

MINUTES

Louisiana Statewide Independent Living Council
Metairie, Louisiana
October 9, 2014

Council Members Present

Baker, Kandy
Callahan, Reverend Mallery
Cochran, Jay
Dean, Gale (Vice Chair)
Geddes, Sharon
Granger, Mitch (Chair)
Lambousy, Peter
Morales, Rosemary
Ritter, Lawrence 'Butch'
Warner, Tara (Member at Large)

Members Absent

Vinson, Amanda

SILC Staff Present

Sara Spencer, Administrative Assistant
Laura Meaux, Program Coordinator

Guests Present

Rosemary Yesso, LRS
Paige Kelly, LRS
Libby Murphy, LRC
Ellis Roussel, GODA
Yavonka G. Archaga, Resources for IL (Independent Living)
Alicia Hammond, Resources for IL
Merrill Freidman, Amerigroup

Call to Order

Mitch Granger called the second quarterly meeting of Fiscal Year 2014-2015 to order at 9:15 am, followed by the pledge of allegiance and prayer. A quorum was present per Section 705 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

Introductions

New members present: Kandy Baker and Rosemary Morales
Guests

Guest Speaker(s)

Merrill Friedman, Vice President for Advocacy at Amerigroup Corporation
Pat Puckett, Georgia SILC Executive Director (via Teleconference)
Ann McDaniel, West Virginia SILC Executive Director (via Teleconference)
Shannon Sterling, Former Kansas SILC Executive Director (via Teleconference)

Discussion included the following:

- SILC appointments
- SILC Director duties and responsibilities

- Importance of understanding issues on a national level (background and intent) and communicate that information to a state level
- Best SILC practices
- SILC budgets
- SILC member trainings best practices
- NCIL (National Council on Independent Living) annual conference and committees
- WIOA (Workforce Investment Opportunity Act)

Break

Mitch Granger called break at 10:45 am with no objection and resumed meeting at 11:00 am.

Old Business

- a. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes
 - Members reviewed SILC Quarterly Meeting minutes (April 10, 2014 and July 10, 2014)
 - Motion to approve minutes made by Peter Lambousy, seconded by Mitch Granger with no objections
- b. Revised Bylaws Discussion and Vote
 - Motion to table vote on bylaws made by Mitch Granger, seconded by Butch Ritter with no objections
 - Council to obtain further guidance on 'Placement' language from RSA
- c. Executive Committee Nominations and Vote for FY 2014-2015
 - Chair – Peter Lambousy, motion to approve made by Tara Warner, seconded by Gale Dean with no objections
 - Vice Chair – Mitch Granger, motion to approve made by Tara Warner, seconded by Reverend Callahan with no objections
 - Secretary – Gale Dean, motion to approve made by Mitch Granger, seconded by Butch Ritter with no objections
 - Treasurer – Kandy Baker, motion to approve made by Butch Ritter, seconded by Peter Lambousy with no objections
 - Member at Large – Sharon Geddes, motion to approve made by Peter Lambousy, seconded by Reverend Callahan with no objections
- d. Membership
 - SILC's current membership status presented by Laura Meaux

Partners Updates

- a. LRC – Libby Murphy, Chair
- b. GODA – Ellis Roussel, Executive Director
- c. LRS – Rosemary Yesso, Bureau Administrator
- d. CILs (Centers for Independent Living) –
 1. Gale Dean, NHILC (New Horizons Independent Living Center) Director
 2. Mitch Granger, SLIC (Southwest Louisiana Independence Center) Director

Break

Mitch Granger called break at 12:20 pm with no objection and resumed meeting at 1:00 pm.

New Business

Quarterly Budget Update presented by Laura Meaux

Upcoming SILC Meetings

Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Meetings:

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

Adjourn

Motion made to adjourn the second quarterly meeting of Fiscal Year 2014-2015 by Peter Lambousy, seconded by Gale Dean with no objections. The meeting adjourned at 1:20 pm.