

**Maryland Statewide Independent Living Council  
(MSILC)  
Cambria Hotel & Suites  
1 Helen Heneghan Way, Rockville, MD 20850  
Baker Conference Room  
Meeting Minutes**

**December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**Attendance:** Denise Thomas- ED, Tony Lawson- Chair, Richard Moore, Ray Smith, Laurie Elinoff, Katie Collins-Ihrke(phone), Tom Laverty, Joyce Brooks, Magtanggol (Bong) Delrosario(phone) and Jennifer Eastman (phone).

**Guest:** Jamey George (phone)- Freedom Center, Dr. Katherine Jones(phone)- BACIL.

**Absent:** Wilberto Flores.

**Welcome Remarks:** Tony led the meeting with welcome remarks and introductions.

**Executive Committee:** Attendance was taken and recorded. Tony made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from September 11<sup>th</sup>. Laurie second the motion, and minutes were approved with a small correction to be made on page 3 under the CIL Report, last sentences should read, 'Lastly, the Centers and MDOD are working together on a Business Acumen Learning Collaborative'.

**Chair Report- *Tony Lawson:***

- Tony shared his experience of visiting BACIL for their Annual Meeting. Tony thanked Dr. Jones for hosting. He noted the positive professional attitude of those who attended the meeting. He expressed an appreciation of BACIL's commitment and service for disable community on the Eastern Shore.
- Next, officer elections were held for the positions of Vice-Chair and Secretary. Richard Moore had applied for the position of Vice-Chair and Joyce Brooks for that of Secretary. Both candidates ran unopposed. Each candidate presented a brief speech to the Council of why they were seeking office; allowing members to ask questions. Each member took the opportunity to cast a vote of the two officer positions. The outcome of the election would be announced during the Staff Report.

**Treasurer Report – *Richard Moore:***

- The budget vs actual report for FY17 was reviewed by the Council. The Treasurer had noted that at the end of the fiscal year, there was a carryover of 12 thousand dollars. He went further to note that there were slight higher actual expenses related to the line items of auditing/ financial review and tax prep since there was an under estimation in the projected cost of each. It was also noted that there seems to be an increase in the participation of members attending trainings; which is great. Therefore, that expense was also a bit under estimated.

### **Public Engagement Committee- Tony Lawson:**

#### **Outreach Event**

- Laurie gave a brief report for Maryland Rehabilitation Conference. She said Independence Now, Inc. attended conference and had a great display, which promoted the IL Philosophy. The conference workshops were interesting and educational.
- Tony attended Baltimore Commission for Persons with Disabilities Awards Luncheon. He is an active member of the Commission and nominated an individual for her contributions in the field of Art Therapy for individuals with disabilities. The young lady whom Tony nominated was the recipient of an acknowledgement.
- Laurie and Bong represented the Council as exhibitors at the St. Elizabeth School Transitioning Youth Fair. There were unique workshops offered; one is about resources, pre-employment skills training, and different employment strategies.

#### **Individuals Outreaches**

- Ray was attended a seminar regarding Diabetes. He met Dr. Thomas, Professor of Maryland University. That seminar was helpful for bringing awareness to how health and diet of individuals with diabetes was critical. Ray also attended a meeting to promote technology and transportation issues within the disability community. He mentioned that there is now an accessible cab company in Prince Georges County; which is an improvement in transportation for the county.
- Tony continues to provide outreach to the faith base. He announced that his Church just launched their Disability Ministry.

### **Center for Independent Living Report- Katie Collins- Ihrke:**

- The Centers were currently working on 704 reports, which are due on end of December. The CILs are continuing to work with Jennifer Eastman from the Department of Disability on Business Acumen Learning Collaborative. Through these trainings the CILs aim to gain techniques on how to better partner with healthcare systems. Also, the Money Follow Persons program is set to end at the end of the year. There have been a few meetings to discuss how the CILs may continue to provide outreach efforts.

### **BREAK**

### **Outcomes Committee**

#### **Committee Co-Chair, Laurie Elinoff**

- Marketing training for Center staff and board members took place in Glen Bernie. Laurie was very thankful to Katie to for making the arrangements for the training room. The training was well received and the survey responses from attendees reflected it. However, a couple of comments to note from the surveys were: (1) a training from 10am to 5pm is a bit too long for individuals to attend (2) the workbook used for training was somewhat hard to follow.
- The SPIL Review, would be scheduled to occur during February of 2018. It was expressed that the Review is helpful to set goals and activities for the year 2018.
- IL Awareness Day would be celebrating on February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The Legislative sub-committee is scheduled to meet on December 13<sup>th</sup>, to start planning for the event.

**SRC Report- Tony Lawson:** Tony attached his first meeting, and explained he was new in the system and still in the learning process. The SRC discussed some changes in the policy regarding provision of pre-employment transition services and the budget for it. They also discussed the employment services waiting list. The waiting list is closed for a year.

**Staff Report- Denise Thomas:**

- Centers and Council both were working on 704 reports, which are due on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017 at 11:59 am. The Council works in partnership with DORS to complete the 704; which is almost done.
- Council members were given the opportunity to provide input in planning their upcoming full Council meetings. The results from the survey were as follows:
  - Majority of the Council Members agreed to meet four times a year.
  - Popular meeting day was Thursday.
  - Meeting time would be 11am to 1:30pm.
  - The majority wanted to have speaks at the meetings
- Tony announced the results of election. For the position of Secretary, the counter was 5 votes in favor of Joyce Brooks, and 1 abstention. For the position of Vice-Chair, the members elected Richard Moore. The vote count was 5 in favor and 1 abstention. The Chair of the Council congratulated and welcomed both elected members.

**Public Comments:** No public comments.

**Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 1:26pm.