



Texas State Independent Living Council



Meeting Minutes
Corpus Christi Omni Hotel
9600 N. Shoreline Blvd. Corpus Christi, Texas
Meeting Room: Nueces Ballroom
Sunday, March 30, 2014

Opening:

The quarterly meeting of the Texas State Independent Living Council (SILC) was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on March 30, 2014 by Saul Herrera, Chairman

Present:

Members in Attendance – Randell Resneder, Jim Brocato, Richard Couder, John Hobgood, Jim Batchelor, Saul Herrera, and Laurie Pryor, DARS

Members Not in Attendance - Calvin Turner, Karen Swearingen and Shannon Alexander

Others in Attendance - Regina Blye, Staff; Terri Richard, TDHCA; Rebecca Coleman, Staff; Sandra Breitengross Bitter, Staff; Victor Castillo, Staff; Laura York, DARS; Brandy Holt, DARS; Judy Telge; John Jackson.

Addressed:

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Everyone in attendance did self-introductions and Blye introduced the newest SILC staff member, Victor Castillo, the Financial Officer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES:

- Motion to approve the Minutes from the January Quarterly SILC meeting by Resneder. Motion Seconded by Brocato.
- Motion to approve agenda by Resneder. Motion Seconded by Hobgood.

JOINT MEETING PREVIEW

Blye reviewed the agenda of the SILC/CIL joint meeting scheduled to take place after the break.

COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

• VACANCIES

Coleman reviewed the status of the board in regards to terms. There are currently two vacancies for Ex-Officio appointments, and two voting member's terms have expired, Calvin Turner and Karen Swearingen (see attachment A).

• REAPPOINTMENTS

Coleman reported that Herrera's reappointment was successfully processed this week for another two years (see attachment B).

REGISTERED AGENT REPLACEMENT

The SILC was in need of a Registered Agent. Coleman explained described to the board a Registered Agent. It is a person responsible for receiving important legal and tax documents including: Service of Process (Notice of Litigation), franchise tax forms and annual report forms. The Registered Agent may be a person or a company approved by the state to serve as a registered agent, and must be located in the state of Texas. Coleman announced that Herrera agreed to be the SILC's Registered Agent.

LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST (LAR)

- **REVIEW LETTER SUBMISSIONS**

Breitengross Bitter reviewed letters sent to DARS Commissioner Durden from Regina Blye, ED of SILC and Michelle Crain, TACIL President regarding suggestions for inclusion in the DARS Strategic Plan and Legislative Appropriations Request (LAR).

NEW FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- Blye introduced a possible funding opportunity through TCDD, to facilitate forums on transportation for people with disabilities.
- Resneder motioned to approve moving forward in seeking possible funding opportunities. Brocato seconded the motion.

NEEDS ASSESSMENT

- **PARTNERSHIP WITH RCT**

Herrera reported meeting with RCT regarding a continuation of the partnership with RCT and the SILC in completing a Needs Assessment. It was discussed that a joint committee was suggested as well as town hall meetings and surveys to collect the information.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Judy Telge introduced John Jackson, the new ED at CBCIL. Telge discussed a resolution to be presented to the Silver Hair Legislators, to establish a Statewide Inter-Agency Mobility Coordinating Council for Comprehensive Coordination of Human Service Transportation for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities in Texas. She asked to hand out a formal Resolution and take a vote at the end of the joint meeting with the SILC and TACIL. (See attachment C)

SILC QUARTERLY MEETING ADJOURNED

- **MOTION MADE BY RESNEDER AND SECONDED BY BROCATO.**

BREAK

SILC/CIL JOINT MEETING

Additional Attendees: Jackie Pacha, Peggy Cosner, Amy Kantoff, Woodie Johnston, Michelle Crain, Sara Minton, Kitty Brietzke, Carl McMillen, Christina White, and Shannon Alexander

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST (LAR)

- **STRATEGY SESSION**

Carl McMillen the ED from PILC reviewed a letter he had sent to Regina Blye and Jim Brocato regarding the call for input to DARS' development of the Legislative Appropriations Request. The letters TACIL and the SILC submitted to Commissioner Durden were discussed as well as a time line for expected future events.

EMERGING THEMES FROM THE SPIL GOAL 4 PHASE 1: TAKING STOCK REPORT

- **Present By Greenlights: (See attachment D)**

Katy Bourgeois, Lead Consultant, Marisa Zaponne, Project Consultant, Suzzane Potts, Project Consultant

UPDATES

- **CIL EXPANSION AREAS**

Reviewed RSA requirements and discussed conducting surveys.

- **RIDER 30 REPORT**

Reviewed major provisions.

- **COMMENTS TO RSA (704 REPORT)**

SILC and TACIL discussed plans to submit official comments to RSA on suggested changes to 704 Reports.

- **OTHER**

Judy Telge handed out the above mentioned Resolution to all the meeting attendees. Herrera brought the vote to the SILC and TACIL members. All voted in favor of the Resolution.

Meeting Adjourned

Minutes drafted by: Rebecca Coleman

Signed by: X

Date:

Saul Herrera, Chair

*Next meeting July 17-18, 2014
Amarillo, Texas*