

# **Missouri Statewide Independent Living Council**

Unapproved Minutes  
Independence, Missouri  
August 15, 2008

**Members in Attendance:** Stephanie Brady; Joseph Matovu; Gary Maddox; Lloyd Tichenor; Mike Keller; Nancy Pope; Lori Steffen; Pat Chambers; Dennis Atkins; Katheryne Staeger-Wilson; Chris Camene; Sara McDowell; Rachel LaBrado, RSB; Kelly Flaughner, DVR

Members not in attendance: Donna Borgmeyer; Brenda Mitchell; Michele Ohmes

**Others in Attendance:** Tammy McSorley, SILC; Shirley Tichenor; Debbie Hawman, Access; Tonya Fambro, DVR; Theresa Myers, RAIL; Jean Calhoun, RAIL; J.C. Dollar, MERIL; Miki Guderhuth, SADI; Stephanie Williams, SADI; Jerry Seeley, WILS; Shelly Rogers, TWP; David Quillen, TWP; Joan LaBelle, TWP; Doris Boeckman, MPTA; Jane St. John, Americorps

## **Agenda**

Nancy Pope called the meeting to order and started introductions around the room. Nancy asked for a review of the agenda.

### **SILC Meeting Minutes Approval**

Nancy Pope asked for approval of the minutes from the May 2008 Council Meeting. Gary Maddox made a motion to approve the minutes. Joseph Matovu seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by the council.

### **Chair Report – Nancy Pope, Vice Chair**

Donna Borgmeyer was not able to attend the meeting due to a family medical emergency. Nancy Pope officiated the meeting. Nancy welcomed Chris Camene and Sara McDowell, newly appointed SILC members, to their first SILC meeting. There are now 15 SILC members.

Two new committees were formed during the SPIL Overview meeting which was held on August 14, 2008 at TWP. The new committees are Olmstead and Employment/Youth Transition. Nancy asked for volunteers to be the chairperson for the new committees. Stephanie Brady will be the Olmstead Committee chairperson and Chris Camene will be the Employment/Youth Transition chairperson.

## **DSU Reports**

### **Vocational Rehabilitation – Kelly Flaughner**

Preliminary work is being done for the state fiscal year 2010. The Federal monitoring review will be in March 2009. There was discussion on which centers RSA will visit. RSA has not sent any information yet on what centers they will visit or if they will want to interview the SILC members.

Kelly encouraged everyone to read the latest VR Voice newsletter. It features an article on the IL program and the centers for independent living.

There was discussion on collaboration between the centers and VR with referrals. This is an issue to work on and improve in the state. There was discussion on VR staff serving on the CIL boards. Kelly clarified that as long as the VR staff person did not work for the IL program then it would not be a conflict of interest.

### **Rehabilitation Services for the Blind – Rachel Labrado**

RSB is moving from a paper-based case management reporting system to an electronic one. The revised policy manuals for the VR, ILR and the business enterprise program are available to RSB staff electronically. RSB staff have been issued laptops for accessibility to the new case management system online.

Mark Laird has been appointed as Deputy Director.

RSB is working with Quest Diagnostics to provide in-home work positions for RSB consumers.

RSB is allowing the district offices to change to a four day a week schedule. Employees would work ten hours each day.

RSB is working on a bi-state disability mentoring day with Kansas. This would be a workshop and job fair in the Kansas City area. The Whole Person has been a major help with planning this event.

### **SRC Report – Gary Maddox**

VR is working on their annual State Plan. The SRC will be reviewing the changes that RSA has asked for. One of the main items RSA has asked for is baseline reporting for measurable outcomes.

Gary Maddox has been elected the Chairperson for the SRC.

Gary attended the CSAVR conference in Washington, D.C. He made several visits to legislators.

There was a presentation on the Career Readiness Certification by Rose Marie Hopkins. This is a test of skills for a person with a disability to take to see if they are ready for employment.

The SRC has several new members and the SRC will be doing some new member orientation. Gary encouraged everyone to review the board member training modules on the RCEP 7 website.

### **RSB Advisory Council – Donna Borgmeyer**

No report.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Executive Committee – Nancy Pope, Vice Chair**

The committee made a motion to send two people to the APRIL conference. The council voted and approved this motion. The two people recommended by the committee are Pat Chambers and Tammy McSorley. The council voted and approved this motion.

### **Budget Committee – Mike Keller**

The committee reviewed the last quarter expenditures. The committee reviewed the budget for the next fiscal year. The proposed budget for fiscal year 2009 is as follows: Council Expenses - \$11,131; Committee Expenses - \$6064; Conference Expenses - \$10,770; SPIL Objectives - \$6422; and Misc. Expenses - \$511. All totaled equals \$34,898. The council voted and approved the proposed budget.

