

Statewide Independent Living Council – Resource Development Committee

Unapproved Minutes for Tuesday, February 21, 2017 (12:00pm – 1:00pm)

Meeting Held via Teleconference (1-866-848-2216, code 8099566334#)

Council Members Present: Dr. Danita Applewhite, Scott Lindbloom

Staff Present: Larry Wanger, Melissa Ann Santora

Public: N/A

Welcome and Introduction: Dr. Danita Applewhite, Council Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. Dr. Applewhite welcomed all to the meeting and introductions were completed.

Larry Wanger provided an overview of the Resource Development Committee's purpose. Larry stated that the Resource Development Committee will address the SILC's new authority to conduct resource development activities. Resource development activities are opportunities for SILCs to obtain public and private sources of funding consistent with the SILC's mission, vision goals, and organizational needs.

Larry stated that SILCs have additionally been granted the authority to participate in individual and system advocacy. Larry mentioned that there is little federal authority governing these new regulations and that it is up to the Council to determine if and when we will pursue activities related to new authorities.

Larry provided the committee with potential resource development activities. Ideas included: identifying and applying for grants, working on fundraising initiatives, soliciting donations, building capacity, and identifying additional resources for Centers for Independent Living (CILs).

Larry then reviewed the Resource Development Committee's scope of work. Larry stated that the purpose of this committee is to guide the resource development process with input from the Council and staff. The resource development process includes: developing goals and objectives and creating a plan to evaluate the committee's progress. Larry reminded the committee to consider capacity within our organization when considering resource development priorities; as AZSILC has 2.5 staff members, each with significant responsibilities and job duties.

Larry indicated that he is still in the process of researching what the restrictions are within the resource development process. One restriction is that SILCs are unable to perform Core Services (as Independent Living Councils cannot directly compete with Centers for Independent Living). Providing an example, Larry referenced the 211 Project. During the 211 Project, AZSILC did not provide information and referral, but rather facilitated the process between 211 Arizona and the 5 Centers for Independent Living.

Dr. Danita Applewhite thanked Larry for the reminder that SILCs are unable to provide core services. Danita stated that it is our place to ensure that CILs have resources readily available for consumers.

Larry stated that if we see a need for CILs, we can begin working in that direction, like we did when we identified the need for youth leadership. Larry additionally suggested researching and identifying what other Independent Living Councils are doing in this area.

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Danita suggested potential creation and distribution of a survey in order to identify resource development priorities. Danita additionally proposed the possibility of hiring a contractor to research potential grant opportunities.

Larry stated that he will examine the organization's budget and discuss the possibility of hiring a contract grant writer during the upcoming executive committee meeting.

Larry stated that the committee's next steps should identify methods of gaining input on what resource development priorities the SILC feels we should pursue.

Larry suggested creation of a survey that is distributed to council members in Early-March (with a due date of mid-March). Larry stated that we can share survey results during the March full Council meeting.

Dr. Applewhite stated that she is happy to assist in creation and distribution of the survey.

Dr. Applewhite announced that the next resource development committee meeting will be on March 17, 2017, at noon, via teleconference.

Announcements:

N/A

Call to the Public:

Danita Applewhite gave two calls to the public for comment. No comments were made.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Scott Lindbloom. Dr. Danita Applewhite seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, passing with 2 voting in favor, 0 against, and 0 abstaining.