

SPIL Goal 2 teleconference

February 5, 2015

In attendance: Rene Cummins, Joshua Kaufman, Gloria Bellamy, Kay Miley, Sandy Hicks, and Will Miller (SILC Office)

Called to order at 4:40 by Gloria. Will was asked to record minutes.

Rene will send link to Kay McMillan's video on disability history to the Committee.

Everyone agreed that the third Thursday at 4:30 (existing schedule for Goal 2 meetings) remains a good time for Goal 2 meetings going forward.

Clarified that Joshua is Goal 2 Vice-Chair.

Gloria: Introduced discussion of Alliance's request for \$25,000 of additional funding for the Youth Leadership Forum (YLF). This amount is in addition to the \$20,000 amount allocated to YLF under the current SPIL. Currently, Alliance has a contract with NC DVRS that includes funding in the amount of \$20,000 for YLF. The CILs are set to lose ARRA funding after FY2015. With that in mind, should this Committee recommend approval of this request for additional funding to the SILC?

Rene: Part C funds do not have anything to do with Part B funds: very different funding streams. They do not affect one another. Also: this is a one-time request from Sierra. Only has bearing on this year's contract. This is also important because it will enable us to move in to current year funds (to move from 8.5% of budget that we are on track to use to an additional 4.8% of the current year Part B budget).

Joshua: This will not be repeating from year to year?

Rene: no. This year's YLF is in this state plan. Does not affect 3-year term of the future state plan. Amending contracts is a one-time thing. Transition into multiple-year budgets will eliminate the problem of having to amend contracts each year. NC State has informed Sierra of all the costs that have gone up. After one year is beyond the scope of this request. Alliance does not have contract for YLF beyond 2015. However, if they do have contract again in 2016, would expect to have the same costs.

Joshua: Was there information about where the money would be spent in the presentation [from Sierra at the January SILC meeting]? It would be nice to see where these funds were being spent. I would like to see the money spent on durable equipment or goods, so that as much as possible the funds are spent on things that can be used from year after year, to maximize the ongoing benefits of any money that might be approved.

Rene: Sierra did have breakdown of costs. Alliance already has equipment that is used year-to-year. Increases in other fixed costs are driving the need for the additional funds.

Will: ARRA funds expire after this fiscal year [October 1, 2015]. Part B funds have gone to general operating funds for CILs in the past, and will probably be looked to in order to make up for the likely

loss of approx. \$30,000 per Part C CIL of Part C funds. So in that sense, Part B and C funds should be considered when discussing this request.

Rene: Yes, Part B funds are used for general operating funds for CILs and should go to CILs for direct services to consumers. There is a cap on the amount that can go to the SILC office.

Gloria: should we recommend a one-time move of \$25,000 to YLF? Also, any other contract amendments that should be made now?

Rene: We most likely will not have time. This contract amendment (for YLF) will likely not be processed until September.

Gloria: would this vote present conflict of interest for you?

Rene: Yes, I would abstain from voting.

Will: if contract amendment will not be processed by DVRS until September and YLF is scheduled in June, then how will you have access to the additional funds in time for YLF?

Rene: We already have a contract for YLF. We are only asking for an increase in the funding. If NCSILC approves this increase, then DVRS will approve in September and we will be reimbursed for the expenses then.

Will: So you would spend the additional funds before the contract for additional funding for YLF is actually approved by DVRS?

RC: Yes.

Gloria: Please pull up presentation from Sierra. Now that we have had discussion. Please review presentation and consider whether to endorse funding increase to YLF. Should we table until next Thursday?

Rene: will send powerpoint to everyone.

Motion by JK, seconded by Sandy Hicks, carried: table vote on whether to recommend to the SILC approval of request for \$25,000 of funding to YLF.

Meeting dismissed at 5:26PM by Gloria Bellamy.

Next meeting: Thursday, February 19 at 4:30PM.

Respectfully submitted by Will Miller