

MICHIGAN REHABILITATION COUNCIL
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Business Meeting Minutes
Teleconference hosted at the MRC Office
Lansing, Michigan
Friday August 5, 2011

Members Present: Carol Bergquist, Cecily Cagle, Eleanor Chang, Adolph Cwik, Susan Fitzmaurice, Shon Halacka, James Lewis, Tracie Lewis-Jennings, Alicia Paterni, Lisa Rutledge, Felix Sirls, Dennis Stanford, Jackie Thomas, Luke Zelley.

Members Excused: Beth Childress, Deanna Middlebrooks, Caryn Pack Ivey, Jaye Porter (Ex-officio, Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs - Michigan Rehabilitation Services LARA-MRS).

Members Absent: Anthony Carmichael, Sheryl Diamond, Joanne Lamar.

Guests Present: Lou Adams (LARA-MRS), Tracy Brown (Michigan Statewide Independent Living Council MiSILC), Garrett Pazur (LARA-MRS).

Staff Present: Rachelle Bangela, Marlene Malloy, Shori Teeple.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson C. Cagle. Roll call determined that a quorum was present.

Welcome & Introductions

C. Cagle welcomed Council members and guests. Introductions were made.

Agenda

The draft agenda for August 5, 2011 was reviewed by the membership.

A motion was passed to approve the agenda as presented.

Minutes

The membership reviewed the draft June 3, 2011 business meeting minutes.

A motion was passed to approve the minutes as presented.

1 **Biennial Executive Committee Election – C. Cagle**

2 J. Lamar will chair the Ad Hoc Nominations Committee with B. Childress and D. Stanford
3 as members. Two meetings will take place via teleconference with a slate of candidates
4 to be determined for the election, which will take place at the end of the September
5 business meeting in Holland.
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7 **Executive Committee Retreat Outcomes – C. Bergquist**

8 Executive Committee members met during a 3-day retreat in July. They viewed a
9 webinar and had discussion related to topics that included the following: wrapping up the
10 fiscal year (Nominations Committee, annual bylaw review), the current state of MRS
11 (budget review, MRC advocacy efforts, MRS system updates, Order of Selection for
12 Services), the FY 2012 business meeting schedule and strategic planning.
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14 **Public Comment**

15 There was no public comment.
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17 **FY 2012 Budget - Draft**

18 The membership reviewed the draft FY 2012 MRC Budget. A question was asked about
19 moving to an electronic format (email, MRC website) for distribution of business meeting
20 materials instead of hard copies sent through the mail. Following discussion, it was
21 determined that the question will be further explored during the strategic planning session
22 scheduled for November.
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24 *The FY 2012 Budget was approved as presented.*
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26 **By Law Amendments - Draft**

27 The membership reviewed and had discussion about the draft bylaw amendments. A
28 question was asked about community resource members and the proposed six year
29 term. While it was stated that longevity and consistency contribute to the success of this
30 term limit, it was determined that further discussion about this topic will take place during
31 the November strategic planning retreat. For page 4 line 29 (Article IV Council Member
32 Standards, Section A, Item 4), a request was made for language following the comma to
33 be eliminated. Other members were in agreement that the first part of the sentence,
34 'Members are expected to uphold the mission of the Council.' sufficiently states the
35 necessary information. Another suggestion was made to eliminate lines 1 and 2 at the
36 top of page 8 (Article VI Governance, Section D, Item 4). Since many members serve on
37 other local or statewide organizations and understand the importance of avoiding
38 conflicts of interest with MRC business, others agreed that this item should be removed.
39 Following further discussion, the Draft bylaws as presented were not approved by the
40 membership.
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42 *The draft bylaws were approved with an amendment to strike language after the comma
43 on pg. 4 line 29 (Article IV Council Member Standards, Section A, Item 4).*
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45 *The draft bylaws were approved (one abstention from C. Bergquist) with an amendment
46 to delete lines 1 and 2 on page 8 (Article VI Governance, Section D, Item 4).*
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1 The bylaws will be updated and forwarded to the membership via email for a final
2 electronic vote.

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4 **Annual Meeting Schedule - FY 2012 - Draft**

5 Members reviewed the most current draft FY 2012 Annual Meeting Schedule, which was
6 recently sent via email. It was also discussed that the Thursday September 15th New
7 Member Orientation will be designed for all members to attend from 10 - 2:30p.m. at the
8 hotel in Holland, with a 3p.m. tour of Kandu (a local community rehabilitation
9 organization), and 6-8:30p.m. dinner and committee meetings.

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11 *The FY 2012 Annual Meeting Schedule was approved as presented.*

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13 The letter to be sent to every Senator and Representative requesting more funds for
14 MRS is almost finalized. Letters will go out under each council member's signature.

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16 **Adjournment**

17 The meeting was adjourned at 12:58p.m.

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***NEXT BUSINESS MEETING:
Friday, September 16th in Holland***