

Missouri Statewide Independent Living Council

Jefferson City, Missouri

August 19, 2016

Members in Attendance: Pat Chambers, Nancy Pope, Lon Swearingen, Joseph Matovu, Gary Maddox, Debbie Peabody, Rob Honan, Gary Copeland; On phone: Chris Camene; Jennifer Williams, Gloria Boyer, Bettina Vinson

Members not in attendance: Donna Borgmeyer, BJ Davis

Others in Attendance: Kelly Flaughner, VR; Tammy McSorley, SILC; Kelly Cook, VR; Ellen Clapper, RSB; Leslie Anderson, SIL; Melinda Cardone, ILRC; Shawn Brice, MFP; On Phone: Barry Elbasani, VR; Nancy Murphy, DCIL

Agenda and SILC Meeting Minutes Approval

Debbie Peabody, as vice-chair, is filling in for Donna Borgmeyer, chairperson, who was unable to attend the SILC meeting. Debbie called the meeting to order and started introductions around the room. Debbie welcomed the new SILC member Lon Swearingen. Debbie asked for a review of the agenda. Pat Chambers made a motion to accept the agenda. Nancy Pope seconded the motion. The motion was approved by vote of the council. Debbie asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the May 2016 SILC meeting. Gary Copeland made a motion to approve the minutes. Nancy Pope seconded the motion. The motion was approved by vote of the council.

Chair Report – Debbie Peabody

No report. Debbie will give her report under Executive Committee.

Budget Committee – Pat Chambers

The committee met and discussed the expenditures for the last quarter. The SILC has expended 64% of the budget through three quarters of the fiscal year.

The balance for the 501c3 account did not change from the last SILC meeting. The current balance is \$16,858.78. There will be two expenses in August for this account for the Gary Moll Memorial Scholarships for a total of \$2000.

Pat discussed the need for the CILs to do fund-raisers for the Gary Moll Memorial Scholarships so that the fund balance will continue to be sufficient to distribute future scholarships.

Pat presented the proposed budget for the next fiscal year. Gary Maddox made a motion to approve the budget as submitted. Joseph Matovu seconded the motion. The committee has suggested moving \$3000 of budgeted funds from the SPIL Objectives line to the SILC Committee line to better budget for the Youth Leadership Forum sponsorships. Gary Maddox made a motion to approve moving \$3000 of budgeted funds from the SPIL Objectives category to the SILC Committee category. Nancy Pope seconded the motion. The motion was approved by vote of the council. Pat Chambers wanted to clarify that this change will be for the next fiscal year starting October 1, not the current fiscal year.

DSE Reports

Vocational Rehabilitation – Kelly Flaughner

The final draft regulations were released June 30th for WIOA. VR is reviewing the final draft.

Budget documentation has been prepared for VR. VR is requesting \$555,000 of new funding for IL. The \$600,000 of additional new funding that was included in the budget last year has been withheld. VR has not heard anything on when that might be released. VR is also requesting an increase for the VR employment program. This would be for additional match funding from the federal grant.

Kelly discussed the summer work experience Pre-employment Transition Program for VR. Last summer was the first time for this program and had 140 students that participated. This year there were 549 students that participated. There were 144 different employers working with those students and all 24 of the VR offices were involved along with 22 CRPs.

VR has continued the contract with the MU Hook Center to provide thirty specialists to work with school districts and students with disabilities on transition activities. Kelly will send a map of the specialists out to the CILs and SILC.

Kelly Cook discussed the summer Pre-employment Transition Services program for the CILs. Tonya Fambro is still working on final statistics for this program.

Kelly Cook discussed the DESE Transition Training Institute that was held in June. Several CILs participated in that event.

Rehabilitation Services for the Blind – Ellen Clapper

RSB has been working on reviewing the final regulations for WIOA. Also, the changes in Section 511 on sheltered workshops will be reviewed.

RSB has a new transition coordinator. Ian Shadrick will be managing the pre-employment transition program for RSB students with disabilities.

NCIL Report – Leslie Anderson

NCIL has been working on getting additional federal funding for IL. A NCIL study showed that an additional \$22 million would be needed to fully fund the CILs. At this time only \$2 million has been proposed in the federal budget.

Leslie was not able to attend the NCIL conference in July.

SRC Report – Joseph Matovu

The SRC met on August 4th and reported on the budget amounts for VR. VR currently has no waiting list for clients. Kelly Flaughter covered most of the other items related to VR in her DSE report.

RSB Advisory Council - Donna Borgmeyer

No report.

Governor's Council on Disability – Rob Honan

There were 29 delegates that attended the Youth Leadership Forum in July. Both VR and the SILC were sponsors for the YLF. Dawn Evans has left GCD for a teaching position. Her position is open and several candidates have interviewed for the position.

The next GCD quarterly meeting is September 16 in Jefferson City.

The legislative priorities survey has gone out to the public. Rob encouraged everyone to take the survey and forward it to consumers.

GCD is hoping for new appointments to the council this year.

The three bills that the SILC sent letters of support to the Governor have been approved.

