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# Maryland Statewide Independent Living Council (MSILC)

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## Full Council Meeting Minutes

June 14th, 2018

### **Attendance:**

**Present:** Tony Lawson- MSILC Chair, Richard Moore- Vice Chair, Joyce Brooks- Secretary, Denise Thomas- MSILC ED, Laurie Elinoff, Magtanggol (Bong) Delrosario (phone), Tom Laverty, Jennifer Eastman (phone), Raymond Smith (phone).

**Guest:** Sarah Sorensen- INNOW, Dr. Katherine Jones-BACIL, Lidiya Belyovska- SMCIL (phone), Karen Anderson Scott (phone), Jamey George- Freedom Center (phone).

**Absent:** Katie Collins- Ihrke.

**Welcome Remarks:** Meeting started at 11:05 am. Tony led the meeting with welcome remarks and introductions.

### **Executive Committee:**

**Secretary Report (*Joyce Brooks, MSILC Secretary*):**

**Roll Call & Overview of Attendance:** A roll call was taken and recorded.

**Review and Approval of March 8th, 2018 Meeting Minutes:** Members reviewed the meeting minutes from March 8th. There were no suggested corrections to the minutes. Joyce moved to approve the minutes, and Tom seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved; no abstentions.

**Treasurer's Report ( *Denise Thomas, MSILC Executive Director*):**

**Review FY18 2nd Qtr. budget vs. actual:** The 2nd Qtr. Budget v. actual financial report was reviewed by the members. Noted items from the report which were discussed were: the expense of supplies were a bit higher than the quarter budgeted amount. Others line items which discussed were that the current expended amount aligned with the line item of Trainings. It was reiterated that Council members are encouraged to attend conferences and trainings; also, that Council currently has enough budgeted funds to host trainings.

**Presentation: "The Work of the Maryland Centers for Independent Living"**

**Dr. Katherine Jones (BACIL Executive Director) and Sarah Sorensen (INNOW Executive Director )**

The presentation was started with a brief overview of the five core services, which every Center provides. Along with the core services, the CILs currently provide Assistive Technology. In addition to this, each Center offers unique services/ programs to residents in their catchment area, such as:

**SMCIL** – Bridges Youth program, veterans program, social security counseling, and IEP support, etc.

**BACIL** – supports planning, VR services (DORS), pre-employment transition services, housing supports (DDA), family recreation, DME loan closet, MD RELAY telecommunications services, etc.

**IMAGE** – teen and young adult program, sex education, accessible kitchen and AT library, etc.

**ARI** – benefits counseling, ADA leadership network training, ramp loan program, Maryland Access Point (MAP) partner, partnership with Baltimore-Washington Medical Center to work with consumers with high admission rates, etc..

**RFI** – job readiness/ coaching, ADA trainings, CSLA/ IFFS, etc.

**INNOW** – supports planning, Youth Leadership Forum, Maryland Work Incentives Network, employment services/ Pre-ETS, etc.

**Freedom Center** – employment network, voice for freedom, etc.

**Break: 10 minutes.**

**Outcomes Committee Report - (Laurie Elinoff, Committee Co-Chair ):** Laurie provided updates from the Legislative Subcommittee. An overview and the status of bills presented during IL Awareness Day were discussed. It was announced that the CILs had submitted an all-day training proposal regarding the Business Acumen. Maryland Department of Disabilities had agreed to fund the cost of the facilitator; however, expenses of travel and accommodations would still need to be covered. The SILC was asked if they would sponsor these fees? The Council asked for a cost estimate and wanted to know if the facilitator would make their own arrangements? The training is scheduled for July 16; and the estimated cost for travel and hotel accommodations would be approximately \$700.00. However, the arrangements would most likely have to be coordinated by the SILC. The suggested topic of the upcoming IL Partners Retreat will be to have the Partners learn to effectively advocate for the Money Follows the Person (MFP) program. Individuals were asked to make suggestions of other topics of discuss for the retreat; there were none.

**Public Engagement Committee- (Tony Lawson, Committee Chair):**

Outreach Events

- Queen Anne's Senior Summit - Tony and Joyce attended this event on behalf of the Council. It was reported that exhibition's audience were mainly seniors, not many of the participants were individuals with disabilities. A good thing was that the majority of the attendees already had knowledge of BACIL.
- Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Conference – Tony had expressed what a honor that it is to continue to have MSILC invited as a speaker an exhibitor. This year, the Council was accompanied to the conference by two IL Partners. Both BACIL (Executive Director, Dr. Jones) and SMCIL (Deputy Director, Pamela Ford) were in attendance. Their presentation was well received and captured the attention of DAV high officials.
- Brave the Attempt - It was reported that this particular exhibition presented a great opportunity to network and showcase the work of the IL Network.

**SRC Report - (Tony Lawson, Liaison):** A retirement celebration for Sue Page, Assistant State Superintendent, DORS, was announced. Sue will retire at the end of June.

**Staff Report - (Denise Thomas, MSILC Executive Director):**

- € IL Partner Retreat; MSILC had sent out the survey link to inquire about the Partners availability to participate in an IL Retreat. It was announced that the link would close on Monday June 18th, so individuals were encouraged to fill out the survey at their earliest convenience.
- € Marketing Transfer of Training Survey Results; Data from the Marketing training was shared at the meeting. It was noted that the responses to the Transfer of Training survey were very few; however, all were positive.
- € IL Communication Tool; The Council added a link on Council website Home page to test out a proposed communication tool for CIL staff and Council members to use. However, the link kept crashing. So, the IT manager of the Council will try to create an effective tool possibly utilizing Facebook.
- € NCIL Conference; Five Council Members submitted their training request forms to attend this year's NCIL Conference. Members who would attend the conference were asked to contact the MSILC Office if they had questions regarding their accommodation and transportation.

**Public Comments:** No comments.

**Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 1:20pm.