Keith Menville

Amanda Vinson

Walker Estes

**Guests Present:**

Rosemary Yesso, LWC Bureau Administrator

Brandon Burris, GODA Executive Director

Lanie Warner (Tara’s daughter)

Laura Meaux, SILC Program Coordinator

**Call to Order**

Chair, Mitch Granger, called the Q1 FY-2014 to order at 10:22 am, followed by the pledge of allegiance and prayer by Wayne Blackwell. Council approved including prayer in the agenda for future meetings.

**Introductions**

New SILC Coordinator, Laura Meaux, was introduced by Mitch as well as the new SILC member, Jeff Pellegrin. Each member and guest present also introduced his/herself.

**Approval of the Minutes**

Approval of the April 18, 2013 SILC meeting was tabled to after lunch.

**Old Business**

Old business was tabled to after lunch.

**Partners Updates**

Motion moved to allow Brandon Burris, Director of GODA, to present partner update.

1. GODA

Brandon Burris presented updates from Legislative Session 2013. Brandon gave a GODA update (the HB1 veto and the effects of it), Early Steps update (cost participation model), GACDA update, as well as LCD update (trust fund from cell phone tax).

1. Rosemary Yesso, Bureau Administrator at Louisiana Workforce Commission (LWC), recommended the Council request a DHH representative to attend a future SILC meeting in order to present on the funds available to the disability community

**2014-2016 SPIL (State Plan for Independent Living)**

1. Program Coordinator, Laura Meaux, presented highlights for the submitted SPIL for the July 1st deadline. Laura Meaux presented the working tables for the SPIL that outline the goals and objectives for implementation and over the next few months leading up to the Q2 SILC meeting the Council will distinguish committees that will be responsible for carrying out these objectives over the next three years.
2. Paige Kelly discussed the Council’s part in developing the SPIL as well as the Council’s compliance with Federal regulations.
3. Rosemary Yesso discussed the requirement of the Council is 51% of members on the SILC require a disability.

**Membership Search Update**

Membership discussed prior to lunch.

1. Paige Kelly recommended the Council contact boards and commissions to discuss the federal requirements of the Council’s membership and focus on recruiting members with a disability to gain compliance.
2. Rosemary Yesso recommended the Council recruit to meet these federal requirements and then send these individuals the application to boards and commissions.
3. Tara Warner suggested the Council invite the boards and commissions director, once hired, to a future SILC quarterly meeting. Tara discussed her daughter’s needs in transitioning to adult.
4. Mitch Granger suggested the Executive Committee meet the new director in person prior to a quarterly meeting. Mitch also suggested having a committee within the SILC to review applications and/or resume and/or questionnaire of individuals applying for the SILC to review prior to sending to boards and commissions within the Governor’s office.
5. Jeff Pellegrin commented on members’ gap in Universities’ disability offices.
6. Target areas suggested were as follows: Monroe, New Orleans, and Northeast.
7. Wayne Blackwell suggested communicating with past members to inquire about their interest as well as inquire about possible members they feel would be beneficial to the Council.
8. Council discussed orientation of new members at future quarterly meeting, possibly the January 2014 meeting.
9. Program Coordinator to put together list of all current seats filled and not filled by seat name and region for Council members to review and discuss via teleconference within the next few weeks. Also to include the map of regions represented currently. Program Coordinator will also reach out to DD Council in order to gain a better understanding of their recruiting process.

**Meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:00 pm by Mitch Granger.**

**Meeting reconvened at 1:10 by Mitch Granger.**

**Approval of the Minutes**

The April 18, 2013 minutes were reviewed and approved. Motion made by Wayne Blackwell and seconded by Mitch Granger.

**Old Business**

Discussed throughout meeting

**Partners Updates**

1. Louisiana Rehabilitation Services

Rosemary Yesso

1. CILs
   1. Mitch Granger gave updates on SLIC including the following: 5.5% in cuts due to diversifying; hired Lafayette full time employee due to LRS request and experiencing high demand and may also hire another employee; managed care provider groups looking to receive RFP; meetings are being held with United Healthcare; seeing transitioning to IL out of nursing homes; has hired various employees in different roles, i.e. RN, interpreter coordinator; employees may no longer be designated as domestic workers in the future and this will have a financial impact due to increased health and benefit costs.
   2. Gale Dean gave updates on New Horizons including the following: now certified Medicare counselors; involved with managed care providers; Amerigroup sponsoring New Horizon events as well as other corporate sponsors coming forward; various raffles and auctions to raise funds in the future, i.e. roundup.

**Upcoming SILC Meetings**

1. Council approved Program Coordinator to request additional in-state travel funds for 2013-2014 IAT with LRS to include the November 13-15 Louisiana Rehabilitation Association (LRA) Conference, which may include the joint meeting with Louisiana Rehabilitation Council (LRC)
   1. Paige Kelly and SILC Program Coordinator to communicate with each other and the Council on the status of the LRA Conference and LRC joint meeting held in November
   2. Otherwise, the next quarterly meeting will be held October 3rd
2. January 9th, 2014 quarter 3 meeting approved to be held in Baton Rouge, including a new member orientation
3. April 10th, 2014 quarter 4 meeting approved to be held in Lake Charles
4. Mitch Granger is attending the NCIL (National Council on Independent Living) Annual Conference held this July in Washington D.C. Mitch will present on this conference at the next SILC quarterly meeting.

**Budget Quarterly Update**

1. Program Coordinator, Laura Meaux, presented the 4th quarter 2012-2013 budget with expenditures made through May 2013 as June 2013 was not yet available. Also presented was the 2012-2013 and draft 2013-2014 budget compared with the budget of the following fiscal years: 2012, 2011, 2010, and 2009.
2. Rosemary Yesso stated that additional funds requested would not come out of GODA’s budget, nor the CILS’ part B funds.
3. Program Coordinator to research and request for 2013-2014 Budget in-state travel for the LRA Conference in November, and will include 6 possible added members due to recruiting taking place in the next year.

**New Business**

Discussed throughout meeting

**Meeting Adjourned**

The meeting was adjourned by Mitch Granger at 2:20 pm after a motion by Mitch Granger and a second by Wayne Blackwell.