**Maine Silc Annual Meeting**

**Minutes for September 23rd, 2020**

**Attendees:**

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|  | **MEMBERS** | **PUBLIC** |
| **In Attendance** | Cheryl Peabody (Chair), PWD; Stephanie Desrochers, Program Coordinator Benefits Services MMC; Diane Frigon, Regional Director, Division for the Blind and Visually Impaired (DBVI); Samantha Fenderson, Assistant Director, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR); Trish Thorsen, Long Term Care Ombudsman Program (LTCOP); Tom Newman, Executive Director, Alpha One | Rick Langley, Disability Rights Maine (DRM); Fox Fire Buck, DRM; Karen Mason, Office on Aging and Disability (OADS)STAFF: Beth Mogan, Executive Director; Rebecca Eliot, Administrative Assistant |
| **Absent** | Darcy Gentle (Vice Chair), AIVR Program Director (excused) |  |

**Welcome and Introductions:**

All present introduced themselves.

**Officer Vote:**

Verified there were 3 approved members present so a voting quorum is fulfilled. Motion presented for all existing officers to remain in their current positions for the next two years as applications for membership have not been moved on yet. Motion approved as stated.

Through discussion it was agreed that the council would establish a bylaw committee consisting of Cheryl, Tom, Beth, and offered to Karen. It was also agreed Beth and Cheryl would move toward building a stronger relationship with key contacts in the Governor’s Boards and Commissions Office.

**Future Meetings for October 2020 to September 2021:**

It was agreed to continue scheduling council meetings on the fourth Wednesday of every month, except November and December. These two months would be covered by one meeting only. Agreement reached for Wednesday December 2nd. All meetings continue to be held remotely via zoom, from 10:00 – 12:00. Beth to send out meeting notices for the next 12 months to all members and regular attendees.

**Financial Update:**

Proposed budget for FY 2020/2021 has been sent to Eric Dibner for review.

**SPIL Goals:**

The State Plan on Independent Living (SPIL) document has been submitted and ACL has until September 30th to accept or reject as submitted or suggest edits and changes.

**Acceptance of Minutes:**

Review of June, and August minutes tabled until October meeting.

**Voting Workshop:**

Rick notified all of the upcoming Voting Workshop by Disability Rights Maine (DRM) on October 1st at 10:00 – 11:00. Please submit name and email address to FoxFire or Rick to register for this very informative workshop. Foxfire shared the goal of this workshop to to provide voting support resource plans and to list the needed services, finishing with time for questions from attendees.

**SPIL Goals & Committees:**

The SPIL was presented via screen share for all to review while discussion of the necessary committees to establish and what are the priority goals. It was agreed by consensus for the council to set two goals as priority and the action work would be performed by volunteer committees. These two committees and members who volunteered to serve on them are:

1. Outreach and Membership Committee with Cheryl, Stephanie, Diane, Jessica, Trish, Leland. A chair will be chosen at first meeting.
2. Designated State Entity (DSE) Exploratory Committee is Samantha, Karen, Cheryl, Eric Dibner with Tom as chair.

Inquiries to join are being sent to Darcy, Rick, and FoxFire.

Cheryl and Beth to send out email to council of the proposed committees including members volunteered as of today. This email is a tag to Stephanie to then send out the doodle poll which allows the membership committee to set their meeting dates and times.

The whole council agreed to regularly review all the SPIL goals at SILC meetings to ensure focus and action continues on each goal.

Cheryl thanked everyone for their input and comments.

**Meeting adjourned** at 2:19pm