

SILC Executive Committee Teleconference Meeting  
April 3, 2013- 11:30am-12:45am

Members present: co-Chairpersons, June Hermanson and Monica Garrahan

Member absent: Donell Neiss

Staff present: Peggy Williams, Julie Clay and Kathy Brook

**IL Budget-** The discussion regarding budget cut recommendations was tabled until the SILC May meeting because the March IL budget information was not available. Also, other budget factors that are unknown is the status of House Bill 13 (State Employees Pay Raise) and the impact that the Federal Sequestration activities will have on the budget. June commented that the revised IL budget needs to be in place by October 1, 2013.

A suggestion was made regarding the writing of grants and finding activities to provide additional funds to increase IL services in Montana.

**Governor's Report-** Monica reported on her progress and requested additional information. She hopes to have a draft for the SILC to preview at the May meeting. Julie will send the following information to Monica: Jude Monson, Summit, will be contacted regarding a PDF of Summit's most recent promotional material featuring consumer testimonies and a SILC membership list with area of representation.

Peggy mentioned that the report needs to be developed in a Word format to be accessible to the blind and low vision population.

**SPIL-** The committee needs to develop a timeline for working on the SPIL.

A suggestion was made by June to include recognition of the Task Forces into the SPIL.

The SILC has provided some outreach to non- IL affiliated people with disabilities and a suggestion was made regarding increasing outreach and collaboration of people with disabilities who are not associated with the four CILs by means of social networks and websites.

One of the samples of SPILs (California) provided for review uses an evaluation component along with their goals and objectives. Julie made a suggestion that Montana include this idea in the writing of their SPIL.

The SPIL should be an on-going activity that the SILC engages in as its primary responsibility according to the Rehab Act.

The SPIL Goals and Objectives need to be completed for presentation, review and approval at the May 9th SILC meeting.

Julie and Kathy have entered some of the general information requested into the SPIL database.

**VR/SILC Meeting- May 9** The SILC will meet in the morning from 9am-12pm have lunch and then join the VR Council. Meeting agenda ideas: have a speaker, have the chairpersons of each council give a summary of their council's activities followed by introductions of members on both councils.

June suggested that Tom Osborn, be nominated to be the SILC Representative on the VR Council during the SILC meeting and then have him speak at the VR/SILC meeting about the various task forces.

**Region 8 Teleconference Participation-** Peggy mentioned that SILC leaders were welcome to participate. Julie will send the call in information to the co-Chairs.

A date in June needs to be determined for the SILC meeting following the May 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. The main focus of the June meeting will be to review and approve the SPIL, which is due July 1, 2013.

The SILC members need to review the draft SPIL prior to the May 9<sup>th</sup> meeting and share their comments regarding the SPIL during the meeting. The final copy of the SPIL will incorporate the members' comments and recommendations and needs to be approved by the whole SILC during the month of June. This could be done by teleconference.