

Executive Director Report  
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1. **State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL).** Continuing

**Deaf- Blind, Deaf, and Hard of Hearing IL Outreach Committee.**

- January 30, 2009 Meeting took place in Seattle. 15 in attendance
- Next meeting June 9, 2009. Seattle

- a. **Transportation-** Actively involved in the City of Olympia's transportation "Ad Hoc Transportation Committee." The purpose of this committee is to further connectivity in the city's efforts of multi-modal transportation. I am the disability/ ADA representative. Meetings on:
- i. February 26<sup>th</sup>
  - ii. March 5<sup>th</sup>
  - iii. March 11<sup>th</sup>
  - iv. March 30<sup>th</sup>
  - v. April 13<sup>th</sup>
- b. **Increasing Capacity/ Legislative.**
- SILC sponsored 150 individuals for the March 11<sup>th</sup> Rally. Details in separate report. In conjunction with the rally, I provided two legislative trainings (March 5<sup>th</sup> and March 10<sup>th</sup>) and also served as the emcee for the event on the capitol steps.
  - Made a brief presentation at the support for GA-U (General Assistance-Unemployable) rally on April 16, 2009. I primarily spoke about the need for the poverty and IL communities to be working with one another.
- c. **Assistive Technology.**
- Continuing work with Washington Assistive Technology Foundation (WATF) in capacity of board member. Meetings (in-person and phone): February 9, 2009 and April 15, 2009
- d. **Deinstitutionalization.** I missed the last in-person meeting due to a conflict with the January SILC meeting, but I continue to get updates from Liz Prince, the RTCL coordinator.
- f. **Emergency Preparedness-** I attended an emergency preparedness conference in Spokane on March 18<sup>th</sup>. National emergency preparation leader Ana-Marie Jones provided the training. I also made a ten-minute presentation talking about the SILC, the CILs and the role of emergency preparation in the State Plan for Independent Living specifically and for persons with disabilities in general.

e. **Marketing:**

- Third SILC newsletter went out electronically in March. The next newsletter will be published in May.
- During Rally, all 147 legislators received packets from the CILs. These packets had information about each of the CILs and the SILC.

f. **Youth Leadership Forum-**

- Event will return to The Evergreen State College. There was some discussion about moving it somewhere due to renovations, but a deal was made to keep the event there.
- Event will take place August 10-14 for students.
- Attended February 27<sup>th</sup> planning meeting in Seatac

2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. Presented to Provail in Seattle about IL and the history of the IL movement. Provail is an agency that provides support to people with disabilities in employment, housing and other facets of life. **February 2, 2009.**
- b. Attended dRC (disAbility Resource Connections) Open House. Everett. February 11, 2009
- c. Worked with Emily Cooper Pura of Disability Rights Washington on case involving DSHS supports. Provided information to Washington State Courts regarding IL and the IL movement. **Late February.**
- d. Participated in the "State Disability Organization" meeting to debrief about Legislative Reception and to discuss legislative session. Members of the committee include: Governor's Committee on Disability Issues and Employment, TBI Council, Washington State Rehabilitation Council, and Disability Rights Washington. **February 24, 2009**
- e. Participated in Region X conference call with other SILC directors and chairs (AL, OR, ID). **March 13, 2009**
- f. Attended welcoming for new Alliance director Lucille Walls. Seattle. **March 25, 2009.**
- g. Met with DVR personnel regarding Summer Youth Proposal submitted by CILs. **April 1, 2009**
- h. Participated in several RSA conference calls regarding ARRA (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009) or more commonly the "stimulus funds." The calls with DVR directors and SILC personnel outlined the basics of the funding: what it can be used for, timeliness, etc. **April 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009.**
- i. Attended and Participated in "Parent University" at McChord Air Force Base (along with Barbara). **April 4, 2009.**
- j. Participated in conference call with DVR and CILs regarding current Part B (Transition) contracts. **April 6, 2009**
- k. Met with Anita Kay two times regarding IL performance measurements and a DVD on Abuse Prevention for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities.

