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making decisions
solving problems
assuming responsibility
recognizing opportunity

alone or together →

via ILCs - services, peer support, advocacy

200 centers - NCFIL - legislation - state funding

being shaped by HP - ~~HP~~
some older drifting toward institutionalization
must sustain growth, enthusiasm
must preserve advocacy orientation (beyond ILC)
must reach out to new groups and individuals

education

commitment - organization

leadership

action - ~~empower~~

must be prepared to assume responsibility, control
must be willing to assume risks
must be firmly committed to the ultimate goal:
inclusion, equality, independence

Restoration Act

At home City

NCFIL

Region 7 Outstanding Achievement
Award

Jim Lamm

Indian moccasins

few AB's

~~Tom Paine~~ ACCO/Paragard

historical influence / 12

indiv - only one
experience in - Netherlands
English

Personal app - Tommy T

Tom Paine

published letters

inspired few thousand to revolt

Jim Lamm

Relax Gazette

revolution has begun
- thanks to GL / personally

paraquad

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December 9, 1986

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Mr. Lex Frieden
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Dear Mr. Frieden:

This is a confirmation that you are our keynote speaker for the Region VII Conference on April 13, 1987.

Our theme for the conference is "Breaking New Ground". This theme was selected because the independent living movement is at a point in looking at the future and what is needed to accomplish the mission of the movement. Here are some of the following topics that will be highlighted in the conference: creating a cooperative relationship between Vocational Rehabilitation and Independent Living Centers, recognizing the need for service delivery to children with disabilities and their families, focusing on the hearing-impaired services to the minorities, developing a working relationship with hospital physical rehabilitation centers, presenting oneself to the media. We will also be discussing computer application to Independent Living Centers, accreditation and fundraising. In a few weeks I will be sending you an agenda of the conference.

On behalf of Region VII, we appreciate you taking the time from your busy schedule to be our keynote speaker. Max will be contacting you about your housing accommodations and pick-up from the airport. If you have any further questions about the conference, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

Linda Baker Oberst

Linda Baker Oberst
Coordinator of Region VII
Conference

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health care estab.

accreditation DEC 15 1986

children
families
deaf
hearing
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I want to take this opportunity to invite you to be the keynote speaker at the Region VII Independent Living Conference to be held April 13-15, 1987 in St. Louis.

I know you will be in the midst of many important issues, but I hope you can find the time to join the Region VII Independent Living Centers and the representatives from our State Vocational Rehabilitation agencies. Your message is so valuable because you know how to motivate people in the right direction.

The time you would speak is noon, April 13. I hope you will be arriving the evening before because on Monday morning there will be a roundtable discussion with representatives from independent living centers, Vocational Rehabilitation agencies and consumers about the relationship between independent living and Vocational Rehabilitation.

Colleen and I would like for you and Mac to be our house guests during your stay in St. Louis. We can make arrangements when I call you later. Please give my best to Joyce and I look forward to talking to you soon.

Best regards,


Max J. Starkloff
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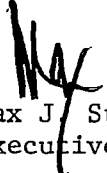
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Dear Mr. Frieden:

Enclosed is the Agenda information on the Annual Region VII Conference. As you can see, many stimulating topics will be presented. During the Conference, interpreters for the deaf/hearing-impaired will be available for each Workshop.

On behalf of the Region VII Conference, I appreciate your efforts and time to be our keynote speaker. If I can be of any assistance, please contact me. I'm looking forward to meeting you again.

Sincerely yours,

Linda Baker Oberst, A.C.S.W.
Coordinator of Region VII Conference

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1. DELAYED AND CANCELLED FLIGHTS

Airlines don't guarantee their schedules, and you should realize this when you're planning your trip. There are many things that can and often do make it impossible for flights to leave on time. Some of these problems, like bad weather, air traffic delays, and mechanical repairs, are hard to predict and beyond the airline's control. Airlines generally will help stranded passengers find alternate flights and may provide food and other basic amenities during long waits at the airport. But they may not accept responsibility for other kinds of expenses or losses that passengers incur when airline schedules aren't met.

- Each airline has its own policies about what it will do for delayed passengers waiting at the airport. If the delay is expected to last longer than four hours, most airlines will:
- Pay for a telephone call or telegram to your destination, to let people there know your flight will be late.
- Arrange and pay for a hotel room if you are stranded overnight away from home.
- Pay cab or limousine fare between the airport and hotel.
- Give you a voucher to buy food at an airport restaurant.

