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Executive Director's May 2019 Report

Well, the 2018 winter has ended, but the fall temperatures are holding on. Every now-and-then spring does make its presence known. Likewise, the SILC is making itself known throughout Missouri. As the voice and face of the Missouri Statewide Independent Living Council I have been well received and asked to serve on many boards and committees to represent MOSILC.

In February I was welcomed to the Board of Directors for Missouri Parents Act (MPACT). MPACT is Missouri's Parent Training and Information Center, whose mission is to empower families to advocate for themselves so that children with special educational needs can reach their full potential in education and life. Also, in late February I attended the National SILC Congress, where I had the opportunity to learn from other SILC Eds across the country and the US Territories.

In March I participated in the MOCIL monthly meeting via teleconference due to inclement weather. Several attempts were made to setup a Housing Committee teleconference and SPIL Compliance & Consumer Satisfaction Committee teleconference, but schedules were too conflicting. I will try again over the coming weeks.

In March I also took part in the NCIL Advocacy: We Can Do It! Webinar and the Southwest ADA webinar. In March I attended my first Missouri Protection and Advocacy Board Meeting as a new board member. Later that evening I took part in my second MPACT Board Meeting.

To close out March and spring in to April, I represented MOSILC as a vendor attending the MO Assistive Technology's 2019 Power Up Conference. Much thanks and appreciation to the Centers that contributed to the MOSILC Gary Moll Scholarship Silent Auction, we raised \$450. In mid-April I attended the Relay MO Advisory Committee meeting. I was asked to submit a copy of my resume that I may be considered for one of their vacant committee posts. In late April I attended another MPACT board meeting.

On May 1, 2019, Gary Copeland and I attended the MO Access and Functional Needs Committee where I became a candidate for the committee's co or vice chair, the tally is still out. On May 3rd I attended the MO Governor's Council on Disability where I heard several updates from state agencies and a presentation on MO-ABLE Accounts.

As all are aware, we are now accepting applications for the Gary Moll Scholarships now through June 28, 2019. At our August 2019 meeting, Graves and Associates, CPAs will present their findings to our Council on the Audit.

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