

Indiana Council on Independent Living (ICOIL)

June 13, 2012 at 1 p.m.

Indiana Government Center South (IGCS), Conference Room 18

402 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana

Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Nancy Zemaitis (Designated State Unit [DSU] Representative), Carol Baker, Peter Ciancone, Holly Wimsatt, John Guingrich, Josh Williams, Justin Ogden, Cathlene Hardy Hansen

Guests: Richard Simers, John Cardwell, Patricia Stewart

Called to Order

John Guingrich called the meeting to order at 1:08 p.m.

Roll Call

Roll call was taken.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was not recited.

Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was not approved due to an absence of council members at the time.

Meeting Minutes Approval for May 9, 2012

Josh Williams made a motion to approve the minutes from May 9, 2012, and Cathlene Hardy Hansen seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Council Business

- Carol Baker's contract was approved for the next two years.
- Dee Ann Hart and Melissa Madill were at the National Council on Independent Living (NCIL) conference.

Report from the DSU (Nancy Zemaitis)

Update: Nancy Zemaitis

- Corrective Action Plan (CAP)
 - New language about confidentiality and sharing of information needs to be implemented during the renewal of contracts and new contracts.
 - The third area of concern was financial information; news about the validity of the expenses is still forthcoming.
 - The membership report from the Governor's office was sent and is awaiting approval.

- Blind and Visually Impaired Services (BVIS) are currently identifying new people to attend the training program.
- Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services (DHHS) is currently hiring new staff.
- Vocational Rehabilitation Services (VRS) has hired new region managers and counselors.
 - Region 1, which now covers the west and east side of Gary, Valparaiso, South Bend, and Elkhart, is managed by Kim Dequis.
 - Region 2, which now covers the north and south side of Fort Wayne, Marion, Muncie, and Richmond, is managed by Rheonna Snedigar.
 - Region 3, which now covers Lafayette, Kokomo, Anderson, and the northeast and central sides of Indianapolis, is managed by Jan Reed.
 - Region 4, which now covers Terre Haute, Vincennes, Huntingburg, Evansville, and Clarksville, is managed by John Kaufman.
 - Region 5, which now covers the west and south sides of Indianapolis, Bloomington, Columbus, and Seymour, is managed by Jeff Hughes.
- The Performance Indicator Plan (PIP) is completed.

Executive Director Report (Carol Baker)

- The National Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Symposium was held in Indianapolis from May 30 - June 1, 2012.
 - Chrissy Elzy received a scholarship to cover her registration fee.
 - ICOIL sponsored Dee Ann Hart to attend and supported Chrissy Elzy with her additional expenses.
 - Melissa Madill's Center was prepared to provide a tour of the agency during this symposium.
- The State Plan on Independent Living (SPIL) planning committee was discussed.
 - Josh Williams and Justin Ogden will co-chair this committee.
 - The Governor's Council has consumer investment funds to help with the cost of the public forums. ICOIL will have to apply for these funds.
 - Attracting attendees was also discussed. Providing lunch was mentioned as an option.
- A listing of activities was needed in the 704 Report. The approval of the 704 report is still outstanding.
- During the ICOIL July meeting, a Title 2 presentation will be given.

Report from Standing Committee/Ad Hoc Committee

Executive Committee: Chair

- The Executive Committee had a conference call.
- The agenda items for this conference call are covered under the Executive Report.

Finance Committee: John Guingrich

- John Guingrich stated that ICOIL is still within their budget and a more detailed report will be provided during the July meeting.

Marketing, Outreach/Membership Committee: Dee Ann Hart

- The Committee did not meet.
- Peter Ciancone sent out e-mails and is currently awaiting responses about recruiting new members. He is currently reaching out to consumers.
- Justin Ogden discussed the use of social media to attract new members.

Planning Committee: Josh Williams

- The Committee did not meet.
- Josh Williams wants the committee to meet face-to-face, but he is open to utilizing Skype, conference calls, or holding meetings before the monthly ICOIL meetings.

Report from Part C and Part B Centers for Independent Living

Center for Independent Living (CIL) (Patricia Stewart, ATTIC, Inc)

- Patricia Stewart spoke about ATTIC, Inc.
 - This agency is focused on education and transition into the adult world for people with disabilities.
 - The agency is a consumer-based, consumer-driven independent living model that provides services when and where the consumer requests.
 - Patricia Stewart provided handouts.
- John Cardwell, who is the chairman of the Indiana Home Care Task Force, spoke about a recent study that was conducted on the Community and Home Options to Institute Care for the Elderly and Disabled (CHOICE) program.

Public Comments

No public comments were made.

Motion: John Guingrich ended the meeting at 2:31 p.m.

The next meeting is set for **July 11, 2012** at 1 p.m. in Conference Room C in the IGCS. Individuals needing disability accommodations must contact the ICOIL Director at least **48 hours** prior to the ICOIL meeting by calling 317-809-0314.