

OSILC COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 2007

**OSILC OFFICE
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VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Susan Bader
Eileen Buban
Tim Stubbins (via phone)
Mary Lynn Westfall
Pam Patula

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT

Tim Cody
Eugene Leber
Linda Peters
Wendy Halley

LIAISON MEMBERS PRESENT

Ron Miller, BSVI/RSC

OSILC STAFF PRESENT

Brenda Curtiss, Executive Director
Mary Butler, Systems Change Coordinator
Kay Grier, Office Manager
Melissa Anthony, Bookkeeper/Office Asst.

CIL DIRECTORS PRESENT

OTHERS PRESENT

William O'Malley, Attorney
Micah Westfall, w/Ms. Westfall
June Sahara, advocate
Joy Myers, Parliamentarian

Chair Eileen Buban called the meeting to order at 1:10 pm. Attendees introduced themselves and told what city and/or organization they represent.

Chair Buban announced an RSA teleconference training session on May 22 from 2-4 pm. It is sponsored by NCIL regarding SPIL Training. Interested parties must sign up by May 18th. Chair Buban and Executive Director Curtiss are hopeful that OSILC members will participate in the training. It will be helpful as OSILC takes a more aggressive approach to understanding and monitoring the State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL). ED Curtiss will participate. CIL ED Patula will try to be a part of the teleconference.

Joy Myers requested that information be emailed to members regarding requirements for OSILC membership. Perhaps flyers or other forms of communication could be developed for dissemination to organizations for membership recruitment. ED Curtiss reminded members that the membership committee must consider geographic distribution of potential members so that disability populations in all parts of the state are represented on Council. Members were also reminded that the complete application packet is available at www.ohiosilc.org and can be

printed, completed and sent to the OSILC office. Prospective members should be directed to the website not only for the application, but to learn more about OSILC.

REVIEW OF SPIL

Three sections of the newly developed SPIL were distributed. Those sections included “Assurances”, “Narrative” and “Resource Plan”.

NOTE: 1 The group was asked to overlook typos or formatting. Several versions of the Microsoft Word program have been used and formatting can be unstable amongst them. Formatting will be completed once all changes are made.

NOTE 2: Not all discussion is shown below. Notations refer to significant changes that were made to the document.

ASSURANCES. Section 2.3 Narrative was added to explain the process of notification for public hearings. That complete *Method of Notice for Public Hearings* was added to SILC’s policy and procedures manual and to the SILC website.

Section 2.6 – Words were added to indicate that the DSU and SILC do work with the Client Assistance Program of the Ohio Legal Rights Service. The OLRs/CAP liaison who attends OSILC meetings has been a part of the SPIL development. Also, staff knows how and when to send clients to CAP

Sections 3, 4, 5,6,7,8 and 9 did not have significant changes.

NARRATIVE – PART II

Chair Buban reminded the group about remaining focused on outcomes and measurements by remembering the SMART theory for goals. **S**pecific, **M**easurable, **A**ttainable, **R**elevant, and **T**imely.

ED Curtiss explained that for each section the goals are stated first, then objectives for CILs and SILC to attain those goals, then the timeline, financial plan and evaluation. CIL ED Patula was asked to take special note of sections that apply to the CILs.

Section 1: Goals

- I. Goal 1 – the amount of increase to the state budget line item funding (GRF) was changed to \$100,000.

A third activity for the SILC and the CILS was added under Goal 1.

ACTIVITY 3 -- Educate statewide organizations that may be interested in supporting legislative goals with SILC.

(A letter from Ron Miller submitted a letter on behalf of ORSC that led to a lengthy discussion about Goal 2 and its activities in this draft of the SPIL.)