If you are stranded by a long delay and the airline's staff can't or won't help you, keep track of these kinds of out-of-pocket expenses and write to the airline's consumer office for reimbursement when you get home.

2. OVERBOOKING

Most airlines overbook their flights to a certain extent, and passengers are sometimes left behind or "bumped" as a result. The CAB has new rules to encourage people who aren't in a hurry to give up their seats voluntarily, in exchange for money and a later flight.

Involuntary Bumping The CAB also requires each airline to give every passenger who is bumped involuntarily a written statement explaining how the airline decides who gets on an oversold flight and who doesn't. Those travellers who don't get to fly are almost always entitled to an on-the-spot payment of denied boarding compensation. The amount depends on the price of their ticket and the length of the delay.

If you are bumped involuntarily, the airline must pay you the fare to your destination with a \$37.50 minimum and a \$200 maximum. If they can't arrange another flight that is scheduled to reach your destination within 2 hours of the original flight (4 hours on international flights), the amount of compensation doubles. You always get to keep your original ticket, and you can use it on another flight or refund it. The denied boarding compensation is essentially a payment for your inconvenience.

Like all rules, however, there are a few exceptions:

- To qualify for compensation, you must have a *confirmed* reservation, and you must meet the airline's deadline for buying your ticket.
- Most airlines require passengers to arrive at the boarding gate ten minutes (sometimes more) before the scheduled departure. If you don't, you may lose your reservation and your right to compensation.
- If the airline substitutes a smaller plane for the one they originally planned to use, the airline isn't required to pay people who are bumped as a result.

3. DOCUMENTS

Please check your documents when you receive them. Call us if you have questions.

4. RECONFIRMATION

Reconfirm your return or continuing flights 24 hours for domestic and 72 for international. Failure to use any reservations will result in automatic cancellation of all continuing and return reservation. Please advise the airlines if your travel plans change enroute.

5. HOTEL CONFIRMATIONS

Hotels are usually confirmed on a guaranteed payment basis. If you cancel or change plans, please notify your hotel(s) by 4:00 pm local time to avoid mandatory payment.

6. CHANGES

If your plans change enroute, apply the value of your ticket toward a reissued one. It is not necessary to purchase a new ticket.

If a refund is due, obtain a receipt from the airline.

Cancelled or unused tickets must be returned for proper credit to your account. Lost, stolen, or destroyed tickets must be paid for until refund is received from the issuing carrier; subject to an airline imposed service charge.

7. SUBJECT TO CHANGE

These times, flights and fares are based on current tariffs that are subject to change without notice.

8. CHECK-IN TIME

Minimum check-in time for domestic flights is 45 minutes and for international flights one hour.

9. SERVICE CHARGES

We reserve the right to charge a minimum processing fee in the event of a refund or cancellation.

10. FREE BAGGAGE ALLOWANCE FROM/TO THE UNITED STATES

Passengers are granted a free baggage allowance based on either the number and size of baggage, or baggage weight, dependent upon the countries to be visited. Baggage in excess of the free allowance will be charged for in accordance with published tariffs and will be carried subject to available space on the aircraft.

FREE BAGGAGE ALLOWANCE BASED ON NUMBER AND SIZE

FIRST CLASS	2 Checked Bags — Each with maximum total dimensions* of 62 inches (158 cms). Neither bag may exceed 70 pounds (32 kilos)
ECONOMY CLASS	2 Checked Bags with total dimensions* for both not to exceed 106 inches (269 cms). Neither bag may exceed 70 pounds (32 kilos)
CARRY-ON BAGGAGE	Limited to total dimensions* of 45 inches (114 cms) and must fit under seat.
INFANTS	One Checked Bag with total dimensions* of 39 inches (100 cms) plus one checked collapsible stroller/pushchair

*Total dimensions = Length + Width + Height. Special provisions apply to odd-shaped or bulky items and for skis, golf bags and portable musical instruments.

FREE BAGGAGE ALLOWANCE BASED ON WEIGHT

FIRST CLASS	66 Pounds (30 Kilograms)
ECONOMY CLASS	44 Pounds (20 Kilograms)
CARRY-ON BAGGAGE	Included in above weight allowances.
INFANTS	Under 2 years old — No baggage allowance

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Monday, April 13, 1987

8:00 - 9:00

Registration (Donuts & Coffee available during registration)

9:00 - 10:30

VR and CILs - Meeting Each Other Half-Way

After panelists make short presentations on developing positive working relationships between VR and CILs, a roving reporter will entertain questions from the audience in a Phil Donahue Show format.

