

Indiana Council on Independent Living (ICOIL)
December 10, 2014 --- **1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**
Indiana Government Center South (IGCS), Conference Room C
402 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana

Meeting Notes

Attendance: Bonnie Boomer, Peter Bisbecos, Peter Ciancone, Jama Gonzalez, Leslie Hawker, Dr. Allen Piening, Peri Rogowski (Designated State Unit Representative - DSU), and Eric Zagorac.

Guests: Cathlene Hardy Hansen, Latosha Higgins, Kylee Hope, Ranae Jackson, Kelly Johnson, Jim McCormick, David Nelson, Lisa Oliver, Teresa Reynolds, Richard Simers, Carole Surratt-Bradley, Al Tolbert, and Teresa Torres.

I. Welcome and Call to Order:

Council Chairperson Leslie Hawker called the meeting to order and welcomed attendees.

II. Roll Call:

Roll call was taken.

III. Pledge of Allegiance:

Council members and guests recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Approval of December 10, 2014 Agenda

It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda. The motion passed.

V. Approval of the September 10, 2014 Minutes

It was moved and seconded to approve the September 10th minutes. The motion passed.

VI. New Council Business

A. Slate of Candidates for the Election of ICOIL Officers.

Council member Peter Ciancone presented the following Slate of Candidates:

- 1) Leslie Hawker – Chairperson
- 2) Peter Bisbecos – Vice Chairperson
- 3) Erik Zagorac – Secretary Treasurer

No other nominations were presented.

A Quorum of Five (5) Council Members was needed to vote on official ICOIL business. It was moved and seconded to accept the Slate of Candidates for ICOIL Officers. The motion carried.

B. Update on Council Member Appointments

Chairperson Hawker shared that she did not mail the letter to the Governor about council member appointments, as she had originally planned. She thanked the council for their input. Instead, she is working with a member of the Governor's staff on the matter.

C. SILC Congress Conference

The Chairperson shared about the 18th State Independent Living Congress Conference scheduled for January 17-20, 2015 in San Diego, California. She is unable to attend and asked if an ICOIL Member would like to represent the council. Newly elected ICOIL Secretary-Treasurer Erik Zagorac volunteered to attend. Council members expressed their support. Four (4) Indiana Independent Living Center Directors will also attend

D. January 2015 ICOIL Meeting.

Chairperson Hawker asked members to consider beginning the January 2015 meeting at 2:00 pm to accommodate a conflict. It was moved and seconded to begin the meeting at 2:00 pm instead of 1:00 pm. The motion carried. (Please note: She was unexpectedly not able to attend the January meeting. Consequently, the meeting was moved back and will begin at 1:00 pm.)

E. ICOIL By-Laws: How WOIA will Change Us

Leslie began discussion by commenting that the WOIA will result in increased collaboration by ICOIL and Indiana Centers for Independent Living (CILS). Peter Ciancone and Chairperson Hawker agreed to work together to review the By-Laws. Peter Bisbecos volunteered to assist by working on a summary of where ICOIL currently is, and what ICOIL may consider - in view of the changes. Dee Ann Hart offered to provide information on what the National Independent Living Council had developed. Bonnie Boomer noticed that the SILC was considering giving input into the Guidance section. She offered to summarize the changes and forward to Leslie.

VII. Update & Report - Peri Rogowski, the Designated State Unit Representative

Peri shared that the Bureau had been working on Transition matters including a Campaign titled "Work4LifeIN". Staff member Virginia Bates is spearheading the campaign to attract transition-age students to

VR. Virginia will present on Work4LifeIN at the January 2015 meeting. The marketing campaign is to attract the interest of students, parents, and teachers. In summary, VR asks interested individuals: “What are your actual needs to become employed?”

BRS Director Kylee Hope shared key bureau changes. Changes include: Forming a Work Group and seeking Public Comment about Rates; Cross-Training staff; developing Consumer and Community-Focused efforts; Working with the Indiana Department on Workforce Development and the Workforce Investment Board; and supporting classroom and on-the-job training.

Peri summarized a new Provider Application Process which will include: networking with partners, reviewing applicant staff qualifications, looking at board membership, and a certification process.

Kylee commented that VR needs to be at the table during IDEA meetings of transition-age students.

Peri shared that ICOIL Officer Nancy Young was still away from the office on Medical leave.

VIII. Updates, Reports, Comments

A. Update: Centers for Independent Livings-----Peter Ciancone and Peri Rogowski

Peri initiated monthly meetings with Indiana Center for Independent Living Directors. They meet the second Wednesday morning of each month, prior to ICOIL Meetings.

B. Public Comments-----Various

Teresa Torres of Everybody Counts thanked the council for the working audio loop and provided other comments to the council.

C. Adjournment-----Chairperson

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Please note:

- The Pre-Council Meeting, Let’s Get Educated, did not meet today.
- The next ICOIL Meeting is February 11, 2015. (Please note: A Pre-Council Education Meeting is not scheduled.)
- Those needing disability accommodations must contact the DSU Program Director: **at 317-232-7115 at least 48 hours prior to the council meeting.**
