

**STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL
NOTICE OF MEETING**

October 27, 2014

| MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: | MEMBERS ABSENT |
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| (Wilm): John Gano; Cheryl Hampson; Suzanne Howell; Jean May; Chris Trincia; Andrea Wozney; Darryl Garner (Dover): Blake Roberts (Tele): Daniese McMullen-Powell | Kathryn Bottner; Moni Edgar; Joseph Insley; Kenny Kalman; Non-Members in Attendance (Wilm): Janet Berry; HarrietAnn Litwin (Dover): Lillian Evans; |

AGENDA

- 11:30 am** Lunch
- 12:08pm** Meeting called to order
- The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Chris Trincia, and introductions were made.
 - There was no Chair report this month.
 - Suzanne Howell moved that the August 2014 Minutes be approved and and John Gano seconded the motion. The council approved the minutes
- 12:12 pm** Delaware Assoc. for the Blind~~Janet Berry provided the following report
- They had 12 peer support group sessions.
 - They are seeking to fill a peer support staff position.
- 12:14 pm** Domestic Violence~~Amanda Bugess was unable to make the meeting
- 12:14 pm** DVI Report ~~ Jean May provided the following report
- The Tech Faire held at the Modern Maturity Center in Dover was a great success.
 - Two Vision Rehabilitation Therapists will be attending the VRT Conference in Colorado in November.
 - DVI-IL is cohosting transition students and their families to inform them of the services offered by DVI. One session will be 10/29 in New Castle and on 10/30 in Milford.
- 12:22 pm** Independent Resources, Inc. Report Larry Henderson No Report.
- 12:23 pm** Freedom Center Report~~ Lillian Evans provided the following report
- The Freedom Center processed 418 Information & Referral Requests-137 were out of their service area, 76 from Southern New Castle County (the MOT area) during the fiscal year. Under the MOU with Independent Resources, they are able to serve consumers outside their service area.
 - The changes that the Freedom Center has been experiencing are going well. Lillian Evans and Eric Pots are the only original staffers. The team has come together and is working cohesively.
 - SILC meetings are open to the public. Freedom Center Staff has been invited to attend a future SILC meeting if they so desire. Cheryl Hampson also invited Freedom Center consumers to attend SILC meetings. Perhaps a teleconference could be set up out of the Freedom Center for the convenience of consumers. It is not clear whether the equipment would work on a three-way meeting.
 - The Job/Health fair was a great success. 9 exhibitors attended, many consumers and veterans attended
 - Rite Aid administered Flu shots from the Center, although it was not as well attended as hoped
 - Freedom Center would like to change the name of the Peer Support Group to Freedom Group.
 - Working with the Olympians from the Special Olympics to start a youth group.
 - Many consumers expressed difficulties with the SafeLink application process. An individual at the center works for SafeLink and has volunteered to help consumers fill out applications at the Freedom Center. Consumers who need cell phones may use the Freedom Center's address to have their cell phone delivered to. SafeLink is not a very visually impaired user friendly. Lillian will inquire about voice activated phones.

- Freedom Center was recently audited. RSA's only criticism was that The Freedom Center did not have a 3-yr strategic plan that included board of directors' input. RSA suggest that The Freedom Center be used as a "best practice" site. Also RSA suggested that Larry allow Lillian train his staff for consumer service record keeping.

12:40 pm DVR Report ~ John Gano provided the following report

- Fiscal Year which ended 09/2014 saw 94 clients served, 70 successful closures
- Fiscal Year which started 10/1/2014 has 24 open cases -6 closures thus far
- Delaware Physicians Care, Inc. is no longer a Medicaid provider-so they will no longer be able to supply VR-IL client referrals.
- MOU with the Division of Aging and Adults with Physical Disabilities is ongoing and has been renewed.
- DVR, IRI, Freedom Center, & DVI are all subject to Federal monitoring by RSA, which happens about every five years.
- Administration for Community Living (under the federal Department of Health & Human Services) will most likely be the entity conducting reviews for Centers for Independent Living and SILCs nationwide in the future. Administration of the IL program and funding will no longer come from DOE, but instead from DHHS.
- Under the new legislation, transition has been added as a fifth core IL service. Transition has a dual meaning that includes providing services for individuals who want to move out of nursing homes as well as to provide services for students who are moving from school to adult life.

12:55pm Old Business

- Cheryl Hampson reported that the Delaware Emergency Management Agency event held at Fair Play station. The wheelchair lift is still inoperable. Amtrak & Septa both claim the station is "accessible" but they have no idea who is responsible for upkeep. Daniese McMullen-Powell contacted DelDot and several political representatives about the lift and sent them pictures of the lift showing the level of disrepair.
- Both Daniese and Cheryl Hampson were asked by organizers to refrain from participating fully in the emergency preparedness. One participant was required to descend the steps to the station platform on her backside. The first responders were unsure what to do with a person who uses a wheelchair. It was suggested that Daniese and Cheryl contact the media and/or Shailen P. Bhatt Cabinet Secretary for the Delaware Department of Transportation.

1:15pm New Business

- LIFE Conference January 15, 2015; SILC and Freedom Center will share a table. John Gano, Darryl Garner, and Jean May will provide coverage for the table.
- The final SILC Meeting and Luncheon for the year will take place on Friday December 12. Ideas for a venue are welcome.
- SILC Congress January 17 – January 20 in San Diego, CA
 - HarrietAnn will investigate the funding sources
 - Janet Berry, Cheryl Hampson, Lillian Evans, & Chris Trincia expressed an interest in attending <http://www.ilru.org/training/silc-congress-2015>

01:27 pm Cheryl motioned to adjourn Meeting, Darryl Gardner seconded

SILC Chair, Chris Trincia, requests that if you are unable to attend a meeting highlights from that month's notes needed to presented must be read at the following meeting. Minutes can also be faxed to the VR office in advance to be read by another member of the council.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Christine Trincia, SILC Chair**

CE, Admin