Maine SILC

neMinutes

February 2021

Members Present: Cheryl Peabody, PWD (Chair); Darcy Gentle, 121 AIVR Program Director (Vice Chair); Trish Thorsen, Long Term Care Ombudsmen Program (LTCOP) (Member-At-Large); Diane Frigon, Regional Director Division for the Blind and Visually Impaired (DBVI); Samantha Fenderson, Assistant Director Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR); Jessica Cyr, PWD; Lee Glynn, PWD; Stephanie Desrocher, Program Coordinator Benefit Counseling Services Maine Medical Center.

Members Absent: Tom Newman, Executive Director Alpha One.

SILC Staff: Beth Mogan, SILC Executive Director.

Members of the Public Present: Julie Hovey, Alpha One; Foxfire Buck, Disability Rights Maine (DRM); Julia Endicott, Disability Rights Maine (DRM); Karen Mason, Office on Aging and Disability Services (OADS).

Acceptance of Minutes: January Minutes not available.

Financial Report: Not available.

Committee Updates:

Membership Committee: Co-Chairs, Jess and Diane, reported that they have worked on modifying the PowerPoint that was created in 2018 for a membership drive. For example, updating the SPIL goals to reflect the 2021-2023 SPIL.

The Membership Committee is gathering a list of organizations that SILC members are connected with and gathering a list of organizations the Council can give presentations to in order to educate others on what the SILC does, as well as to attempt to recruit new SILC members.

This conversation brought the Council to SILC OneDrive. Stephanie walked the Council through some tips on how to easily access the SILC OneDrive. The Council talked of ways to best utilize technology that is available.

Designated State Entity (DSE) Committee: The Chair, Tom Newman, was unable to attend the Council meeting. Julie Hovey reported that the Committee is planning on a preliminary meeting on March 2nd.

Activity Table: The Council talked about best ways to complete the Activity Table. It was decided that blank forms for each month of the Federal Fiscal Year will be added to the OneDrive folder. A link will go out on each agenda with a reminder for each member to add their activities for that month.

PPR Updates: No new information has come from the Administration of Community Living (ACL).

General Announcements:

March is Brain Injury Awareness month. Lee spoke about the opioid crisis and how there is an increase of brain injuries as a result of an opioid overdose. Lee reported that the emphasis is on prevention of brain injuries.

The Council asked that the minutes be added to the OneDrive.

Honorarium: A reminder was given for those not otherwise compensated to attend meeting to submit their request to Beth.

Adjournment: 11:26am.