Moderator: Jim de Jong, Assistant Director DORS (Department of Rehabilitation Services) State of Illinois, Springfield, Illinois.

Panel: Dr. Richard Presberry, Assistant Director of Allied Services, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, Jefferson City, Missouri.
Robin O'Dell, Social Services Administrator 1, Rehabilitation Services, Topeka, Kansas.
Jim Tuscher, Program Director, Paraquad, Inc., St. Louis, Missouri.

10:30 - 10:45

Break

10:45 - 12:00 Noon

The audience will divide into smaller groups by state to brainstorm ways in which the VR Agency and CILs can work together more effectively. From the ideas generated, an action plan to implement an improved working relationship will be designed.

Luncheon

12:00 - 1:00

Keynote Speaker: Lex Frieden, Executive Director, National Council on the Handicapped, Washington, D.C.

1:15 - 2:45

"Make-Up, Action, On-Air, Your ILC"

This Workshop will provide information on how ILC Staff can best present themselves to the community. It is designed to enable staff to utilize the community presentation as an effective tool.

Presenter: Charlotte Ottley, Director of Community Affairs, KMOV-TV Channel 4, St. Louis, Missouri.

2:45 - 3:00

Break (soda provided)

3:00 - 4:30

The Media: Meeting the Challenge

The ultimate challenge for Independent Living Centers is to educate the media about disability issues and to encourage the media to cover them. This exciting seminar provides a step-by-step how to guide for meeting this important challenge. You will learn how to: 1) approach the media, 2) who to contact and why, 3) how to develop an effective media campaign and 4) how to get the media to cover your story.

Presenter: Kym King, News and Community Affairs Director, KTSH, Channel 20, Houston, Texas.

5:00 - 6:00

Wine and Cheese Reception

Tuesday, April 14, 1987

9:00 - 10:30

Independent Living For Children/Youth With Disabilities and Their Families.

Early Intervention by ILC's with families who have disabled children/youth is the emphasis of this Workshop. Areas to be covered are: a program and service delivery model, use of peer consultation, involving schools, churches and the community at large in the program.

Speakers: Nancy Verderber, Coordinator of Independent Living Specialists, Paraquad, Inc., St. Louis, Missouri.
Carla Putman, Technical Assistant for Parents Program (TAPP) Atlanta, Georgia.

10:30 - 10:45

Break

10:45 - 12:00 Noon

Understanding The Educational Rights of Children With Disabilities

This Workshop will provide information about Public Law 94-142. It is designed to teach professionals, students, parents, etc., how to effectively implement the law for students. Individualized Educational Plan (IEP), due process and litigation will be covered.

Speaker: Pat Jones, Advocate Specialist, Missouri Protection & Advocacy Services, Inc., St. Louis, Missouri.

12:00 - 1:00

Luncheon

1:15 - 2:45

Integrated versus Segregated Education: A Discussion

A panel discussion amongst former special education students and former mainstreamed students describing their educational, social and recreational school experiences. Parents of former students and parents of disabled children currently attending school will also discuss their experiences with special education and mainstreaming.

Moderator: Nancy Verderber, Coordinator of Independent Living Specialists, Paraquad, Inc.

Panel: Annette Cepluch, parent of an adult child with a disability.
Kathleen Marafino, parent of child with a disability.
Tracy Trimble, person with a disability.
Mary Yaris, parent of a teenager with a disability.
Tom Beam, high school student with a disability.

2:45 - 3:00

Break (soda provided)

3:00 - 5:00

Networking: Employment Issues and Concerns Regarding the Deaf or Hearing Impaired Workers. A panel discussion will be held composed of employers and employees.

Moderator: Lynn Johnson, Coordinator of Career Options and Employment Program, Paraquad, Inc., St. Louis, Missouri.

Tuesday, April 14, 1987

9:00 - 10:30

"Jobs or Careers? A New Focus on Employment for People with Disabilities"

A discussion of the career development process and how it relates to the goals of independent living as contrasted with the more traditional approach of "job placement". Paraquad's Career Options and Employment Program will be outlined.

Presenters: Lynn Johnson, Coordinator of Career Options and Employment Program, Paraquad, Inc., St. Louis, Missouri
Lola Lucas, Director, Careers UNLIMITED, St. Louis, Missouri.

10:30 - 10:45

Break

10:45 - 12:00 Noon

Deaf/Hearing-Impaired Minorities

This Workshop will highlight the different aspects of the black deaf/hearing-impaired culture and their language which will affect delivering services.