Shown below are some of those discussion points:

- The goal was written to increase IL funding by utilizing Title I funding (110 dollars) from the DSU with match funding from the CILs and the SILC. The money would be used primarily to support the developing CIL in northeast Ohio.
- The language for the goal and the activities is direct and specific regarding how the funds would be used.
- The letter from ORSC, (our **Designated State Unit**), indicates that Title I funds have not been used previously in this manner and that further detail and supporting information is needed before the goal and activities can be supported.
- ORSC feels that the use of 110 dollars is at the discretion of its Executive Director.
- ORSC can only purchase goods and services from CARF-accredited facilities, but only a few of the CILs have that accreditation.
- Title I funds do not require a VR outcome and the use of those funds for SILC and for CIL expansion is in the Workforce Investment Act (WIA).
- While working cooperatively with ORSC is important, it is equally important that OSILC goals of expansion as stated in Goal 2 not be scrapped.
- A plan for a plan could be developed as OSRC and OSILC agree to work toward compromise on this issue. That “plan for a plan” could be arranged after the SPIL is submitted to RSA.
- ORSC has a problem with the goal as it relates to the SILC portion in that the support of WRILC does not show a measurable VR outcome.
- VR closures that end in employment are measured at the Federal level and translate into efficiency ratings. If some of the money is used to fund a new CIL, ORSC’s efficiency rating would go down because the new CIL would not immediately be able to produce VR employment closures. That conclusion was disputed.
- Goal 2 was changed to read: **Work with the DSU to increase funding in IL in Ohio by utilizing Title 1 funding as set forth in WIA. The increased funding through Title 1 match will maximize resources while providing outcomes beneficial to CILs, SILC and the DSU.**
- Activity 1 for the SILC was changed to: **The SILC will work with the DSU to put up \$30,000 per year in GRF funds, to be matched with Title 1, to support IL development in unserved areas of the state. Sect. 796.D(e)(1) title 29 Chapter 16 sub-chapter 1 part A section 721; 34cfr361.35.**
- For every dollar that goes into OSILC as 110 money, it would free up an equal amount of Part B money that could be distributed in Part B grant awards to CILs and possibly WRILC.

II. SYSTEMS ADVOCACY

Goal A, Objective 1, Activity 1 – SILC – delete the word “Columbus” from the statement

CIL Activity 2 – add the words “in transitioning” after “assisted”

CIL Activity 4 – delete the entire activity

OSILC FINANCIAL PLAN: change to - \$10,000.00

Goal B, Objective 1, Activity 2 – SILC – delete the word “rework” and change carestae to CareStar.

Objective 2 – delete “Kathy Foley” and change to “LEAP’s attendant training program and PCA consortium”.

OBJECTIVE 2 PERSONAL CARE ASSISTANTS

SILC Activity 1 – delete the following: promote and work to expand the concepts of the PCA program LEAP’s program for PCA’s.

Activity 2 – Minor changes were made to **delete Medicaid Infrastructure Grants** and to add **Money Follows the Person** and **ODJFS**.

Activity 3 – Change to read: Collaborate with SEIU for better wages and benefits for direct care workers, development of a Code of Ethics, reimbursements available for family members as caregivers, etc.

Activity 4 – Change to read: Collaborate with ODJFS, Aging and MR/DD to develop family member respite care programs for recipients of PCA services, modeled after the Dept of Aging’s program through the Older Americans’ Act.

CILS Activity 1 – Change to read: Community resources for development of local transition services.

Add **Activity 2** – Promote the 211 and Connect Me Ohio as a resource in local communities.

OBJECTIVE 3 HOUSING – Add to first phrase: Advocate for **development and compliance...** Add the following to the end: affordable, accessible housing utilizing tax credit, Section 8 housing and similar programs in development.

SILC Activity 1 – Change to read: Continue sponsorship of Housing Workgroup and the Visitability workgroup.

Activity 2 – Change to read: OHFA, Consolidation Plans, PHA, tax credit.

OBJECTIVE 4 EMPLOYMENT – Rearrange to read: Advocate in partnership with the DSU to provide job opportunities with benefits and living wages to Ohioans with disabilities.

Add to statement below objective 4: As major employers of people with disabilities, CILs can expand services with the use of 110 funds.

Add **SILC Activity 3** – Collaborating with the DSU on expanding the definition/use of the 110 funds to increase VR opportunities to CIL consumers.

1.3A Financial Plan Tables

- The financial plan tables cover the 3 years of the SPIL and involve projections of funding for years 2 and 3.
- Revised numbers for all the financial plan tables will be completed for the next review session tomorrow.

Chair Buban adjourned the meeting at approximately 5:45 pm. Members were encouraged to come at 9:00 am tomorrow to complete the review of the SPIL before the business meeting begins at 10.

Recorded by,

Kay L. Grier