

**Maryland Statewide Independent living council
(MSILC)
Full Council Meeting Minutes
Regus Office
199 E. Montgomery Avenue, Suite 100, Rockville, MD 20850
Glenview Conference Room**

September 11th, 2017

Attendance:

Present: Tony Lawson- Chair, Denise Thomas- SILC ED, Laurie Elinoff (phone), Richard Moore, Katie Collins- Ihrke (phone), Tom Laverty, Joyce Brooks, Magtanggol (Bong) Delrosario (phone).

Guest: Lidiya Belyovska (SMCIL), Pamela Ford (SMCIL), Sara Sorensen (INNOW), Dr. Katherine Jones (BACIL), Karen Anderson Scott.

Presenter: Marc Charmatz- Senior Attorney (National Association of Deaf).

Absent: Raymond Smith, Emma Byrnes, Jennifer Eastman, Wilberto Flores.

Welcome Remarks: Meeting began at 11:01am. Council Chair, Tony Lawson led the meeting with welcome remarks and introduction. Both members and guest introduced themselves.

A Presentation was given by Marc Charmatz, Senior Attorney from National Association of Deaf

The presentation covered the mission and vision of the National Association of the Deaf (NAD) . NAD was established in 1880 by deaf leaders who believed in the rights of the American deaf community to use sign language, to congregate on issues important to them, and to have its interests represented at the national level. These beliefs remain true to this day, with American Sign Language as a core value. As a non-profit federation, the mission of the NAD is to preserve, protect, and promote the civil, human, and linguistic rights of deaf and hard of hearing individuals in the United States of America. The advocacy scope of the NAD is broad , covering the breadth of a lifetime and impacting future generations in the areas of early intervention, education, employment, health care, technology, telecommunications, youth leadership and more.

Executive Committee:

Secretary's Report

- Attendance Log; Roll call was taken and recorded.
- Review and Approve June 12th, 2017 Full Council Meeting Minutes; Both members and guests reviewed meeting minutes from 06/12/17. Katie made a motion to approve the minutes, Tony seconded, motion was carried, and meeting minutes were approved. There was no abstentions.

Chair's Report

- *ACL's P3I Movement*: Brief information regarding consolidation of Part B fund, among three Councils, Statewide Independent Living, Development Disabilities, and Traumatic Brain Injury. This combination would result in a \$57 million loss for people with disabilities. It was later discussed that this initiative was not approved and therefore; would not occur.
- *NCIL Conference Review*: Only two written reports were received from individuals who attended the conference. Tony, Jenifer and Laurie submitted a written report or provided an oral presentation. According to Tony we are still waiting for written reports from Richard, Bong, Wilberto and Joyce.
- *Officer Elections*: The Chair announced that those who are interested in applying, or would like to nominate another member for either position should email to the Executive Director by the close of business on Tuesday, September 12. Once nominations have been accepted, candidate interviews should take place in October. In the Council will vote during the next full Council meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Richard Moore

Members reviewed FY18 Budget Proposal and FY17 3rd Qtr. Budget. The Treasurer had mentioned that input from the Chairs and Co-Chairs of the various committees was taken into consideration when drafting the proposal. Tony made a motion to approve FY18 budget proposal, Laurie Seconded, motion was carried and there were no abstentions.

Break: 12:20pm to 12:30

Outcomes Committee Report:

Laurie announced that upcoming IL Partner Retreat will be on September 25th, at Howard County Library. She planned meeting with Center Directors on September 13th for further planning of IL Retreat. Katie confirmed that the library is not fully capable for teleconferencing. If the library was the chosen venue for the retreat, it was suggested that in lieu of a teleconference line to use a cell phone for recording purposes. Laurie also recommended that the planning committee look into using the conference room at the Department of Transportation.

Public Engagement Committee: Tony Lawson

Outreach Events

- Tony attended the meeting with National Federation of the Blind (NFB). He was provided a full tour of your offices, by the Executive Director. The meeting went so well, that the director of the NFB had offered the Council the use of their conference rooms.
- Denise announced that the Maryland Rehabilitation Conference 2017 will take place on November 2nd and 3rd in Annapolis. She requested that if anybody wants to attend the conference, to send an email so they may be registered.

Individual Outreach

- Tony was extended invitation for the Asian American Commission Meeting. He said it was a great opportunity to learn how to reach under-served populations. He showed his interest to build partnership for working together in future.
- Tony announced that the disability ministry within the church will soon be established. . He stated that he was getting information for the disability community of Baltimore County and City residents.

Center of Independent Living Report; Katie Collins-Ihrke

During the Maryland Department of Disabilities 2017 ADA Anniversary, the Maryland Association of centers for independent living receive a recognition from Governor Hogan. MACIL and created a panel for display depicting advocacy movement of persons with disabilities throughout history. The Housing Day event in Baltimore was a great success. Despite the weather there was a good turnout; and the participants were really engaged in the events of the day. Lastly, the Centers and MDOD are working together on a Business Acumen Learning Collaborative.

Staff Report; Denise Thomas

- MSILC hosted few International guests from NCIL, Council was assigned to host individuals from South Africa and Japan. Guests from South Africa visited Bay area and Southern MD Centers. The guests showed their great interest in learning everything the daily operations of the Centers for Independent Living. .The Council expressed an appreciation for the Centers for hosting international guest.
- Training Reports;
 - Tony stated it was a great opportunity to represent the Council on the international level. He met individuals from different countries. He also received a nomination for NCIL President, but at that time he was not interested. After meeting with different individuals at NCIL conference, he expressed his opinion that the networking and services for disabilities in the US are better than any other countries.
 - Joyce said it was a great opportunity to meet with a lot of people from different countries, and learning about different issues facing the disabled community. She enjoyed the trip to Salisbury with the international guest from South Africa. She also shared her feelings that she wants to become a volunteer for the NCIL Conference.
 - Richard shared his experience at NCIL Conference; that in a counseling session he met with two ladies who were in charge for TBI research.
 - According to the Bong the NCIL Conference was a wonderful time for learning, he attended different seminars especially regarding DSE and MFP. He said that the information they were given was very resourceful and helpful in doing his job. Lastly, he stated that he was thankful to MSILC for paying his registration fees and all other related expenses. He said all in all it was a great experience.
 - Laurie inspired by Judith Heumann. Judith received a recognition during the NCIL Conference. Laurie shared that Judith is a living legend, and she is simply an incredible

woman. Tony informed the Council that he and Denise were invited by Mrs. Heumann to be interviewed for one of her podcasts on social media.

- National Home & Community Based Services Conference-Katie;
First she thanked MSILC for paying her expenses for this particular conference. According to her, it was a good conference for exploring home based community services; she also attended seminars regarding Medicaid which were helpful in getting involved in health system.

Denise announced next Full Council Meeting on December 11 at Cambria Hotel in Rockville.

Public Comments: No Comments

Adjourn: Meeting adjourn at 1:10pm.

Approved on Dec. 11, 2017