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Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

March 4, 2026

3:00 PM to 3:30 PM

Committee Members (P = Present) (NP = Not Present)

Michelle Mitchell (P)

Julia Barol (P)

Christie Cyktor (P)

Joan Goodman (P)

Lynn Heitz (P)

Twana Jones (NP)

Julianna Rodrigues (P)

Susan Tomasic (P)

Andrew Pennington (P)

PaRC Personnel Present: Michelle Gerrick, Christopher Todd

Ms. Michelle Mitchell called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

MOTION was made by Ms. Christie Cyktor for approval of today's agenda and past meeting minutes. Ms. Joan Myers Goodman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

CHAIR REPORT

Review & Discussion of Briefing Memo: Modernizing CIL Funding Streams Recommendation of requesting support from OVR and submission to the Governor

- Members discussed the funding process for the Centers for Independent Living (CILs). Ms. Michelle Mitchell explained that during the Governor Wolf administration, an administrative directive changed the way CILs receive funding for core services. Prior to the directive, CILs received funding in advance. CILs are now required to operate on a reimbursement basis. Members explained that this process has negatively affected CIL operations and may contribute to staff layoffs, particularly during state or federal budget impasses. Under the current process, CILs must submit receipts for reimbursement that must be approved by the state's comptroller, which may result in delays in receiving funds needed to pay staff during a budget impasse. Members reviewed the draft document and email shared with the committee prior to the meeting recommending that the Governor consider

modernizing this process and providing CILs with the remainder of the current fiscal year funding.

- Members agreed that this information would be helpful to share during PaRC meetings to inform and educate Legislators.

MOTION was made by Ms. Lynn Heitz to advance the recommendations regarding modernization of the Centers for Independent Living funding process to the Governor's Office. Ms. Susan Tomasic seconded the motion. All were in favor.

ADJOURN

MOTION was made by Ms. Susan Tomasic to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Christie Cyktor seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.