

**Disability Resource Center, Inc.**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**March 28, 2013 Board Meeting**

**Minutes**

**Board Members Present:**

The following Board members were present Kathleen Duval, Pam Cramer, Ken hall, Randall Hairston and by conference call Sha' Nelms, Robert Cox, Executive Director.

**Members Absent:** Ann Hairston, Julie Graham and Rhonda Tingler

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by Sha' Nelms, Vice President at 5:45 p.m.

**Review of Minutes for Acceptance:**

The minutes were reviewed and accepted. Motion was made by Pam Cramer and seconded by Ken Hall, Motion Passed.

**Budget:**

The budget was provided to all members two weeks prior to the meeting and copies were handed out at the meeting. For the current budget year DRC will received additional grants from VR in our SSA and Part B agreement that ends June 30, 2013. Part B was increased by \$140.00 and our SSA funds were increased by \$15,813.00. After further discussion a motion was made to accept the budget as presented by Randall Hairston and seconded by Kathleen Duval.

**Old Business**

**FAAST Grant**

The Board was informed that DRC is on track on the FAAST grant to refurbish equipment. This grant will expire in July 2013.

**Disaster Planning Grant**

The Board was informed that DRC in on track with the Disaster Planning Grant from Big Bend Health Care for \$4,000.00 to develop disaster plans for persons with disabilities.

## **FACIL**

The Executive director has been working with the FACIL staff on the Medicaid managed care with the Managed Care Organizations (MCO) as all consumers in the state that are on Medicaid will be transitioned over to one of the MCO's.

## **FILC**

The Executive Director reported that the State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL) is moving forward and that Julie Kates at Vocational Rehabilitation has been a lot of help in getting a State Plan that will work for the entire state. At the FILC meeting the following information was released. Under sequestration of Part B funding VR is working to absorb the cuts to this year budget that ends on June 30, 2013. Unknown at this time if VR can absorb the cuts in Part B for next year's budget. VR is looking at a 5.1% cut in total funding from the Feds; this includes Older/Blind services, Assistance Technology and employment services. There will be no New CIL's created for expansion in the SPIL. Fee for services will be included in the SPIL but proviso language needs to be added to state law to allow CIL's to charge consumers based on income. Under sequestration VR will be cutting 12 FTE from 300 FTE in Blind Services (these are vacant positions). VR will cut 1 FTE from 931 positions. Our SSA funding will be level funded for next year based on what we received at the beginning of this contract year. If VR finds more funds next year like they did this year then they will again amend our contracts next year. (This can still change) FILC will be sending up to four members to NCIL. Level II Background screening will require a photo to verify the person's identity. Julia Kates will be sending out a list of places around the state where the fingerprinting can be done. The next FILC meeting will be in Orlando not Ft Lauderdale in June.

## **New Business:**

### **State Legislative Budget**

The Board was informed that FACIL will be working to increase the General Revenue in the upcoming Legislative session that is currently in session.

### **Medicaid Manage Care Organizations (MCO)**

Long term managed care for region 2 has been awarded to three companies which include United, Humana and American eldercare. The Long term care includes Medicaid Waiver programs, Nursing Homes and Assisted Living facilities.

### **Smoking Grant (MOA)**

DRC will be awarded a Memorandum of Agreement from the Florida State University College of Medicine Area Health Education Center Program. The program will entail the planning, implementing, monitoring, and evaluation of tobacco training and cessation project which encourages use of a standardized system to identify tobacco users at each visit, provides a referral for cessation treatment, and expands access to treatment for tobacco dependency by individuals experiencing a variety of disabilities.

### **Background Screening**

Under current law that will take effect on July 1, 2013 all board members and any staff or volunteer dealing with any information concerning a consumer will have to have a level 2 background preformed. The Level 2 background screening will require a photo to verify the person's identity. VR will be sending out a list of places around the state were the fingerprinting can be done.

**Sign language Classes**

DRC will be utilizing the new space and conference room and start to hold varies classes including sign language classes that will start in April. When we have enough people interested in taking the classes then a date will be set.

**Director's Report:**

A written report was provided to all members prior to the meeting with copies handed out at the meeting. Board members commented that the report had been reviewed and found the written report helpful in keeping up with the activities of staff.

**Schedule date for next meeting:**

The next meeting was scheduled for April 18, 2013

Meeting was adjourned at 6:41 p.m. Motion made by Ken Hall and seconded by Randall Hairston.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Robert Cox, Executive Director