

NCSILC Executive Director's Report – October 2014

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Hello SILC members! I am very excited that our October meeting is finally here, and hope that the SILC's participation with the G.R.E.A.T. Conference is worthwhile. I am also glad that the council will have the opportunity to visit the Greenville Part B CIL, Disability Advocates and Resource Center (DARC), for lunch and a tour on Friday. The visit should provide us all with more context when we discuss the Part B Center at future meetings.

September 30 was the final day of NCSILC's 2014 fiscal year (FY2014). As you know, at our April meeting the SILC voted to reallocate \$13,500 of Part B funds that were originally allocated to NCSILC in the SILC Resource Plan. The SILC approved the reallocation for CIL general operating expenses with the understanding that the CILs would provide our council with Performance and Expenditure (P&E) Reports, which the CILs and SILC send to DVR each month to account for use of Part B funds. Working with the Network of CILs and DVRS, we were able to implement contract amendments to reallocate the funds to the CILs! The SILC office finished the year on target with \$0 remaining of the Part B funds allocated to us in the SILC Resource Plan.

Some of our SPIL goal committees have been reconfigured to replace chairs whose terms have expired on the SILC. Please be sure that your goal committees are meeting regularly to monitor, review and evaluate the SPIL! As you know, this is a primary function of our council, so it is of critical importance that these committees continue to function. Hopefully the process has given you some ideas of how the SILC can improve upon goals, objectives and activities in the next SPIL.

The following is a list of committee meetings held during FY2014:

- Executive: 11/25/2013, 1/7/2014, 2/24/2014, 3/31/2014, 5/23/2014, 5/29/2014, 6/23/2014, 8/22/2014, and 9/29/2014
- Finance: 1/14/2014, 2/18/2014, 3/18/2014, 4/15/2014, 5/20/2014, 6/17/2014, 8/12/2014, and 9/30/2014
- Membership: 1/3/2014, 3/12/2014, 4/16/2014, 5/21/2014, 6/11/2014, 8/13/2014, 8/19/2014, and 9/10/2014
- Policy: 12/5/2013, 2/6/2014, 3/6/2014, 4/3/2014, 5/1/2014, 6/5/2014, 7/10/2014, 8/7/2014, and 9/4/2014
- Goal 1: 3/10/2014
- Goal 2: 11/13/2013, 12/12/2013, 1/23/2014, 6/12/2014
- Goal 3: 1/23/2014, 2/27/2014, and 7/11/2014
- Goal 4: 11/12/2013, 2/19/2014, 4/16/2014, 5/21/2014, 6/18/2014, and 9/17/2014
- Goal 5: 11/19/2013 and 3/11/2014
- Goal 6: 2/7/2014, 4/11/2014, 6/13/2014, and 8/21/2014

There were 4491 hits to the website during the final quarter of FY2014, and 15,721 total for the fiscal year. The SILC office continues to monitor the number of hits to our website, which websites serve as portals to ncsilc.org, and what pages of the site are most frequently visited. We experienced a crash to our website last week, but hopefully all major issues have been resolved so that council documents and scheduled events will be available from the website going forward. To view all of the most recently posted documents and SILC events (such as committee meetings), go to the NCSILC “All Committee News” page at <http://ncsilc.org/committees/committee-news/>.

The SILC office received twenty information and referral requests via phone and email from July 8 to September 30. Seven requests were from individuals with disabilities (IWDs), ten from family members or friends of IWDs, and three from service providers.

I will be at the Seeing Eye in Morristown, New Jersey from October 27 until November 20 to receive guide dog training. I will check email daily and will be available by phone for urgent matters. As always, feel free to contact Debbie and Kathleen at the SILC Office if there is anything that you need. Debbie's usual work schedule at the office is Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 to 3:00, and Kathleen is there on Tuesday and Wednesday from 9:30 to 3:30. Thanks to everyone for allowing me leave to receive this training!

Thanks also for all of your work on behalf of NCSILC. I look forward to seeing you all in Greenville for the G.R.E.A.T. Conference, SILC meeting and our visit to DARC!

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