**MINUTES**

Louisiana Statewide Independent Living Council

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

January 15, 2015

**Council Members Present**

Baker, Kandy

Callahan, Reverend Mallery

Cochran, Jay

Dean, Gale (Vice Chair)

Geddes, Sharon

Lambousy, Peter (Chair)

Morales, Rosemary

Ritter, Lawrence ‘Butch’

Viltz, Roszella

Simpson, Germaine

**Members Absent**

Vinson, Amanda

Warner, Tara

Granger, Mitch

**SILC Staff Present**

Sara Spencer, Administrative Assistant

**Guests Present**

Rosemary Yesso, LRS

Paige Kelly, LRS

Ellis Roussel, GODA

Dawn Diez, Governor’s Office

**Call to Order**

Peter Lambousy called the second quarterly meeting of Fiscal Year 2014-2015 to order at 9:15 am. A quorum was present per Section 705 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

**Introductions**

New members present: Roszella Viltz and Germaine Simpson

**Old Business**

1. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes
   * Members reviewed SILC Quarterly Meeting minutes (October 9, 2014)
   * Motion to approve minutes made by Butch Ritter, seconded by Roszella Viltz with no objections
2. Revised Bylaws Discussion and Vote
   * Motion to table vote on bylaws made by Butch Ritter, seconded by Sharon Geddes with no objections
   * Council to talk about bylaws more in detail next meeting
3. Membership
   * SILC’s current membership status presented by Peter Lambousy.
   * Two individuals were appointed to the Council
     1. Roszella Viltz
     2. Germaine Simpson
   * No applications provided to Boards and Commissions at this time
   * There are 8 open seats
     1. Advocate of and for individual with disability (6)
     2. Representative from private business (2)
   * Peter Lambousy requested that the council members would provide two individuals’ name and contact information for nomination and consideration as a SILC member
   * Paige Kelly mentioned that the Council needs to add individuals who comply with the Bylaws and we need more individuals with disabilities.
   * Peter shared that the Council needs to get more members that will actually participate.
   * Amanda Vinson needs to be contacted about when her term expires.
   * Jay Cochran has a friend in Shreveport who is interested, but there may be too many members in the Council who represent that area.
   * Rosemary Yesso offered to send an email to regional manager of LRS in the Monroe area (Eddie Givens) to see if he has any leads on new members in that area.
4. Other Discussion
   * Where are IL (Independent Living) services going to be placed? LRS or somewhere else?
     1. IL has been moved to health and human services
     2. Rosemary Yesso mentioned that LRS will be on top of changes and what needs to be transitioned for those changes. She also recommended that a meeting needs to be set up with Mark from LRS to have a talk with Curt Eysink. Mark will be back at the end of the month so he needs to be contacted as soon as possible so the Council has priority on his schedule.

**Partners Updates**

1. GODA – Ellis Roussel, Executive Director
   1. The staff has been visiting different groups and meetings such as:
      1. Managed Care
      2. Job Fairs
      3. New Horizons
   2. Ellis Roussel has been informing GACDA on SILC meetings and membership.
   3. The next GACDA meeting is 3/4/2015.
2. LRS – Rosemary Yesso, Bureau Administrator
   1. Rosemary mentioned more information on how budgets are changing.
   2. She also explained that Part B can have no more than 5% for administrative costs.
3. CILs (Centers for Independent Living) –
   1. Gale Dean, NHILC (New Horizons Independent Living Center) Director
      1. Gale Dean shared that the CILs got a $3,000 grant
      2. There is a date for the annual fundraiser (Roundup)
         1. 8/22/2015
      3. Gale Dean mentioned that there are 2 relatively large legal issues with CILs
      4. It is being decided if the SLIC employees will get health insurance. It is still unknown what will happen next year
      5. There are some new overtime work rules and payment with the CILs.
   2. Germaine Simpson, SLIC (Southwest Louisiana Independent Center)
      1. SLIC is trying to figure out how to provide services with peoples hours being cut.

**Break**

Peter Lambousy called break at 10:15am with no objection and resumed meeting at 10:45 pm.

**New Business**

1. Quarterly Budget Update presented by Kandy Baker.
2. 2015-2016 SILC Budget discussion was explained by Peter Lambousy and Rosemary Yesso.
3. 2014-2016 SPIL (State Plan) Update was shared by Peter Lambousy
   1. The following SPIL items were said to have been completed that weren’t documented:
      1. 10, 17, 26, 29

**Break**

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

**Guest Speaker(s)**

Dawn Diez, Project Director Governor’s Office presented Strategic Planning practices.

**Upcoming SILC Meetings**

Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Meetings:

* 1. 4th Quarter Meeting
     1. Thursday-Friday, April 9th-10th in Shreveport, New Horizons CIL

**Adjourn**

Motion made to adjourn the second quarterly meeting of Fiscal Year 2014-2015 by Butch Ritter, seconded by Gale Dean with no objections. The meeting adjourned at 2:30pm.