Presenter: Dr. Glenn Anderson, Director of Training and Assistant Professor, University of Arkansas Research and Training on Deafness and Hearing Impairment.

12:00 - 1:00

Luncheon

1:15 - 2:45

"Establishing A Meeting Ground For Hospital Rehabilitation Units and Independent Living Centers."

This Workshop will be discussing how one Independent Living Center established a relationship with their local hospital rehabilitation unit.

Presenters: Cathy Doering, Director of Rehabilitation and Development Services, St. John's Mercy Hospital.
Jim Tuscher, Program Director, Paraquad, Inc., St. Louis, Missouri.

2:45 - 3:00

Break (soda provided)

3:00 - 4:30

"Meeting Ground"

A video tape will be discussing the relationship between the medical profession and the disabled community.

9:00 - 10:30

Independence Through Computers

This Workshop will provide information on adaptations for computers used by persons with disabilities for personal, recreational, educational and employment use. Demonstrations of adapted computers will be given by disabled persons.

Speaker: Aimee Luebben, Occupational Therapist,
Irene Walter Johnson (IWJ)

10:30 - 10:45

Break

10:45 - 12:00 Noon

"Wheels In Motion"

A discussion of the U.S. Department of Transportation's 504 regulations regarding the accessibility of public mass transit systems and their impact on transportation services for people with disabilities.

Moderator: Robert Hapka-Tracy, Independent Living Specialist, Paraquad, Inc.

Panel: Max Starkloff, Executive Director, Paraquad, Inc.
Fred Cowell, Representative:
Paralyzed Veterans of America.
Roland Sykes, Executive Director, Ability Resources.

12:00 - 1:00

Luncheon

1:15 - 2:45

The Future: Accreditation

A presentation will be held to clarify what the accreditation process is and how it affects the Independent Living Centers.

Presenter: Dr. Mary Ann Lachat, President
CRM (Center for Resource Management).

2:45 - 3:00

Break (soda provided)

3:00 - 5:00

What Makes A Successful Development Program?

The development entity of any agency or institution has become a full-time and vital activity for nearly all not-for-profit organizations. The broad purpose of a good development plan is to provide institutional support by service, gifts, and strategic long-range planning. Its direct role in fund-raising is to promote the three (3) legs of the fund-raising tripod:

- Annual Gift Funds
- Capital Campaigns
- Planned Giving

This session will elaborate on each of these fund-raising activities and relate from personal experience how the three (3) are interdependent to one another and vital to any solid development program. Small group sessions will follow to allow opportunity for specific agency concerns and questions.

Presenters: Richard E. Hedberg, President,
Dick Hedberg & Associates.
Dennis W. Anderson, Vice-President,
Dick Hedberg & Associates.

9:00 - 10:30

"High Tech Has Arrived at ILC"

An introduction on computer application for the Independent Living Organization will be presented. Examples will be given as to how the computer can be efficient and effectively be used as a management tool in the Independent Living Centers.

Presenter: Roland Sykes, Executive Director
Ability Resources.

10:30 - 10:45

Break

10:45 - 12:00 Noon

The Role of the Coordinators for Services for the Deaf/Hearing-Impaired

Moderator: William B. Sheldon, Coordinator,
Services for the Hearing-Impaired,
Paraquad, Inc., St. Louis, Missouri

Panel: Paul Pyers, Staff Service Specialist,
IMPACT, Inc., Alton, Illinois;
Karen Gournaries, Coordinator,
Services for the Hearing-Impaired,
The WHOLE PERSON, Inc., Kansas City,
Missouri;
Norm Weverka, Coordinator, Services
for the Hearing-Impaired, League of
Human Dignity, Lincoln, Nebraska;
Tom Benziger, Coordinator, Services
for the Hearing-Impaired, ACCESS,
Inc., Chicago, Illinois

12:00 - 1:00

Luncheon

1:15 - 2:45

Film Fest

The film fest provides an opportunity to preview two recently developed videos.

- 1) The Attendant: presentation on the relationship of an attendant and disabled person. In another dimension the disabled man will speak about his love for a young woman with Cerebral Palsy. They share their dreams and desires for the future.
- 2) Pins and Needles: a frank discussion about a young woman being diagnosed as having Multiple Sclerosis. Major issues raised in the video are: sexuality, self-esteem, dependency, denial of reality by family members, occupational workshops and access.

2:45 - 3:00

Break (soda provided)