

Indiana Council on Independent Living (ICOIL)

July 11, 2012 at 1 p.m.

Indiana Government Center South (IGCS), Conference Room B

402 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana

Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Dee Ann Hart, Josh Williams, Kristy Cook (Designated State Unit [DSU] Representative, Melissa Madill; Carol Baker, Peter Ciancone, Holly Wimsatt, Chrissy Elzy

Guests: Richard Simers, John Trent, OIB Program

Called to Order:

Dee Ann Hart called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

Roll Call:

Roll call was taken.

Approval of the Agenda:

Josh Williams made a motion to approve the agenda, and Melissa Madill seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Meeting Minutes Approval for the June 13, 2012:

Minutes will be sent out for review prior to August 8 meeting and subject to approval at that meeting.

Council Business:

Update from Chair.

- Dee Ann Hart reported that the NCIL conference was very good and well attended. She was able to participate in the majority of sessions and has information available for anyone who requests it. She was able to spend valuable time with staff from the Indianapolis CIL and shared transportation with them. This group met with four IN legislators in addition to the workshops ie: accessibility etc. Big issues discussed included Independent Living re: Workforce Investment Act, Healthcare Reform and the ADA.

Also mentioned was the Vision Expo being planned which usually has 500+ in attendance and 35-50 vendors, good for the visually impaired.

Older Blind Chapter Two Report

- John Trent presented an overall report on the Older Blind program which included information on a special project with Bosma Industries and Crossroads. There is a grant in place to get technology into the hands of older Hoosiers to try and help them. This is considered a pilot project too. There is an AT grant and a regular grant opportunities coming up which they want to target 700-900 consumers per year which can assist in providing lots of eye glasses, low vision services and even surgeries.

ADA Symposium update

- Chrissy Elzy and Dee Ann Hart reported back on their attendance at this Symposium stating it was a well organized event and well worth attending. Chrissy has all the information from the training sessions on a thumb drive and will share this with anyone who requests it. Dee Ann stated another advantage was getting access to their website and the information there. It is a common place to get electronic documents and be able to use them and share. Attendees were from all over the U.S. and there were lots of vendors.

Report from the DSU (Kristy Cook):

Update: Kristy Cook

- Corrective Action Plan (CAP)
 - The report submitted to RSA has only 1 outstanding item which is the membership for ICOIL, it is hoped we could meet the goal by next quarter.
- RSA Felipe Lulli still has some issues with the 704 Report regarding funding figures. The DSU and RSA are working to clarify the differences.
- Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) was discussed.
 - VR is now off the 2009 improvement plan and only has one category that is behind but should be 100% complete by December 2012.
- Kristy will be scheduling visits to the CIL's with Nancy Young and is flexible on the dates and times. She is excited to learn more about IL and the CIL operations first hand.
- Kristy was contacted by a representative with CIL Suite/CIL Connector who wants to present his product to interested parties including ICOIL. After discussion it was agreed that Kristy would extend an invitation to the company to present, to offer attendance to other users and CIL's and if possible schedule on an ICOIL meeting date.

Executive Director Report (Carol Baker)

- The Brilljant subcontract has been renewed and an agreement signed.
- The Governors Council invited Carol/ICOIL to send 2 people to a “Framing Training”. This training which has a national trainer will teach ways to better write documents intended for the public, legislators, media etc. Our membership recruitment letter has been sent per request for the trainer to re-work as a tool in the session. Carol Baker and Dee Ann Hart will be attending, other members were invited but were unable to attend the full session or attend at all.
- The website has been updated, minutes brought to date and suspicious website/domain request has been determined to be spam.
- We have around \$23000.00 left from the 2 year contract and we can request to carry the funds over but we have to submit a written request detailing what we want to do with the funds. Ideas need to be submitted to Carol Baker as soon as possible so that a draft can be created for ICOIL review and approval.

Report from Standing Committee/Ad Hoc Committee:

Executive Committee: Chair

- The Executive Committee did not meet

Finance Committee: John Guingrich

- No comments were made.

Marketing, Outreach/Membership Committee: Peter Ciancone

- The Marketing committee reviewed a request to have information put on our website re: home financing options and instructions for people with disabilities. The workgroup has developed a standard disclaimer and presented it to ICOIL to alleviate liability concerns over posted information we do not control. This has been sent out for review and comment.

Planning Committee: Josh Williams

- The Planning Committee met today and reviewed the current SPIL goals, feedback from the September Orientation and Training session. Draft goals were discussed and Carol Baker will be sending an initial Draft goal document out to the workgroup. Workgroup members will review and add

their input, comments and or changes and return to Carol. A conference call may be scheduled if needed to discuss the input prior to the next workgroup meeting. The next workgroup meeting will be at 11am prior to ICOIL on August 8, 2012 in Conference room C.

Report from Part C and Part B Centers for Independent Living:

Terre Haute CIL update, Part B (Peter Ciancone)

- The new center is working out well but there are some minor fixes that are being addressed with the landlord and contractor. The ladies room has been built and is way too large, ideas are being considered on how to better utilize the space.

Indianapolis CIL update, Part C (Melissa Madill)

- A housing planning meeting is being planned for a new housing program and national consultants are part of the planning.
- September 22, 2012 will be the annual Wheel a Thon and Inclusion Fest and everyone is welcome it is from 11am to 1pm
- September 26th is ADA Awareness Day part of the Mayor's Advisory Council, there will be Access and Inclusion Awards Ceremony. There is one new award, Exceptional City Award for an employer which has 4 entities.
- Continued funding for the CIL's is a concern and they need an increase but no decrease would be good too.

Public Comments

No comments were received

Motion: Dee Ann Hart ended the meeting at 3:10p.m.

The next meeting is set for **August 8, 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.