### **Communication/Service Capacity Committee – Mike Keller**

The SILC has set up a toll free number to direct people to the contact information on the center for independent living in their area. The number is not being utilized as highly as hoped for. Mike encouraged the centers to use the PSA's developed for them by the SILC.

Mike has contacted several agencies looking for a speaker to train the centers in diversity and outreach. Pat Chambers is coordinating regional trainings on Emergency Preparedness and outreach. Marion Trimble will be one of the speakers along with Rich Blakely and Karen Benson.

Mike participated in a conference call on the Get Out the Vote Project. The main issues were voter id and voting accessibility. If anyone has a question on this project, contact Michelle Bishop at Paraquad at [mbishop@paraquad.org](mailto:mbishop@paraquad.org).

### **Emergency Management – Pat Chambers**

Pat talked about how instrumental Gary Maddox was in getting the Annex X written and prepared to be implemented. Pat will coordinate five trainings around the state to train the centers and other agencies on how to implement the Annex X as related to people with disabilities. Also, training on outreach to un-served and underserved populations will be held in conjunction with the regional trainings.

### **Housing Committee – Nancy Pope**

The Universal Design Housing Summit will be held at the St. Louis University on September 21-23, 2008. The committee has been finalizing plans for this conference. SILC is partnering with the Starkloff Institute to bring this conference to the St. Louis area.

The committee is also monitoring HB 2459 which is universal design legislation. The committee will visit with Representative Rachel Storch to work on some modifications on this bill before the next legislative session.

The committee is planning to attend the LEP next session to help monitor and educate legislators on any new accessible housing bills.

There was discussion on the homeless in Missouri. There are programs available to help people who are homeless and have a disability, find housing on a temporary and/or permanent basis.

#### **Legislative Committee – Donna Borgmeyer**

No report.

#### **Resource Committee – Stephanie Brady**

The committee met on August 14, 2008 and discussed information to include on the SILC website. A new page has been added for resources that would be of interest to the centers and to consumers. The committee will also work on a frequently asked questions section.

Lori Steffen is working on her UMKC Fund Raising Certification and has volunteered to write a grant for benefit of the SILC as part of her program. The committee has also discussed options for a grant writer.

Stephanie reminded the SILC members that are coming up on the end of their terms to reapply if they are eligible.

#### **Training Committee – Pat Chambers**

The committee is working on planning for the 2009 IL Summit. The committee has been looking at a number of different locations and the target date is June 28-30, 2009. Columbia has been chosen as the location for the conference site. The conference will target three different groups: board members, center staff, and the executive directors. The committee has also agreed to let each center have one free registration.

#### **Transportation – Lori Steffen**

The committee has added new members. The new members also represent other agencies that work with IL needs and disability issues.

The committee is focusing on collaboration with other agencies to help improve accessible transportation programs in Missouri. The committee is also planning on attending LEP in the next legislative session and will work on a position paper to help discussions with legislators on accessible transportation in Missouri.

The committee is also working on a presentation to add to the IL Summit topics next June 2009.

Stephanie Brady made a motion that the SILC become a member of the MPTA. Chris Camene seconded the motion. There was discussion on the cost of the membership which is \$50 per year. The motion was approved.

#### **Quality Assurance/Consumer Satisfaction Committee – Stephanie Brady**

Chris Camene has agreed to be the new chairperson for this committee.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

##### **Correspondence**

No correspondence.

##### **NCIL Demands to RSA – Gary Maddox**

Gary reviewed the issue of RSA taking a very narrow interpretation of the Rehabilitation Act on what activities SILCs are allowed to do. NCIL invited RSA to attend the national conference and when they didn't send any representatives, NCIL sent a group of people over to the RSA offices to discuss these issues. There was discussion on the SPIL and how RSA has

changed the way they monitor the states and the SILCs. Gary read aloud the NCIL demands to RSA. Pat Chambers made a motion to send a letter of support to NCIL on their demands to RSA. Katheryne Staeger-Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Doris Boeckman gave a presentation on the Missouri Public Transit Association (MPTA).

Jane St. John gave a presentation on the Americorps.

### **Open Forum**

Gary Maddox gave an overview of a new program under Missouri Parent's Act called Project Stellar which supports transition by engaging lives and linking agency resources.

### **Adjourn**

Stephanie Brady made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike Keller seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the council.

The next meeting will be on November 21, 2008 in Jefferson City at the Kirkpatrick State Information Center.