

# **Missouri Statewide Independent Living Council**

Unapproved Minutes  
Jefferson City, Missouri  
November 20, 2009

**Members in Attendance:** Donna Borgmeyer; Stephanie Brady, Joseph Matovu; Mike Keller; Nancy Pope; Pat Chambers; Dennis Atkins; Sara McDowell; Michele Ohmes; Katheryne Staeger-Wilson; Gary Maddox; Lori Steffen; On Phone: Chris Camene

Members not in attendance: Brenda Mitchell; Lloyd Tichenor; Rodney Graves

**Others in Attendance:** Rita Lynch, RSB; Jeanne Loyd, DVR; Kelly Flaughner, DVR; Gary Moll, DVR; Tammy McSorley, SILC; Barrnie Cooper, NEILS; Randy Rodgers, DHSS; Tonya Fambro, DVR; Sherry Keller; Dorothy Parks, DVR; Melinda Hayes, ILRC; Michelle Krajewski, TWP; Joyce Stern, MOCAP; Ron Atkinson, OIL; Leslie Anderson, SIL; Aimee Wehmeier, SIL; Imre Komaromi, ILRC; Kelly Shrewsbury, OMO; David Robinson, TWP: On phone: Heather Swymeler, Access;

## **Agenda**

Donna Borgmeyer called the meeting to order and started introductions around the room. Donna asked for a review of the agenda. Joseph Matovu made a motion to approve the agenda and Michele Ohmes seconded. The motion was approved.

## **SILC Meeting Minutes Approval**

Donna Borgmeyer asked for approval of the minutes from the August 2009 Council Meeting. Gary Maddox made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Joseph Matovu seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by the council.

## **Chair Report – Donna Borgmeyer, Chairperson**

Joseph Matovu submitted his letter of resignation from the council effective December 1, 2009.

## **DSU Reports**

### **Vocational Rehabilitation – Jeanne Loyd, Kelly Flaughner**

The draft monitoring report was sent to RSA and VR is waiting for a final report back.

The IL staff has been reviewing the end of fiscal year reports including QSR's and audit reports. They also reviewed the 704 reports. These will be combined to add to the 704 report that the SILC and DSU's send to RSA at the end of December.

VR and IL staff has been participating in cross trainings with center staff to discuss services and resources from each agency. These have been very successful and five more will be held early next year.

A SPIL amendment is being required by RSA to add in information on distribution of ARRA Part C funds. A public hearing on this will be held after the SILC meeting to discuss this amendment. The amendment will be revised and sent to the SILC for final review before submission to RSA. The ARRA Part B funds grant will be sent out to the centers very soon.

### **Rehabilitation Services for the Blind – Rita Lynch**

In addressing the physical loss of vision using strategies of restoration, accommodation, and compensation through rehabilitation teaching of the skills and the techniques, the closures for RSB employment program was 266. That is one more than last year. In the ILR program RSB served and closed 108 clients. In the Older Blind program RSB successfully closed 988 cases. The prevention of blindness program there were 6757 clients which is an increase by 1116 from last year. Resources from the prevention of blindness program were 632 which is an increase of 310 from last year. In the children's services RSB assisted 315 children and their families in getting the services they needed. The Business Enterprise program had sales totaling over two million dollars.

### **DHSS – Randy Rodgers**

DHSS had a staff reduction of 14 full-time and 55 part-time positions that is impacting services to centers for independent living. This brings staff reduction totals to 31 full-time positions. The department had a budget reduction of \$3.8 million since July 1<sup>st</sup>. There was an additional withhold of \$821,000 bringing the total budget reduction to \$4.7 million.

At the end of October there were 12,155 individuals receiving consumer-directed services and some in-home services.

### **SRC Report – Gary Maddox**

Gary did not attend the meeting. Clarinda Unger retired from VR after 31 years. VR held seven focus groups around the state to ask for input on meeting client's needs.

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

No report.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Executive Committee – Donna Borgmeyer, Chairperson**

The committee met yesterday and discussed a representative on the State Rehabilitation Council. The committee's recommendation is Dennis Atkins.

The committee discussed attendance at the SILC Congress. The committee's recommendation would be to send the SILC Administrative Assistant, Chairperson, and Vice-Chairperson. The council voted and approved this recommendation.

The committee discussed the letter from Linda Baker on the Youth Leadership Forum request for sponsorship. The committee recommends sending a letter to the centers with her letter and asking the centers to support the YLF. The council voted and approved the recommendation.

