**disABILITY LINK – Legislative and Public Policy Agenda – 2014 – very quick review**

* There are an overwhelming number of issues that impact the disability community
* “The Big 5!” – access to education, employment, healthcare, housing and transportation = cross disability – AND community living = access to the supports and services
* Position Statements by disABILITY LINK in 2013 – (a) against the privatization of MARTA, (b) for Medicaid Expansion in Georgia
* Medicaid Expansion Rally (collaboration with Moral Monday) – Day of Action on Monday
* Current project = HB290, The Family Care Act (collaboration with 9 to 5: Winning Justice for Working Women) – legislative visits and personal stories
* “Double Dipping” – while making legislative visit for one issue, also promote disABILITY LINK and other issues of concern (contact disABILITY LINK with your questions about disability issues!)
* One of CILs “core services” is advocacy, we are charged (to impose a duty, responsibility, or obligation) with “changing” the world around us
* Lots of classes andactivities hosted by disABILITY LINK = “tools” for making change, eg “Nothing About Us Without Us” – February 6 “Effective Communication with Legislators” etc., etc.
* A couple of national issues you have heard about are (1) the Reauthorization of the Rehabilitation Act, including The Independent Living Administration (ILA) (see NCIL’s Legislative and Advocacy Priorities) and The Convention for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)
* We have lots of potential resources for helping to make change – Lois lives just around the corner, Atlanta Legal Aid’s I AM OLMSTEAD campaign, The National Center for Civil and Human Rights is opening on May 22, etc., etc.
* *Kim, please help me put this conclusion in the right way:*
* You are welcome at these advocacy efforts and activities
* Let’s work together to develop position statements on the most important issues – what would you like to discuss?
* How do we continue to ensure that disABILITY LINK is following our consumer’s agenda?