

SILC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING- February 6, 2014 3:30-4:30pm

Members in attendance: Jim Brown vice-Chairperson and Mary Olson, Secretary

Members absent: June Hermanson, Chairperson

Staff in attendance: Peggy Williams, Julie Clay and Kathy Brook

1. February 19 SILC WebEx/Teleconference Agenda Review and Approval-  
The executive committee members reviewed and approved the February 19, 2014 SILC/WebEx Teleconference agenda and requested the below agenda items to be added:

- Public Comment Hearing- March 14-15
- Candidate Survey and IL Program Manager's time documents need to be refined
- Review SILC committees- who is on the various committees and members commitment
- Equalization of Funding

Jim Brown reported that he cannot attend the February SILC meeting.

2. Part B Contract Amendments developed and sent to the CIL directors for their signatures. They were asked to return the original signed amendment for Jim Marks' signature.
3. On February 6, Felipe Lulli, IL Unit Representative from RSA distributed an email message regarding FY'2014 monies. Since Montana will receive \$9,292.00 above Montana's COLA, RSA will distribute this amount to the CILs based on Montana's FY'2014-16 SPIL. Specifically, SPIL section 3.2 will determine:
- 1) Whether any of the increase above COLA will be used to establish a new CIL; and/or
  - 2) How the Part C increase above COLA will be distributed among the existing CILs, i.e., proportionally, equally or by an alternative method.

To this end, please provide the information requested below via email by March 6, 2014:

- 1) Currently, section 3.2 of your 2014-16 SPIL states that all geographic areas of the state are served by a Part C-funded CIL. Please confirm.
- 2) The SPIL states that additional Part C funds above COLA would be utilized to "equalize funding among the centers." However, this statement does not provide sufficient guidance regarding the amounts and/or percentage of the \$9,292 in available above-COLA funds that would go to the existing Part C CILs in your state. In order for RSA to distribute your state's FY'2014 Part C funds, you must provide indicate how the above-COLA funds are to be distributed to the state's four Part C CILs (e.g., proportionally, equally, other).

Given the nature of the requested information, RSA will likely require a SPIL amendment and corresponding public hearings with at least 30 days advance notice, pursuant to 34 CFR 364.20(g).

The public hearing discussion will be added to the agenda on the Feb 19<sup>th</sup> SILC meeting. Mary suggested having a public meeting next week. Peggy commented that a 30 day notice is necessary before hold a public hearing. The increase in Part C monies will go into effect in October 2014. Some public hearing suggestions were to have the hearing held on March 13 or 14, 2014. Also various formats were suggested including:

Hold meeting in Helena with written comments.

Met Net/Summit-Net- Mary mentioned the additional cost of using this option.

The Public Comment on CIL funding could be combined with general VR/IL Public Hearing on March 28.

Connect the four CILs' offices by WebEx to provide input from their area consumers.

Need to ask CIL directors to host the WebEx in their offices.

#### 4. EPP Update

The MYLF and MYTransitions request for monies will be combined into one request. The justification will be developed over the next few weeks.

Mary asked about CIL director request, will SILC be able to see what they say. Julie replied that CIL directors will write justifications and have advocacy activities to show how monies work. Also show the increased # of consumers served.

EPP requests are for \$60,000 per center per year for two years is \$480,000.00 and combined youth request of \$350,000.00 for the biennium.

#### 5. 2013 Governor's Report

It was decided that there was no need to print hard copies of this document. It will be posted on the SILC website. Julie will confirm that the photos are in an accessible format for screen readers.

#### 6. Candidate Survey

This is included in the SPIL and given to all candidates who file for office regarding current disability issues. Julie found the old copy of the survey from 2005. June suggested this be updated and made relevant. Julie asked for ideas of what to include. Research is needed to identify what are the current legislative priorities. Mary volunteered to help with this project. Julie will ask the CIL directors about current legislative issues and task forces' legislative priorities. Examples of issues are: MFP, Community First Choice, MYLF, MYTransitions and transportation. A list will be made to review and discuss during the Feb 19 meeting.

7. Nominees Update- Julie reported that the Governor's office had announced the appointees to the various committees. Elizabeth Varnum was appointed as a SILC member. Due to her status as a paid employee of Summit ILC, the SILC membership may be out of compliance because of the majority of members are now CIL or State employees.

Stacy Otterstrom, Governor's Board and Councils office was called regarding Quentin Johnson's name to be withdrawn due to personal reasons. She responded that the names would be reviewed in a few weeks. Julie feels that the Governor's office prefers to do the review of names in a group and with Quentin's name removed the status of review may change. Peggy thinks the process will start over when a new name is submitted. Peggy suggested making a phone call poll vote.

Melissa Kase of Billings needs to be contacted regarding continued participation as a SILC member. June has requested Julie contact her before the Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> SILC meeting. Then the Nomination Committee will need to meet and make a recommendation to present at the meeting. Have one or two people to vote on Feb 19.

The committee has three applicants in the SILC pool: Monique Casbeer, Missoula, Richard Frisbee (a paid peer mentor in Hamilton, and Robin Idol, Whitefish. June suggested setting up a nominations meeting to find more candidates. Julie reminded members the geographic aspect.

#### 8. IL Program Manager Priorities

Julie commented that she had sent out a broad overview of time spent on activities. June requested to refine the document and condense to two pages. This item will be moved to the March Executive Committee meeting for discussion.

Next SILC Executive meeting will be on March 6, 2014 from 3:30-4:30pm.