



DC Statewide Independent Living Council
1125 15th Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20005-2726

DC Statewide Independent Living Council Meeting Minutes – March 26, 2015

Attendees:

District of Columbia Statewide Independent Council Board Members

Elver Ariza-Silva, Interim Chair
Marsha Thompson, SILC Secretary
Richard Simms, Member
Catherine Dillahunt, Treasurer
Shileta L. Gorham, Member
Thomas Mangrum, Member
Dahlia G. Johnson, Administrative Assistant, SILC

Rehabilitation Services Administrations (RSA)

Darnise Henry Bush, DC-RSA Program Liaison

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:15 by interim chair, Elver Ariza-Silva

MINUTES

The minutes were read by Marsha Thompson, approved and second as read.

There was a short discussion about the Resource Plan, the proposed stipend for members that are not employed. Elver and Marsha will meet with Andrew Reese to discuss how to set it up. It was advised that if members did not attend the CSNA Report they should read it to help them better understand RSA and the SILC relationship. Darnise read some of the CSNA suggestions regarding the SILC and its' relationship to the community. The SILC reviewed the CSNA recommendations on how it should help RSA and the CIL improve outreach and advocacy. Dahlia will take Ms. Dillahunt a copy of the CSNA full report and a copy of the Resource Plan from the SILC State Plan.

NCIL Conference, July 27-30, 2015

There was some discussion cost for SILC members wanting to attend the NCIL Conference. Shileta explained that NCIL accepts volunteers for the NCIL Conference. When members volunteer they don't have to pay registrations fees and only have to volunteer for some of the conference events. Elver said that he would volunteer, as well as Shileta.

Elver will schedule a meeting with Andrew Reese, Deputy Director, RSA, regarding the balance of the SILC budget. Dahlia will find out about members volunteering at the NCIL Conference.

Clarification of Meeting Place

After much discussion it was decided that the next meeting will be hold at the DCCIL and that prior to each meeting members will decide between the DDS RSA and the DCCIL meeting locations.

CSNA REPORT

Members read CSNA recommendations aloud so that Ms. Dillahunt could participation in the discussion and planning. Dahlia was asked to deliver a copy of the reports to Ms. Dillahunt in written format. She has equipment at home to assist her.

Mr. Simms said the law state that this should be an independent functioning SILC.

704 Reports

There is a question about the SILC budget, but this amount is allotted for each year through 2016 the duration of the current SPIL. Darnise read the resource plan and the SPIL end of the year activities from the 704 submitted for 2014.

BY-LAWS

Elver, Shileta and Marsha will set up a meeting to discuss the By-Laws before the next on May 28, 2015.