The council received a letter from SIL asking for funding to hire a consultant to create their strategic plan. It is the committee's recommendation to send the technical assistance guidelines to them and ask for a letter from the center to explain their request and a specific dollar amount if they qualify under the guidelines.

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

The committee met and reviewed the quarterly expenditures.

The 501(c)3 checking account has an amount of \$7915.69.

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

The committee met and discussed the toll free number currently housed at the center in Nevada. The number is listed on the new brochures so the recommendation from the committee is to keep the toll free number active to see if this will help increase the usage.

The demonstration grant for the outreach component of the SPIL has awarded to Marion Trimble at SCIL in Springfield. There has been one training held so far in Jefferson City with another planned for Kirksville.

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

The committee met by conference call to discuss long term case management trainings in Missouri. The long term recovery committee is made up of local individuals that meet those needs that FEMA and/or the private insurance were unable to assist with to return the quality of life. Several centers have case management people that work through specific counties. Karen Benson will do the trainings on February 15-16, 2010 in Jefferson City at the JCK State Information Center.

There will be training on the Pathfinders disaster response program that was presented at the IL Summit. SEMA will sponsor this training to be held in March around the state in several locations.

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

The committee met to discuss the regional trainings being held around the state on UD and other housing topics. Two have been held so far, one in Cape Girardeau in September and one in Kirksville in October. Two more trainings will be held in the Spring: March 17 at ILRC in Jefferson City and April 21 at TILC in Joplin. These trainings have gotten good response and other centers have offered to host more trainings.

Katheryne Staeger-Wilson discussed the housing bill being proposed for the next legislative session.

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

The Legislative Education Project will be held again in 2010. There is a need for volunteers to help with the program.

Donna is compiling the legislative survey information and will send that out to the SILC and centers for review.

### **Olmstead Committee – Sara McDowell**

The committee met and discussed the 2011-2013 SPIL goals and objectives for the topic of Olmstead. The committee is working with Julie Ousley from MFP.

### **Quality Assurance/Consumer Satisfaction Committee – Chris Camene**

The committee met on September 30 to finalize the new IL outcomes survey tool. This survey is web-based using Survey Monkey and went out for use by the centers last week. This survey tool will allow for reporting by individual centers as well as statewide. The survey does not have demographic information since that information can be pulled from the 704 report.

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

The committee did not meet this last quarter. Lori Steffen is working on a membership utilization mailing to send out.

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

The committee met and started work on the 2011 IL Summit. The target dates are June 26-28, 2011. The format will be very similar to the 2009 IL Summit. The committee is looking at mid Missouri again for a location to hold the conference.

### **Transportation Committee – Dennis Atkins**

The committee met and discussed the transportation survey that was sent out to the centers for completion by December 10, 2009. The committee also worked on new goals and objectives for the 2011-2013 SPIL.

### **Youth Transition/Employment Committee – Nancy Pope**

Nancy Pope is the new Chairperson for this committee and asked for people to volunteer on this committee. The committee met and discussed sending out a survey to see which centers are providing employment programs and transition for youth programs. The committee will also be meeting in the future to discuss goals and objectives for the new SPIL.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Correspondence**

No correspondence.

### **New Officer Elections**

Michele Ohmes made a motion to accept the Executive Committee's nomination of Nancy Pope as SILC Chairperson. Stephanie Brady seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Pat Chambers was nominated as Vice Chairperson by the Executive Committee. The nomination was approved by the council.

Stephanie Brady was nominated as Secretary/Treasurer by the Executive Committee. The nomination was approved by the council.

### **704 Report/SPIL Status**

Gary Moll encouraged the SILC members to read the 704 Reports from the centers. The IL staff has put together the SPIL progress reports from the centers and will make those available to the SILC members for review and possible inclusion in the next SPIL.

### **Outgoing Member recognition**

Donna Borgmeyer recognized Joseph Matovu and Gary Maddox for their years of service on the SILC. They were both given plaques to commemorate their service.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Representative Grisamore gave a legislative report.

Troy Balthazor gave a presentation on "2010 in 2010".

Clark Byron from Coalition for Independence gave a presentation on his center and asked the SILC to be included in the Missouri Centers for Independent Living.

Marty Exline from Missouri Assistive Technology gave an update on his agency and asked for support of the next Power Up conference.

### **Open Forum**

### **Adjourn**

Pat Chambers made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dennis Atkins seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the council.

The next meeting will be on February 19, 2010 in Jefferson City.