



**State Rehabilitation Council**  
To the  
**Bureau of Rehabilitation Services**



**Minutes**  
**December 5, 2012**  
**Office of Protection and Advocacy**  
**Hartford, CT**

*Attendance*

Present

**SRC Members:** Thomas Boudreau, Ellen Econs, Michele Fontaine, Jan Hasenjager, Mary Pierson Keating, James Quick

**Ex-officio:** Amy Porter

**BRS Staff:** Evelyn Oliver Knight, Amy Porter, Warren Stamp

**Volunteers:** Marisel Mandry, Bruce Stovall

Excused

**SRC Members:** Sharon Denson, Roberta Hurley, Jerry Moran, Larry Robinson, & Victor Xavier

**Volunteers:**

Absent

**SRC Members:** Tanisha Minnis & George Narvaez

*\*Volunteers – Persons interested in the SRC, but not appointed as Members are considered Volunteers. Volunteers may attend meetings and work on committees, but may not vote on any action. When new members are sought for the SRC, Volunteers can be considered for membership.*

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Mary Pierson Keating, Chair, called the meeting to order shortly after 1:00 PM.

Minutes were approved, Michele Fontaine 1<sup>st</sup> and Jan Hasenjager 2<sup>nd</sup>

**SRC Chairperson Update:** Mary and Amy went to SRC leadership meeting. Topics like finding members and redirection was discussed along with SILC involvement. Steve Woodward spoke about Transition. The Web site for the National Coalition of State Rehab Councils is: [www.NCSRC.net](http://www.NCSRC.net). Mary would like to put together a full day strategic planning meeting to look at the direction of our SRC. This meeting will occur at 9:30 to be followed by our regular meeting on March 13, 2013. Mary suggested the SRC pay to send an additional SRC member to the national meetings to help continuity when Officers transition; perhaps the Chair-Elect should attend. She recommended we view the film "Lives Worth Living at the strategic planning meeting. The SRC voted to buy the movie.

**Treasurer Report:** The end of the fiscal year was September 30, 2012. The line item for out-of-state travel is over budget. Michelle/Mary recommended that money be shifted. Printing \$950, Meetings \$3,500 and Travel \$6,000 were discussed and changes were made. A motion was made by Michele F. and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jan H. Once again as we wrap up our fiscal year we have only spent about 50% of our budget. The committees should look at this so we are using the money in our budget.

**Amy Porter Report:** Discussed DORS and stated things are moving along in a positive direction. Fiscal, Business and HR positions have been filled. Staff numbers are good. With state budget problems some cuts are possible. DORS has a budget that is 80% federal funding and 20% state funding.

BRS ended the Order of Selection (OOS) on October 1, 2012 to open services to more consumers who are eligible. [BRS had been in an OOS since 1991 serving only eligible individuals determined to have a most significant disability (Priority I) and a significant disability (Priority II).] This increase in serving all other eligible individuals (Priority III) is based on increased staff and fiscal resources. BRS will review yearly to determine if and when the Order of Selection has to be reduced to serving less than three categories of eligible consumers.

**SRC Program Update: Evelyn Oliver Knight**

CSNA – Comprehensive Statewide Needs Assessment: The UCONN staff will prepare a draft of the report in January. Former consumers, staff, and Key informants have been contacted for input.

SRC members attended the BRS annual meeting for the first time. Members learned of the collaboration in the field; staff reported on successes and shared great information. SRC annual report - Evelyn still needs information from committees. Committees need to communicate.

The results of three Fair Hearings were reviewed. Due to discussion around confidentiality, Evelyn will investigate an alternate way to present this information.

**Election of officers:** Chair - James Quick; Vice Chair: Ellen Econs; Secretary: Tom Boudreau; Treasurer: Jan Hasenjager.

SRC Meeting Dates for 2013:

- January 9 Webinar
- March 13
- May 8
- July 10
- September 11
- November 20

**Employment Committee: Roberta Hurley**

No report.

**Consumer Satisfaction Committee: James Quick**

Annual report information is complete and was given to Evelyn. Conclusion/Survey report is complete and the final draft will be sent to Evelyn.

**Inter-council/Nominations Committee:** Victor is the only person on the Inter- council Nominations committee and it will need new members.

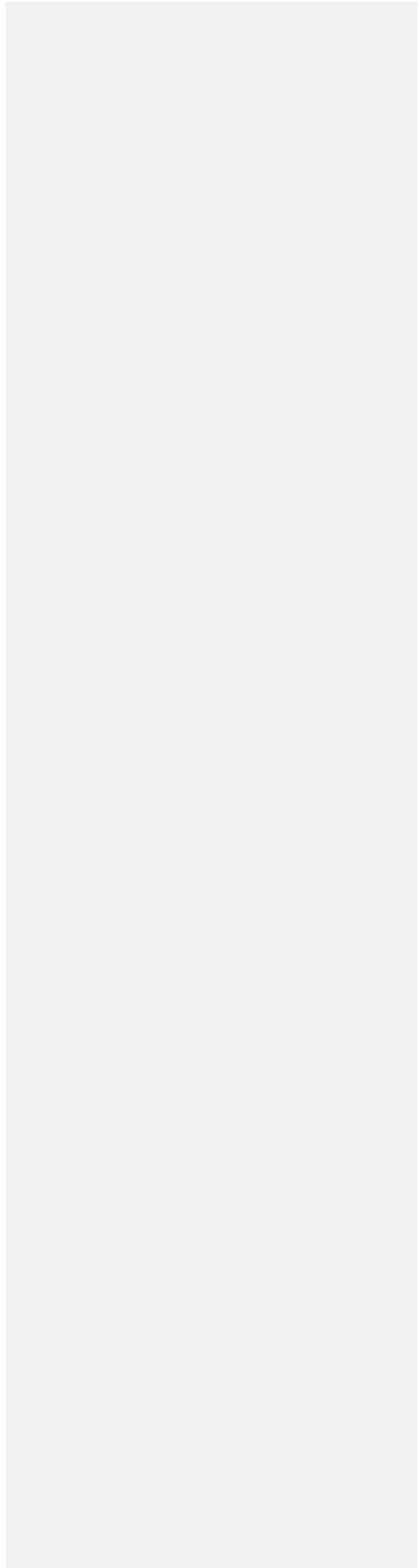
**Legislation, Policy and Planning:**

The committee was working on the posters for the offices, copies of the posters were handed out for review and feedback, one was on Consumer rights/responsibilities and one was the recruitment posters for the SRC. Need a new chair for this committee

SRC Recognition

**SRC presented certificates to out-going officers.**

**Next Meeting:** January 9, 2013 Webinar 1:00 PM



Minutes submitted by *Jim Quick*