

SILC MEETING MAY 9, 2013- 8:30AM-12:30PM
ARCADE BUILDING FOURTH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

Members Present: June Hermanson, Chairperson, Melissa Kase, Tom Osborn, Jim Brown, Dick Trerise, Michelle Williamson, Courtney Damron, Troy Spang and Chris Cragwick via telephone.

Members Absent: Donell Neiss, Amanda Haley,

Visitors Present: Bob Maffit, Joe Burst, Tami Hoar, Scott Williamson, Mike Mayer, Jason...., Tori....Alisha...

Staff Present: Jim Marks, Karie Whitlock, Julie Clay, Kathy Brook

Introductions and Welcome- June Hermanson, SILC Chairperson, welcomed all to the meeting and asked those present to introduce themselves.

Old Business-

IL Budget – Karie Whitlock, DETD Budget Analyst, reviewed the handouts titled: “ Independent Living-Federal Fund Contracts w/GF Match, Independent Living-100% GF Contracts State Fiscal Year 2013, IL Budget Information- FFY 2013 as of April 30, 2013, Independent Living, Financial Information-Federal Fiscal Year 2013, and Independent Living Part B Indirect Costs- FFY 2013.”

There was a discussion regarding indirect costs and how they are derived. Karie stated she would provide via email to Julie the Indirect costs sheet for FY'2012 and the DPHHS Cost Allocation Overview Powerpoint presentation handout. Julie will forward this information to the SILC members.

Review and Approval of SILC Meeting Minutes- The SILC meeting minutes from the March 7, 2013 teleconference meeting, with an addition from the original minutes that were sent out, were approved as changed. This motion was made by Jim Brown and seconded by Troy Spang.

New Business- June gave a summary of the two SILC member resignations Monica Garrahan and Jim Morrison. She asked for volunteers to fill the vice-chairperson position and Jim Brown volunteered. A motion was made by Courtney Damron and seconded by Melissa Kase to elect Jim Brown to become the new SILC vice-Chairperson. The motion passed.

SILC Nominations- A motion was made by Melissa Kase and seconded by Michelle Williamson to recommend to the Governor, Astghik Iknatian as the Designated State Unit (DSU) Representative for the Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC). The motion passed.

A listing of people who were interested in becoming a SILC member during the past year was sent to SILC members for their review and consideration. Julie was asked to contact the people whose name is on the list to inquire about their continued interest to serve as a SILC member. If people are interested, they need to complete the new Governor's website application, which includes a letter of interest and resume. Current SILC members were asked to recommend additional people who would be interested in serving on the SILC.

SPIIL- State Plan for Independent Living 2014-16

Overview of Goals and Objectives-

Goal 1: Consumer Services:

There was discussion regarding the use of 20% to reflect the increase of consumer served each year. The concept was developed using a Region 8 state example of a measurable objective.

Goal 2: Systems Change: Mike Mayer gave an overview and explained that it is a working draft. The purpose is to promote over all compliance of state service in the least restrictive setting as mandated in the ADA.

Objective 1: Was developed because the State received the Money Follows the Person (MFP) Grant and will be wrapping up activities in the next few months.

Objective 2: Written because the Community First Choice Option (CFCO) allows Montana to amend its State Plan for Medicaid to enhance the PCA services to focus more on self-direction and consumer choices. The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) oversees the Medicare/Medicaid Programs and believe that the CFCO is worthwhile. The Legislature approved the option with a requirement that a consumer council, made by a majority of people with disabilities, be established to restructure the program. Benefits from this option will enhance services to those people who are not receiving service other than through the Medicaid Waivers. Six matching points are available with the Federal Medicaid along with federal money to help strengthen quality assurance.

Objective 3: The IL movement helped to secure a \$450,000.00 of General Funds from the State Legislature to be used over next biennium for the Housing Bridge Funding within the MFP program. This money will be used to assist people in transitioning from an institution to their community and assist people who are on a waiting list to receive rental assistance.

Objective 4: This objective was written because transportation plans an important role in the ability for consumers to be more mobile in their community. Transportation options need to be increased to allow people to be more involved and active in their community.

Objective 5: Extensive discussion regarding the sheltered workshop objective included the number of sheltered workshops. June and Tom attended the Conversion Conference and learned about the Vermont model to move money from sheltered workshops to community employment. This supports the employment leadership network and Employment First laws. A suggestion was made take the tools Vermont developed and to reach out to other groups around state to develop a dialogue.

Goal 3: Outreach to Underserved Population

The SPIIL committee members recommended that Objective 4 be moved to the By Laws and that Objective 5 would not include task forces only committees. Objective 5 will read as a representative from the SILC will serve on the Youth Task Force and Native American Task Force and report to the SILC. This report will be added to the SILC meeting agendas. It was also decided not to do a new study to identify new underserved populations because of the time factor. Bob Maffit suggested that the wording in Objective 3 regarding the CIL Directors reports be reworded for better guidance and have a measurable objective. Objective 6 will be deleted due lack of resources and the time involved.

Goal 4: Public Policy to Educate, Training and Create Awareness

Tom made a suggestion to change the title of this goal to: Affect Public Policy to Educate, Train and Create Awareness. He reviewed the objectives and how SILC could use these objectives to become more active and take a leadership role through Systems Change Activities.

Goal 5: General Support of State CIL Mission Statements, Goals and Objectives

The discussion focused on moving the three items to the Outreach Goal because they were listed on the Outreach Goal of the 2010-13 SPIL. The first two related to the employment underserved population and the third item support training activities for youth with disabilities could be defined in various ways in order to be measurable. This population is identified as being underserved and item could be an objective that will be moved to Goal 3, also.

The four CILs have a three work plan which some of the goals and objectives have to be included in the SPIL and match the goals and objectives of the SPIL. It was recommended that this Goal be deleted.

Goal 6: IL Network Coordinating Activities

The SPIL members liked this objective that came from another state's SPIL. Julie stated that she moved the wording to, SILC member involvement goal included in Objective 5 as use of "social media".

Goal 7: SILC Members Involvement

Chris Cragwick joined the meeting during this discussion.

Julie mentioned the number 10 listed in Objective 1 was selected because the objective has to be measurable. Another number can be identified by the SILC and written into the SPIL by the SPIL Committee.

Not all SILC members had a copy of this goal so it was decided that Julie would email SILC members a copy for their review and comments to be returned to Julie before the SPIL meeting on Tuesday, May 21. Instead of a copy of this goal and a revised copy of the SPIL will forwarded to the SILC members for their review and feedback.

June invited SILC members and others to participate in the SPIL Committee work to draft definitions and clarify language used in the goals and objectives for the 2014-16 SPIL.

A timeline was set up to complete the steps for review and final approval by the SILC before submitting the final copy of the 2014-16 SPIL to funding agency, Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA).

1. May 20- return comments of the revised SPIL to Julie
2. June 14- final draft emailed to SILC members for review and comments
3. June 14-20 comments sent to Julie with a CC to other SILC members and CIL directors
4. June 21- a 10 minute WebEx meeting at 9am for discussion and to vote on the acceptance of the SPIL
5. June 24-28 week to making changes as suggested by SILC members
6. June 28 SPIL due date

SPIL Financial Plan Documents

Julie reviewed the documents. The third column of the Year 1- 2014, Year 2- 2015 and Year 3- 2016 Approximately Funding Amounts and Uses is blank and will be completed with the CILs funding sources and amounts. The directors have sent in this information.

Julie mentioned that the HATS bus was available for anyone who needs a ride to the Colonial Building.

June thanked all for coming and participating. She invited all to attend the afternoon joint meeting with the VR Council in the Wilderness Room.