

SILC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
July 31, 2013- 12:00pm
Teleconference

Members present: June Hermanson, Chairperson and Jim Brown, vice-Chairperson

Member absent: Donell Neiss, Secretary

Staff present: Julie Clay and Kathy Brook

1. Review IL Program Budget- The Executive Committee members were sent the IL Program Budget for June 2013 on Monday, July 29, 2013 for review. Jim requested the budget pages which reflect more than the CILs' contracts expenses and balances. Julie will send the other financial information to the Executive Committee.

Discussion to balance the IL Program budget included asking Jim Marks and Peggy Williams for suggestions on other funding resources or cuts. The question the committee had was whether cutting IL personnel hours or cutting funding for CIL contracts were the only two avenues for dealing with the budget deficit. The committee members decided to wait until the whole SILC membership met on August 14, 2013 to discuss other options for balancing the budget.

2. Review SPIL comments that Elizabeth Akinola sent- The committee members discussed possible funding sources for the SPIL Goal: "Affect Public Policy through Education, Training and Awareness" and the Goal: "SILC Member Involvement". Her suggestion was to move the funding sources to "Other SPIL activities" and ask for the dollar amount related to these activities to be added to the SPIL Financial Chart, aka SILC Resource Plan.

June suggested using "Partnership Funding" in the wording of the goal and funding source. She did not want Goal 5, Objective 6 to be deleted. This objective focuses on marketing and public relations and to educate the public on issues of the disability community.

3. Agenda for SILC meeting on August 14, 2013- It was decided that the following items be included on the meeting agenda: SPIL, SILC Budget, Nominations and schedule of meetings for the following federal year 2014, October 1, 2013- September 30, 2014.
4. Nominations- Donell was not present to discuss the progress of her work on the SILC nominations. June mentioned that Mary Olson of Missoula was planning to complete the online application on the Governor's website. Ideas on methods to disseminate the SILC application packet were discussed. Julie gave an update of the names that were on the Governor's website at the end of May. People were contacted regarding their interest to serve as a SILC member. Most people were no longer interested in participating. One applicant was not eligible because he is a current CIL employee. Julie will develop a letter describing the SILC roles and responsibilities and how to apply for the position. This letter will be distributed through various methods. At this time, we have one Disability Community Representative position open which

was vacated by Monica Garrahan. The DSU Representative nominee is Astghik Iknatian of the Billings VR office.

*Yesterday, the DPHHS Director's Office staff stated that these two positions need to be filled as soon as possible. If you know Barbara Roberts of Great Falls, please let me know of her qualifications to fill the Disability Community Representative position. Six SILC positions will be open as the current members will complete their terms December 1, 2013. Two SILC members will finish their first term and ask if they would want to serve another term. Four SILC members will complete their second terms or complete an existing second term of a position.

Therefore, we need to do an extensive SILC membership drive.

5. Donation in memory of Linda Gonzales of APRIL- The committee members decided to wait for the August 14 SILC meeting, to make a decision.

The next Executive Committee meeting will be Wednesday, September 4, 2013 at noon.