APRIL Report

Gary Maddox indicated that Emilio Vela, who is a board member on APRIL, has volunteered to give a report on APRIL activities to the SILC.

Gary reported that the APRIL conference will be October 21-24, 2016 in Reno, NV.

MFP Report – Shawn Brice

There have been 123 transitions so far this calendar year.

MFP has restarted the MeTV commercials for marketing purposes. MFP tries to track where referrals come from, either by the commercials, word of mouth, flyers, or referrals from other agencies.

House Bill 343 is complete and has been turned in to the Governor's Office.

Shawn discussed the Section Q questionnaire and how MFP follows up on those with nursing facilities.

DHSS Report – Jessica Bax

No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee – Debbie Peabody

The committee met and discussed sending representatives from the SILC to the APRIL conference. Pat Chambers made a motion to send three people to the APRIL conference. Gary Maddox seconded the motion. The council approved the motion by vote. Rob Honan and Nancy Pope indicated they were interested in attending the conference. There was discussion on anyone else interested should contact Tammy McSorley for registration information by September 1. There was discussion on sending youth to the conference. Last year the SILC sponsored two youths to attend the APRIL conference up to \$1000 each. Debbie Peabody and Pat Chambers will send out by email to the CILs information on nominating a youth to attend the conference. Any interested youths will need to respond by September 1.

The committee met and discussed the VR proposal from the SILC. All the SILC members have this in their packets to review. Gary Maddox made a motion to approve the proposal and submit it to VR. Lon Swearingen seconded the motion. The motion was approved by vote of the council.

The Executive committee will have the Nominations Committee work on the officer elections for the SILC in November.

Outreach Committee – Gloria Boyer

Gloria reported on underserved populations of people with disabilities, including homelessness, mental illness, developmentally disabled who are in and out of jails and homeless shelters. Gloria has been working on abuse bills for the jails. Gloria has a meeting scheduled with the president of the Board of Aldermen to discuss getting solitary confinement out of city jails. There was discussion on resources to help with these issues.

Gloria asked for volunteers to be on this committee. Joseph Matovu discussed adding a representative from the Hispanic community.

Emergency Management Committee – Pat Chambers

Pat reported that the committee had not met before the SILC meeting. Gary Copeland reported on a training exercise by SEMA he attended. He indicated that they are still working on how to utilize the CILs in emergency or disaster situations.

Housing Committee – Nancy Pope

The committee met by conference call to plan another webinar training. The committee discussed what topics they would like to do. Examples were fair housing, universal design, and disability sensitivity training. The webinar will be held in the spring of 2017.

The committee would like to offer three grants again to CILs to do regional training on housing issues. The grants will be \$500 each. The committee will work on getting the grant information out by early 2017.

SPIL Compliance Committee – Chris Camene

The committee did not meet before the SILC meeting. The SPIL was submitted to ACL in June. Deb Cotter with the ACL suggested some minor wording changes and the SPIL was re-submitted to ACL. The changes were regarding what would happen if a Part C center closed and how those grant funds would be used in that case. The grant would be put out for competitive bid for that catchment area.

The IL Outcomes Survey link was sent out by email to the CILs. The survey will need to be completed by November 2016.

Training Committee – Pat Chambers and Joseph Matovu

A survey went out to the CILs on the IL Summit and most respondents indicated they would like an annual conference in combination with the Power Up conference. The committee will schedule a meeting with Missouri Assistive Technology to discuss the details on the combined conference.

Youth Transition Committee – Debbie Peabody

The committee did not meet before the SILC meeting. The committee will focus on getting youth representation on the SILC. The committee will contact some of the delegates to the YLF to see if they would be interested in the SILC. Gary Maddox asked that any potential SILC members go through the Nominations Committee.

Nominations Committee – Gary Maddox

Gary welcomed the four new SILC members: Gary Copeland, BJ Davis, Lon Swearingen, and Rob Honan.

There are still a few SILC members serving on the council whose terms have expired.

Gary will work with Kelly Flaughner to contact Deb Cotter at ACL to enlist their help to get more appointments to the SILC.

The committee will work on nominations to the officer positions for the November SILC meeting.

Gary indicated that he will be retiring from SCIL on December 1, 2016 and will also be resigning from the SILC. The CILs will need to elect another Executive Director representative for the SILC.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Open Forum

Kelly Flaughner discussed the need for the SILC and CILs to have a contingency plan in place if a CIL closed in Missouri. There was discussion to have the CILs at their roundtable meetings work on this issue. The CILs can send their recommendations to the SILC for their approval.

Joseph Matovu brought up the idea of doing another fun activity such as the Road to Independence Run/Walk/Bike event a few years ago. Melinda Cardone suggested that the SILC could have an event at the new Ken Lanning Golf Center just outside of Jefferson City. This is a nine hole golf course that is accessible. Other service agencies have held golf clinics there.

Adjourn

Pat Chambers made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Lon Swearingen. The motion was approved by the council. The next meeting will be on November 18, 2016 in Jefferson City, MO.