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**Executive Director's February 2019 Report**

During our November 2018 Quarterly Governing Council Meeting MOSILC members celebrated two milestones: (1) its first year of having an Executive Director; and (2) its first year of being an independent and fully autonomous non-profit private organization. This was truly a great accomplishment for those who envisioned the Missouri Statewide Independent Living Council, Inc.

After taking a much-needed rest through a vacation I returned to complete 2018 on a high note. Collaborating with MOVR-IL (Kelly Cook and Kelly Flaughter) we analyzed the data collected from specialized surveys completed by Missouri Centers for Independent Living CILs and those they serve. The data was used to complete our 2018 ACL 704 Report.

While others were relaxing and enjoying the End of Year Holidays visiting with family and friends, I began my inquiry to find a certified public accounting firm CPA that could conduct our federally required Financial Statement Audit for our federal fiscal year 2018. Many CPAs in the area found audits for federally funded non-profits time consuming and unprofitable, so they discontinued the service. Others were not taking on new clients.

In my quest I was fortunate to find two CPA firms in Jefferson City who still offered the audit services for federally funded non-profit organizations. After discussing with them pertinent information I asked them to submit a proposal to MOSILC and a decision would be made. On Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 MOSILC entered into contract with Graves and Associates CPAs to conduct our FFY2018 Financial Statement Audit and our 2018 IRS form 990 to completion.

The cost for the audit and completing our IRS Form 990 is \$7,500; we have \$6,000 in our budget which was marked for SPIL development that is available and we moved \$500 each from three other budgeted items for 2019 with Executive Committee approval. As you can tell this quarter was spent on several administrative items. We brought all our official documents and filings up-to-date with the Missouri Secretary of State Office.

In my reaching out to other SILCs for guidance and input from our SILC members and MOVR-IL we were able to develop three comprehensive documents that will guide

MOSILC going forward: (1) Fiscal Policies and Procedures, (2) a Personnel Guidance Policies, and (3) Conflict of Interest(s) Policies and Procedures. All were review and approved by the MOSILC Executive Committee on the behalf of the Full Governing Council.

Looking ahead there is still much work to do. MOSILC has several committees whom are yet to meet and plan here in 2019. We are still in need of volunteers to serve on our many committees. For those who have already volunteered your time and expertise to our committees look to receive a Doodle Poll from me over the next week.

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