

Missouri Statewide Independent Living Council

Unapproved Minutes
Jefferson City, Missouri
February 21, 2014

Members in Attendance: Pat Chambers; Jessica Hatfield; Nancy Pope; Chris Camene; Dennis Atkins; Barrnie Cooper; Joseph Matovu; Jim Brinkmann, RSB; Gloria Boyer; Jeanne Loyd, VR; On Phone: Debbie Peabody; Jennifer Williams

Members not in attendance: Tina Vinson; David Robinson; Dr. David Gray; Katheryne Staeger-Wilson

Others in Attendance: Kelly Flaughner, VR; Tammy McSorley, SILC; Tonya Fambro, VR; Jackie O'Dell; Dorothy Parks, VR; Kathy Kay, WILS; Kelly Cook, VR; Julie Juergens, MFP; Melinda Cardone, ILRC; Gary Maddox, SCIL; Sara McDowell, SADI; Bobbi Jo Garber, DHSS; Tec Chapman, SIL; Jeanne Robbins, RAIL; Theresa Myers, RAIL; On Phone: Barry Elbasani, VR; Nancy Murphy

Agenda

Chris Camene called the meeting to order and started introductions around the room. Chris asked for approval of the agenda. Pat Chambers made a motion to approve the agenda. Barrnie Cooper seconded the motion. The agenda was approved by the council.

SILC Meeting Minutes Approval

Chris Camene asked for approval of the minutes from the November 2013 Council Meeting. Barrnie Cooper made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Nancy Pope seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by the council.

Chair Report – Chris Camene

This is Chris Camene's first meeting as Chairperson. Chris reported on her attendance at the SILC Congress in January in San Diego, CA.

DSU Reports

Vocational Rehabilitation – Kelly Flaughner

Kelly discussed the IL budget. Emails have been sent to the CILs on the request for an increase in state IL funding. There was a discussion on the minimum funding levels for CILs.

Since the last SILC meeting the Missouri 704 Report has been sent to RSA by the deadline of December 31.

The 2013 IL Outcomes report has been sent to the CILs and is available on the SILC website.

VR has closed 4,511 cases for consumers with successful outcomes. 1,500 of those were transition aged consumers.

Tonya Fambro discussed the new Quarterly SPIL goals report that is now an online survey. IL grant applications will be sent out in March 2014. They will be due back in May. RSA is making changes to the 704 report and will advise when the new report will be used.

Kelly Cook discussed the training held for counselors on deaf and hard of hearing clients.

Dorothy Parks discussed the VR Transition Youth team meeting. There are intra-agency agreements between VR, Career Education, and Special Education. A report is available on transition services statewide and Dorothy will be sending it out by email.

Rehabilitation Services for the Blind – Jim Brinkmann

RSB has partnered with VR for collaborations on serving the deaf/blind population in Missouri. RSB is interviewing for positions in the Kansas City area. The numbers for closures seem to be on track for meeting the standards and indicators.

SRC Report – Dennis Atkins

The SRC meeting has been delayed due to weather. No meeting report at this time.

RSB Advisory Council – Barrnie Cooper

No report.

APRIL Report – Gary Maddox

No report.

MFP Report – Julie Juergens

Julie reported that MFP has transitioned 842 individuals since the program began. There are 130 individuals that are in pending status. Julie discussed HB1156 which deals with MFP funding. MFP Day at the Capitol will be March 12. CMS is reviewing MFP in August. Julie has been working closely with the Missouri Housing Development Commission because housing is one of the biggest barriers to transition.

DHSS Report – Bobbi Jo Garber

No report.

MOCIL Legislative Report – Gary Maddox

No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee – Chris Camene

The Executive Committee will create policy and procedures for the budget and use of the 501c3 account.

A redesign of the MOSILC webpage is in progress. The contract has been signed with the developer and they are moving forward with the redesign.

The committee discussed participating in other conferences than Power Up. Other conferences include the Missouri Rehabilitation Association conference and the Missouri Housing Summit. This is a recommendation from the committee. Barrnie Cooper made a motion to accept the recommendation. Gloria Boyer seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the council.

Budget Committee – Barrnie Cooper

The committee met and reviewed the quarterly expenditures report. Barrnie discussed the need for new policy and procedures for the 501c3 account. The funds in the 501c3 account will be used for the next IL Summit and SILC scholarships.

Outreach Committee – Gloria Boyer

The committee now has seven members. The committee is looking at activities related to the unserved and underserved populations identified in the SPIL.

Emergency Management Committee – Pat Chambers

The FNSS meeting was cancelled due to weather. Pat discussed the organization of COAD at the county level. A manual has been created on COADs and webinars on the manual are being held.

Housing Committee – Nancy Pope

The committee has met to discuss presenting a webinar on basic UD. Nancy has been participating in the Missouri Universal Design Coalition. The group is creating UD criteria to be presented to the Missouri Housing Development Commission.

SPIL Compliance Committee – Chris Camene

The committee met by conference call to discuss the SPIL reporting tool. Chris reminded the CILs that they need to still be collecting information that supports the SPIL Quarterly survey for the end of the year 704 report.

The committee also discussed the needs assessment survey. The link to this reporting tool has been sent out and is listed on the MOSILC website. It will be used to complete the statewide 704 report and for future SPIL planning.

The IL Outcomes survey will be adjusted to require an answer to yes or no questions. There were too many of those questions being skipped by respondents.

Training Committee – Pat Chambers

Joseph Matovu will be taking over as chairperson for this committee. Pat Chambers discussed that the MCDHH agency would like to collaborate with the CILs to help provide services for persons that are deaf or hard of hearing.

Joseph discussed the need for more volunteers for the Training committee.

Youth Transition/Employment Committee – Tina Vinson

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Chris Camene reminded the SILC members that expenses need to be turned in within sixty days from the event.

Chris also discussed the need to reengage the CILs to participate in SILC meetings. The SILC will look into having a presentation at each SILC meeting that would be relevant to the CILs. Chris asked for feedback from the CILs on what topics they would like to see presented at the SILC meetings.

Chris presented a plaque to Dennis Atkins to honor him for his time on the SILC. Dennis has given his notice of resignation from the SILC.

Open Forum

Joseph Matovu discussed the need for diversity of the membership on the SILC.

Adjourn

Barnie Cooper made a motion to adjourn. Pat Chambers seconded the motion. The council approved the motion to adjourn the meeting.

The next meeting will be on May 16, 2014 in Hannibal, MO.