

Missouri Statewide Independent Living Council

Kansas City, Missouri

August 15, 2014

Members in Attendance: Chris Camene; Gary Maddox; Joseph Matovu; Gloria Boyer; On Phone: Jennifer Williams; Tina Vinson

Members not in attendance: Dr. David Gray; Jessica Hatfield; Nancy Pope; Barrnie Cooper; Pat Chambers; Katheryne Staeger-Wilson; Debbie Peabody

Others in Attendance: Rekha Nanchal, RSB; Kelly Flaughner, VR; Donna Bradford, TWP; Tammy McSorley, SILC; Tonya Fambro, VR; Amanda Biondolina; Beth Griffin; JC Dollar, MERIL; Eric Nelson, TWP; Katy Sherin, TWP; Ruthy Stevens, TWP; Kelly Cook, VR; Julie Juergens, MFP; Barry Elbasani, VR; On Phone: Shawn D'Breu; DCAI staff; Melinda Cardone, ILRC; Carolyn Chambers, RAIL; OIL staff; Linda Baker

Agenda

Chris Camene called the meeting to order and started introductions around the room. Chris asked for a review of the agenda. A vote for approval could not be taken as the council did not have a quorum.

SILC Meeting Minutes Approval

Chris Camene asked for a review of the minutes from the May 2014 Council Meeting. A vote for approval could not be taken as the council did not have a quorum.

Chair Report – Chris Camene

Chris announced that the SILC had two new members appointed by the Governor. Gary Maddox and Donna Borgmeyer are the new members although they both have previously served on the SILC. Gary Maddox has been nominated by the CILs to be their representative on the SILC.

Three SILC members have been reappointed: Dr. David Gray, Debbie Peabody, and Tina Vinson.

Chris thanked Donna Bradford and the staff at TWP for their hospitality in hosting the SILC meetings for August.

DSU Reports

Vocational Rehabilitation – Kelly Flaughner

VR has sent in budget information for the next fiscal year. VR did not request any new money for the VR program or disability determinations. Additional funds have been requested for the IL program in the amount of \$455,000. If approved, funding levels would be back to the level they were in 2008.

Kelly discussed the new WIOA legislation at the federal level that moved IL from the Department of Education to the Department of Health and Human Services. This new legislation also established a new fifth core service of transition.

Tonya Fambro reported that she and Barry Elbasani had just completed their review of TWP. She reminded the CILs that the statewide needs assessment survey was available and due by September 30. Tonya discussed the recent CIL training that took place in Jefferson City in May.

Tonya reminded everyone that Dorothy Parks is retiring as of September 1.

Rehabilitation Services for the Blind – Rekha Nanchal

Ms. Nanchal reminded everyone that Mark Laird retired as of May 30. Kevin Faust is the Interim Deputy Director.

RSB has signed an agreement with VR to provide services and collaborate on cases with people who are hard of hearing and visually impaired.

RSB has met their goals for the fiscal year.

SRC Report – Joseph Matovu

Joseph attended the State Rehabilitation Council meeting although he is not officially appointed to that council yet. The SRC is out of compliance with their membership. There are several pending reappointments waiting for approval from the Governor's Office.

Kelly Flaughter gave a brief report on the SRC. The order of selection waiting list is currently open right now. There is no one who is waiting for services from VR. The VR Quality Assurance staff gave a presentation on how they review the case files.

RSB Advisory Council

No report.

APRIL Report – Gary Maddox

Gary forwarded the report from the last APRIL board meeting to the SILC via Tammy McSorley. The next APRIL conference will be October 17-20, 2014 in Albuquerque, NM.

Kathy Hatch, who was the APRIL training and technical assistance coordinator, has retired.

Gary discussed the APRIL peer counseling program for CILs.

APRIL is collaborating with NCIL, Dr. Seekins from the University of Montana, and Dr. White from KU on a patient centered outcome research initiative.

MFP Report – Julie Juergens

No report.

DHSS Report – Bobbi Jo Garber

No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee – Chris Camene

Chris discussed the need for SILC members to attend meetings in order to assure a quorum to conduct SILC business. The SILC meetings will be held in Jefferson City for all quarters from this point on. The central location may help with attendance due to its central location and access to meeting facilities.

Chris discussed the new WIOA legislation. The state has the ability to choose which agency will be the Designated State Entity (DSE) for the IL program. The committee recommends drafting a letter to the Governor to discuss keeping the IL program with VR. This cannot be approved at the SILC meeting due to a lack of quorum.

The committee also discussed the current SILC committees. The committee discussed reinstating the Legislative Committee. This committee could work closer with the LEP.

Budget Committee – Barrnie Cooper

Barrnie Cooper was not in attendance at the SILC meeting. Chris Camene gave an overview of the budget. The committee has a recommendation for the next fiscal year budget, but due to a lack of quorum the council could not vote to approve the next fiscal year's budget.

The committee has created new policies and procedures for using the 501c3 account. Those policies will be sent out to the council for review.

Barrnie Cooper has asked to step down as the SILC Treasurer. Pat Chambers has agreed to be the Interim Treasurer until a new slate of officers can be elected in October. This cannot be approved at the SILC meeting due to a lack of quorum to vote.

Outreach Committee – Gloria Boyer

Gloria discussed her efforts to move the committee forward and her frustration in getting people to volunteer and participate on the committee. Gloria discussed her research into homeless disabled people in Missouri.

Emergency Management Committee – Pat Chambers

No report.

Housing Committee – Nancy Pope

No report.

SPIL Compliance Committee – Chris Camene

The committee did not meet this quarter. The committee will review the statewide needs assessment survey at the end of the year.

Training Committee – Joseph Matovu

Joseph encouraged all the CILs to send representatives to join the Training committee to prepare for the next IL Summit in 2015. The summit will be held in Columbia, MO on June 28-30, 2015.

Youth Transition/Employment Committee – Tina Vinson

No report. Tina has asked to step down as the chairperson for this committee.

OLD BUSINESS

Chris Camene discussed the need for a special SILC meeting or email vote to cover all the action items at the August SILC meeting that were not able to be approved. The group discussed creating a survey to be sent to all SILC members to vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Linda Baker discussed the Governor's Council on Disability and the Legislative Education Project (LEP). Linda asked for a representative from the SILC to help with LEP.

Open Forum

Adjourn

The next meeting will be on November 21, 2014 in Jefferson City, MO.